

Friends of the Shelter Newsletter

Volume VIII



Message from the FOS President

Friends of the Shelter continues to be successful, both in raising money and in using it to help animals in northern New Mexico. Since 2004 was the first year in which we spent more than we took in, FOS is actively investigating new fundraising possibilities to sustain our success.

In addition to our two main fundraisers, the Dog Jog in April and the FOS calendars at the end of the year, we have decided to add a summer fundraiser to the mix. Erica Sullivan will be organizing a Pet Fashion Show competition to be held at the rodeo grounds in conjunction with the rodeo in August. We will also focus on a fundraising booth at the related downtown festival. Last summer's raffle was quite successful and we will hope to repeat that this year.

Other activities we are pursuing: an ad at the Reel Deal Cinema; a benefit concert; pet pawprint ornaments; Dinner-and-a-Movie fundraiser at the Unitarian Church; shelter kennel "sponsorships" complete with signs on the kennel doors.

The fundraising that Friends of the Shelter does is very important to our continuing success as an organization; equally important is the additional visibility and publicity we get from

our activities, since this also translates into increased donations. We'll be calling on FOS members and shelter volunteers to help out throughout the year. And feel free to call or email me with more suggestions, too!

Kathy Gursky
President, FOS

UPDATES

Submitted by Sally Wilkins

Friends of the Shelter often gets email and letters from people telling us about their happy new pet. Here are several of such letters.

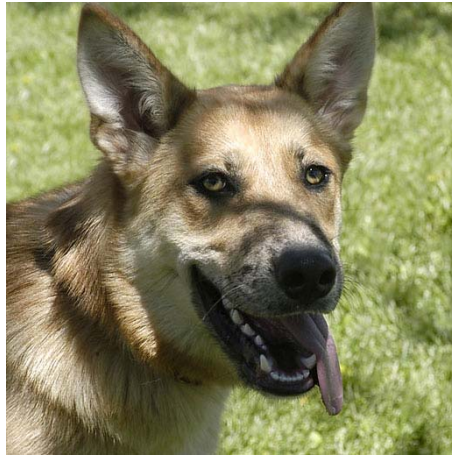
Jethro's New Home



By Christine Peters

Jethro is doing great! He has adjusted very well to the family, especially my 3 year old who just adores him. We take him on a walk or run every day and he and our other dog love to chase each other all over the yard all day long. We really love having him become a part of our family. Thanks for allowing us to adopt him.

Bocas (Baxter) and His New Best Friend, Sugi



By Shawna Hollen

Just wanted to let you know that Baxter (now Bocas) is working out. Sugi and he are great friends. They both sleep inside in the evenings. Bocas likes to sleep by the front door so he can watch the happenings outside. He got in pretty big trouble a couple of times while using the restroom inside

and hasn't done it for about 2 days now. I have my fingers crossed. He is extremely quiet (like Sugi). Both dogs usually lie with me on the floor when I watch TV or read in the evenings.



Mickey goes to Rio Rancho



By Erin Perez

My husband and I took Mickey down to Santa Fe last night to meet a potential adopter, James Barnes. Things could not have gone better!! James brought his roommate and girlfriend to meet Mickey as well, and like the love that Mickey is, she really turned on the charm!! James knelt down to greet her and she covered his face in kisses. He liked her right away!!

James lives in a house in Rio Rancho with a 1.5 acre fenced yard. Both he and his roommate seem to be real animal lovers. His roommate has two rabbits that he rescued and James has two cats and used to have a dog named Mickey who passed away from old age. James said that he saw Mickey's picture in the paper and just loved her look and wanted to meet her. So, after a little time getting to know each other, James opened the door to his truck and Mickey hopped up (with a little help) into the cab and they all drove off, Mickey sitting smack dab in the middle of the back seat so she could be co-pilot!

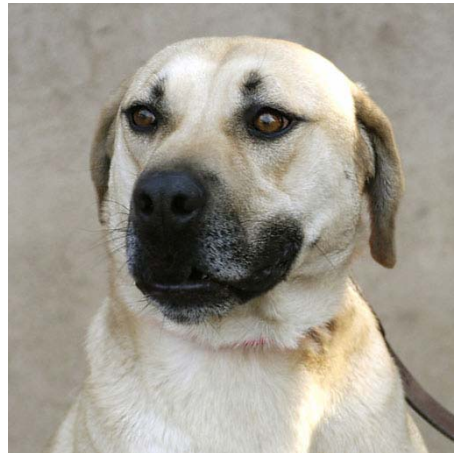
I spoke with James this morning just to see how the night went because I was a little worried about Mickey around the cats. He said things went great! The cats showed some interest in Mickey, but Mickey just sat there and let them explore her from afar. She didn't chase them or anything! James said that Mickey slept in his bed last night and hogged the whole thing, but he didn't mind since he intended on her sleeping on the bed with him anyway! He even mentioned building some stairs up to the bed (apparently it's high off the ground) so that she can get up there more easily! James also took Mickey to work with him today, he works construction, and he introduced her to his boss's dog and he said that they were getting along great. They seem to like each other a lot!

James was a little concerned about Mickey's limp and said he is going to be taking her into his vet to make sure she is ok.

It seems to me that Mickey has a great home and someone who will give her all the attention and love she deserves!!



Wonder's New Forever Home



By Cindia Hogan

Wonder is living in a home with 2 moms and another yellow lab mix. His new name is Omi and his female lab companion is Ama. They have bed privileges, live inside when moms are gone, have access to a secure back yard when moms are home. In short, he is doing wonderfully and his new moms love him. If you know Cindia at REA Realtors, Los Alamos, be sure to thank her for helping place Wonder in such a safe home.

Dog Jog Set for April 23rd

By Teresa Hofheins

Dogs and their human companions will gather at Chamisa School in White Rock on the morning of Saturday, April 23rd, to run the 5-kilometer course or walk the 2-mile course in the annual Dog Jog. Coordinated by the Los Alamos Dog Obedience Club, the Mountain Canine Corps, and the Atomic City Roadrunners, the Dog Jog is a fund raising event for the Friends of the Shelter. Friends of the Shelter is a non-profit organization that finds volunteers and helps purchase medical services and needed items for animals at the Los Alamos Animal Shelter, and throughout northern New Mexico.

Race prizes and awards will be given for the fastest runners, walkers and dogs in all manner of fun categories. The early-bird registration ends on Friday, April 1st, but regular registration will be accepted up to and on the day of the race. Every registered individual will receive a navy event T-shirt (short sleeved for kids and long sleeved for adults) and a packet filled with entertaining and educational dog related information. If you don't have a dog and would like to have one for the race, dog rentals will be available.

Anyone interested in joining the fun of the 8th annual Los Alamos Dog Jog can get entry forms online under the upcoming events section of the Los Alamos Dog Obedience Club's website, ladoc.dogbits.com or at many Los Alamos businesses including: LADOC, ACLA, Curves, Film Festival, Otowi Vet, LA Fitness, Hot Rocks, Pet Pangaea, Pampered Pets, KRSN, LA Chiropractic. If you have questions call 660-1648



To find out more information about animals available for adoption, call the Los Alamos Animal Shelter, 662-8179

Volunteers who can help with cat adoption questions:



**Nyree Cox 662-2054, Peter Roberts 662-2652
Ruby Turner 662-7615**

Volunteers who can help with dog adoption questions or for information on volunteering:

Wendee Brunish 662-3252



Sally Wilkins 662-2773

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