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NMAF March Newsletter

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual NMAF meeting was a rousing success. Many people and dogs were in attendance. Kate Kuligowski gave a very moving talk on her lifetime of rescue in New Mexico. She created many a wet eye on her dog tragedies, but the focus was on the success of many, many others. The last few minutes were how and why to keep our legislators on top of animal issues and some of the legal problems in NM. Kudos and thanks to Kate for agreeing to be our guest speaker. Enjoy her book, *Our Most Treasured Tails, Sixty Years of Pet Rescue*.



Board Members Listening to Kate

Three new board members (Sharon, Beverly and Alan) were newly elected, and Gloria and Elizabeth were re-elected for 2016-17 terms. That brings our board to seven, including Sally and Patty. Any issues, concerns and ideas need to be brought to any board member at any time as we move forward and upward!

FUR BOWL

Posters and fliers are available for the Fur Bowl. Especially needed are lane sponsors. Lane sponsors get a 3' by 5 1/2' coroplast board posted with their logo or information for a \$250 donation. Bowlers are encouraged to register for a \$30 donation. Snacks are provided. Beverages are available at the Lucky Bowl concession stand. A silent auction is conducted while the bowling is going on. Donations this year include tickets from Southwest Airlines. Members are encouraged to recruit businesses and bowlers. For more information, contact Patty at 301 7344 or the office at 881 7297 for a good time.

MARCH CAT MEWS

Adoptions!

Lefty & Pedro found a wonderful new home during NMAF's Best Friends' "The One" adoption promotion in celebration of Valentine's Day!



Lefty and Pedro

These handsome, sweet-natured boys settled right into a new foster home and were then swooped right up by Sharon and Butch almost immediately! Lefty now converses with his dad, Butch, throughout the day, and both boys are getting along swell with Tiwi, their elderly feline housemate. All three boys are content to share their parents' bed at night, too!

A FELINE FIESTA!

Mark your calendars — The Enchanted Cat Club's Feline Fiesta is just around the corner — Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15 at Expo New Mexico at the State Fairgrounds! Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4 or 5 p.m.

This is an exciting annual festival of feline delights as well as a generous fundraiser to help local cat rescue groups (that includes NMAF, of course).

The Feline Fiesta provides NMAF with a great opportunity for outreach with our cat-loving community. The Cat Show is about everything feline, including how to understand your cat and how to provide excellent cat care.

NMAF cats will be up for adoption, and some may even compete in the rings! A meowing good time will be had by all!

Oh, yes, and we can use your help, too! Please give Jeri a call at 350-7463 or email her or Vicki at cats@nmaf.org if you would like to volunteer to help staff the NMAF booth during the show or help us set up our display (see below) on Friday, May 13th or break down at the end of the show on Sunday afternoon. All are welcome!



**NMAF's Kitties Pose Prettily at the
2015 "On Safari" TICA Show**

FEBRUARY DOG NEWS

The leap month of February proved spectacular for the dogs. We welcomed Corrie, Kebron and Liz (and husband John) as new fosters. Liz and John brought in many dogs from Valencia County to be adopted! Check out Angel, Gracie, Jett, Star, Scottie, Muffie and little Jojo who were all rescued by Liz and John!



Gracie, Jojo and Star Celebrating Their Freedom

Along with those 7, we took in puppies Oliver, Jennie and Dodger. Adult intakes also included Buddie, Reggie, Megan, Valentino, Scout, Steiner, Daisy, Marla and Oscar.

Adoptions leaped in February and included Fergus, Bijou, Megan, Sadie, Heidi, Scout, Buddie, Reggie, Hannah, Steiner, Chester, Angel, Diana, Willie, Peanutt, Marla, Athena, Dodger and Oliver. Phew! Bijou, Chester, Megan, Sadie and Heidi were all adopted with the Best Friends' Partner Special Valentine adoption fees. Those 5 were featured as "special" being over 5 years old.

The dog group celebrated 127 dog adoptions in 2015! Our volunteers were treated to a cake and cookies decorated with "127" in the NMAF colors and were walking around with purple mouths. Congrats to the whole team for a fantastic year!



Dog Group Celebrating 127

Unfortunately, we lost our friend and foster Richard but are so grateful to his fostering our little Norman for so long and will celebrate his lifetime of kindly deeds.

Our dog adoption table now includes a donated tablet to feature movies of some of our longer-term fosters. Come check it out at our Saturday clinics.

FIRST 2016 NMAF GARAGE SALE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It's our first sale of the year, Saturday, March 5th! Volunteers are needed to help set up - starting at 8AM, during the sale - 9-2PM, and for clean-up afterwards. If you have a couple of hours to spare, we'd love to have your help! If you can make it, please email Kate at kmolsbe@gmail.com with time you can be available. Did you know, garage sale proceeds exceeded \$13,000 last year???? So, your help made a huge difference! The address of the sale is 3304 Blume NE, Albuquerque. A map is available [here](#). Let's start the year off with a great sale!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thanks to all of you who contribute! Our Fur Bowl and garage sales generate much needed cash for overhead, boarding, storage and office expenses. But without all those private contributions we could not afford to do all the spay and neuters and other surgeries. February expenses included a much needed (and expensive) dental for Peanut, eye specialist consultations for Buddy, removal of extra teeth for Valentino, a series of treatments for the puppies, and a host of minor issues.

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