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- Foster Parents
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- Volunteers for Adoption Events
- Volunteers for Yard/Estate Sales
- Sponsors for our Nesletter

Adoption Clinic Hours

Dogs

Check our website at <http://nmaf.org> and monthly newsletter for information on dog adoption clinics

Cats

Petco

6300 San Mateo NE

Saturdays 11am-3pm

Annual Member Appreciation Meeting

Sunday, February 27, 2022
 2:00-4:00pm

It's our biggest social event of the year and we are planning to have an in-person meeting! Share your favorite animal stories, get caught up on all the NMAF news, visit with old friends and meet new ones. Please help us celebrate with all the members of NMAF and get ready for an interesting presentation and discussion with an animal advocate as our Guest Speaker. We miss EVERYONE and look forward to seeing you!

Postcards with the meeting location will be sent prior to the meeting, posted on our website, and announced in the monthly newsletters.

Please email us at info@nmaf.org with your RSVP, no later than February 14, 2022

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

on behalf of all the animals you have saved:

- Our Donors • Our Sponsors
- Our Members • Our Volunteers
- Our Foster Homes • Our Veterinarians
- Our Groomers • Our Office Staff
- Our Trainers • Our Adopters

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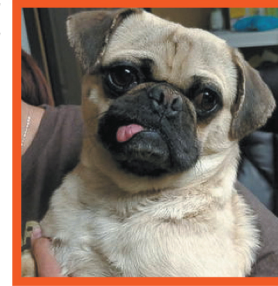
NMAF NEWS

Winter Membership Renewal Issue

NMAF - Still Strong After 40 Years

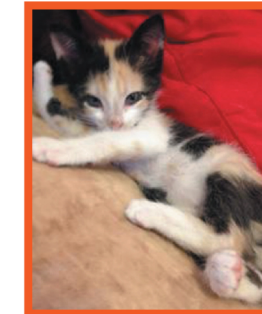
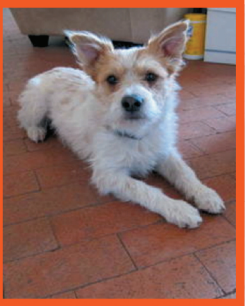
helping dogs, cats, and the people who love them

Remember 1981? Sandra Day O'Connor was appointed by President Ronald Reagan as the first female Associate Justice to the US Supreme Court, Charles and Diana were married, and the first successful flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia made history. These were exciting historic events, but the most exciting event in 1981 was the founding of one of Albuquerque's first no-kill animal welfare and rescue organization, New Mexico Animal Friends. Founded by President, Florence Krick-Jimenez, and Vice President, Vadis Rhoades.

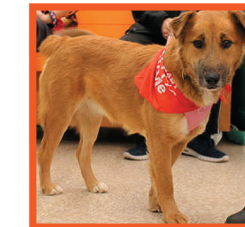


We provide behavioral and training information, referral to trainers and veterinarians and guidance about the best strategies to find quality homes for dogs and cats. We provide information on pet care, overpopulation, sterilization, management of feral cat colonies, and ways to enhance the lives of companion animals.

And we've had fun! We hosted many successful and fun-filled fundraising events and fancy Galas, -- Anyone remember Carl and Tania dressed as Tommy Lee and Pam Anderson? Fur Bowls, where folks showed off their bowling skills, and the regular yard sales have been our mainstay for raising funds to pay for our animals' medical care.



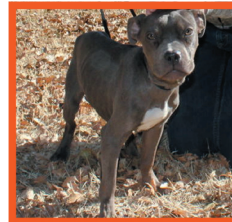
NMAF has remained faithful to its founders' vision. It continues to work toward ending pet homelessness and the killing of adoptable animals through a process of careful adoption screening and follow-up, and by finding loving, responsible homes for these neglected, helpless animals. Since our beginnings, NMAF has saved countless dogs and cats from unhealthy and life-threatening situations, and has rescued dogs and cats from hoarding situations as well as those slated for euthanasia at local and rural shelters.



