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NMAF February Newsletter

Annual Member Appreciation and Board of Directors Election Meeting

Sunday, February 28, 2016, 2 to 4 p.m.

Adelante Development Center

3900 Osuna Rd. NE

It's our biggest social event of the year! Share your favorite animal stories, get caught up on the latest NMAF news, visit with old friends and meet new ones. Please help us celebrate with all the members of NMAF (prospective new members are welcome, too!), and get ready for an interesting presentation and discussion with our Guest Speaker, Kate Kuligowski, award-winning animal author. Her talk is titled "For the Love of a Rescue". (Kate will also be joining us at the Saturday the 6th clinic with her book.)

Two of NMAF's Board of Directors, Gloria Graeber and Elizabeth Miller, who now serve proudly on our Board, will be running for office again this year. Please join us and show your support for New Mexico Animal Friends and our dedicated Board of Directors! (Enter thru the almost-hidden door on the east side of the building.)

Volunteer Positions Needed

Cat & Dog Adoption Clinic Supervisors:

Coordinate weekly adoption clinics. Duties include: keeping calendar of adoption events (Saturdays and special events); keeping inventory of current foster homes for coordinating attendance; helping organize clinic set-up (equipment, literature, and displays) and arranging for emergency substitutes as needed; inventory clinic needs. Organizational skills useful.

DOG NEWS

January was terrific for the dogs. Wonderful parents and homes were found for Prince, Casper, Abby, Zak, Ben, Peanutt, Domino, Ariel, Cassidy, Snowflake, Scarlet and Sunshine. Several dogs were taken in, but the volunteers are having trouble doing all those home visits plus intakes. What a problem to have!!! As always, both foster homes and help are needed.

Ariel arrived with special problems. She was suffering from anaplasmosis, giardia, mange and ehrlichia. She was recovering from ringworm. She was anemic and quite run down. Rounds of antibiotics and anti-parasitical medications from TLC soon had this little girl bouncing around and enjoying life. She found a wonderful home where she is continuing treatment and settling in.



Ariel

Willie arrived after years of neglect. He is learning how to be comfortable in a house, taking treats and being a social butterfly. He loves his foster siblings. It is nice to see troubled dogs like this thrive in our program and gives meaning to our mission to find them good homes.



Willie

CAT MEWS

Adoption Mews!

Yay! Our sweet Bella has found a great home with Todd and his sweet doggy friend, Hudson. Todd is taking the introductions slowly, and we are wishing them many years and happy tails together!

Lefty and Pedro



Double Delight

Lefty and Pedro, sweet and handsome male kittens with gorgeous blue coats, placed nearly a year ago, are back in NMAF's adoption program. They have now grown into stunning one-year-old cats

and are healthy, sweet and playful. They probably miss their doggy friend who was their good-time playmate. If you (and maybe your dog) are missing a couple of feline friends, please give us a call!

Welcome to Two New Foster Families!

Kate & Wally and Michele & Carter have signed on as our newest foster parents, and we extend a warm welcome to them, with happy purrs! The NMAF cats and people are grateful that you are opening your hearts and homes to Lena, and to Lefty & Pedro!

Welcome to Our Newest Adoption Clinic Volunteer, Johanna

Big thanks to Johanna for joining us at cat adoptions at PetSmart! She is a natural cat handler and advocate, and we and the cats are looking forward to her kind and gentle presence. Thank you, Johanna, for your compassionate spirit and your good help for the kitties!

Cleo is Back!

Cleo has resumed attendance at PetSmart adoptions after a short vacation in the Rio Rancho "health spa" in Elizabeth's home. Cleo gets an A on her health report card: she has gained 2 pounds and now weighs in at a whopping 7 pounds! She is our most senior kitty, and is deserving of our utmost respect and appreciation! We love you, Cleo!

Help!

The cats are in need of help! Some of our team members will be unable to attend February PetSmart adoption clinics. We can use help especially during the lunch hour, from 12:30 to 2:30. So if you think you can lend us a hand, please visit us Cats at PetSmart from 11:00 to 3:30 on Saturday, and we will introduce you to our beautiful Cat Family. Or you can shoot us an email at vicki@nmaf.org or call Jeri at 350-7463! We welcome you with open arms and happy paws!

BEST FRIENDS

NMAF is now a partner in the international organization Best Friends. As partner in one of the largest rescues, NMAF has access to a world of information on rescuing, adopting and promoting our animals. There are also grants available. BF had chosen Albuquerque as its first pilot program for trap, neuter and releasing feral cats. As our first event with our new partner, we joined a national promotion for \$14 adoptions on certain animals leading up to Valentine's Day. This was

coordinated with publicity on the Hallmark Channel. Flyers, posters and media publicity was provided. Dogs that have been with our program for over a year or are over 5 years old and all cats have been included in this special. Our normal stringent application, home visit and contract requirements are still maintained.



FUR BOWL

The annual fun-filled NMAF Fur Bowl is coming soon: April 10th at the Lucky 66 Bowling Lanes! Patty is looking for items to auction, people to look for lane sponsors and people to reserve lanes. She will have more information at the annual meeting and will have posters/flyers for people to put up at their work, pet stores, churches and retail establishments. So put it on your calendar now!

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