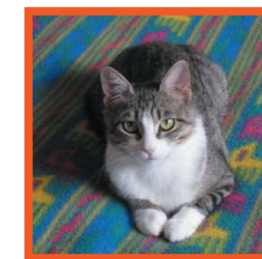
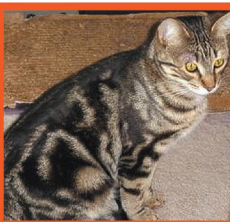
We have worked with national animal welfare organizations including Maddie's Fund, PetSmart Charities, Petco Love, Best Friends, and the TICA Cat Show, acting locally to make a difference. We are grateful to PetSmart Charities and Petco Love, which allow us to showcase our dogs and cats. These partnerships allow us to participate in the many "perks" offered, including grants, dog and cat supply donations, and national adoption events

Over time, NMAF saw the need to develop a multi-pronged approach to offer a wider range of animal welfare services for the community. In the late 90s, NMAF broadened its mission to include three necessary programs.

A low-cost spay/neuter program was launched with a generous bequest from an individual who heard about NMAF from a family member who adopted a dog from us. Now called Chica's Spay/Neuter Program, this program has allowed us to offer spay/neuter services to individuals within Albuquerque and surrounding communities, sometimes helping in rural communities as well. We currently offer spay/neuter services to individuals living in Valencia County and have recently supported a spay/neuter event in Fort Sumner.



Throughout the years we have collaborated with many other animal welfare organizations in an effort to improve the lives of animals that cross our path. We are thankful for the early and ongoing support and partnerships of the local animal welfare community, the City's Animal Welfare Department, Bernalillo County Animal Care and Resource Center, Animal Humane New Mexico, PACA, FatzKatz, and CARMA.



Street Cat Companions (SCC) pioneered as the first feral cat spay/neuter program in Albuquerque and offered free services. With funding provided by the City of Albuquerque, the use of Animal Humane New Mexico's surgery clinic, and many dedicated volunteers, NMAF was able to provide spay/neuter services to caregivers of feral cat colonies, along with vaccinations and medical care for thousands of feral cats.



Over the years, NMAF has been fortunate to have the support of many local businesses, such as DXS Dance Company, Long Leash on Life, Petco, PetSmart, Susan Warren Photography, Dogpanions Dog Training, and Groomingdales. Numerous veterinarians have offered their services to help our animals. We're grateful to Dr. Susan Larsen, Dr. James Heidrich, Dr. Jeff Nichol, Petroglyph Animal Hospital, TLC Pet Hospital, Route 66 Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Center, Good Shepherd Animal Clinic, VCA Wyoming and Montgomery, and PetVet Market, where we held our adoption clinics for many of our early years.

We developed a humane education program which offers advice, support, resources, and referrals including written guidebooks, one-on-one conversations, and the NMAF website.

NMAF continues to believe that our commitment to reduce pet overpopulation is critical in our efforts to improve animal welfare and end euthanasia as a response to pet homelessness. Our primary objectives will be to continue to focus on high-quality adoptions of dogs and cats, funding spay/neuter services, and humane education for the community.

Peaceful End of Life Care

One of our most important jobs

as foster parents is the one we hope never to have to do. No, it is not cleaning litter boxes or dog poop patrol, but providing hospice – end of life care.

Most animals that come into NMAF programs do not stay. Some get homes quickly (Compton!), others we think will be around forever but finally find their place (that's you, Scarface). There are some who come in with medical problems, or are just plain old. There have been five, of those for NMAF's Foster Mom Elizabeth: Cleo, Briggs, Stratton, Leo, and, most recently, Heidi.

Although initially she was thought to be healthy, there was blood in Heidi's litter box within a week of her arrival in Elizabeth's house. Clearly, she had come to the right place, as Elizabeth had dealt with this for a decade with her own cat Laia. In that case, it would be the same easy process – a pill a day and Laia remained in good health and happy for years.

Heidi received daily medication and it improved her anemia with, not just better lab work results, but better activity level, appetite, and more enjoyment of life. But in the long term it was a losing battle. She was showing minor symptoms on October 8th.

When Heidi was taken to the vet the following day, it was discovered that the minor symptoms were caused by worsening anemia. Unfortunately, Heidi was not able to come back home. Elizabeth was with Heidi when she died.

It was very calm and peaceful. She purred in Elizabeth's lap and simply fell asleep, then her heart stopped. This is the worst of the foster duties, but Elizabeth took her comfort from Heidi's. Heidi was tired, but had not progressed to the point of pain.

End of life care can be expensive. Before the end, Heidi had several vet visits, many medical tests, and the medication itself. We truly appreciate our donors whose contributions allowed Heidi's life to be extended happily, then ended painlessly when her quality of life was no longer possible. Sometimes fostering is hard and heartbreaking. But we take comfort in knowing that we have provided peace and comfort at the end of life's journey.

You Can Make A Dog's Tail Wag, A Cat's Purr Rowdy

Adopt

All dogs and cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up-to-date on basic vaccinations prior to adoption. Dogs are tested for heartworm and put on heartworm medication and cats are tested for feline leukemia and FIV. All adopters receive a free wellness exam by one of our participating veterinarians within two weeks of adopting,

Foster

Is there room in your home and heart, for just a while, to help a dog or cat in need? Instead of living in a lonely cage in a shelter our dogs and cats live in foster homes where they are cared for until a loving new home is found. Fostering can be short-term and is a temporary commitment. By fostering a pet, you become the decisive factor in saving the life of an abandoned cat or dog. All veterinary costs are covered for fostered animals.

Volunteer

Are you looking for a rewarding experience that will bring joy to you and to the dogs and cats in our community that need homes? If so, NMAF has several volunteer positions available.

- Work at our adoption clinics, transporting animals, and walking and socializing dogs.
- Help in the office to answer phones, do computer work, process paperwork, etc.
- Fundraising, media relations, coordinating programs, and helping with special events.
- Write/edit publications and educational materials. We want to educate the public about the safety and wellbeing of their companion animals.
- Board members are the fiduciaries who steer the organization towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as by making sure the we have adequate resources to advance our mission.

Donate...It's Easy and there are multiple ways to support us.

- Support our Yard Sales, you pack, we pick up. **Call (505) 881-7297** for pickup details.
- You can make a one-time or recurring donation through our website at www.nmaf.org/donate. Or use the enclosed envelope.
- Donate while you shop. Go to smile.amazon.com and select New Mexico Animal Friends as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to NMAF—no fees, no extra cost.
- Visit nmaf.org for information on the Amazon Wishlist. Purchase and donate items found on NMAF's wish list. We have created a list of needed items. Simply browse, order, and enjoy giving.
- Smith's Inspiring Donations. This program makes donating to NMAF easy based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to our organization, all you have to do is shop at Smith's and swipe your Shopper's Card. <http://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/i/community/smiths-inspiring-donations>
- Contributions to NMAF may be accepted if your work affiliation, Company, or Corporation participates in the United Way Campaign.

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Winter Membership Renewal Issue

Please send me information on volunteering for NMAF _____

I would like to receive information on fostering a cat _____ a dog _____

I want to be a member in the following category:

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| _____ Individual (\$30) | _____ Friend (\$200/yr. = \$17/mo.) | _____ Lifetime Member (\$500 or more) |
| _____ Sponsor or Family (\$45) | _____ Corporate Membership (\$100) | _____ Other |
| _____ Student, Seniors, Low Income (\$15) | _____ Hero (\$300/yr. = \$25/mo.) | |

Several ways to donate! Use a credit/debit card, PayPal, check or money order made payable to NMAF. Visit our website at www.NMAF.org.

NAME: _____

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E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

- I'd like to receive the monthly e-newsletter at my e-mail address: _____

Have you changed your mailing address or e-mail lately?

Please send an e-mail to info@nmaf.org or call the office at **505-881-7297** to let us know.

We want to stay in touch with you!

We also receive donations via AmazonSmile/Smiths/United Way

NMAF is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donations and memberships are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.



Are you a dog lover

who would like to use your talents and time to help homeless dogs find their forever homes? If so, this may be the position for you. As the dog adoption coordinator, you will look for dogs to take in from shelters and place them into NMAF foster homes. Once in foster homes, you will evaluate potential adopters to find these dogs loving homes (NMAF focuses on the quality of adoptions, not the number). Other tasks include coordinating veterinary visits, organizing adoption clinics, and supporting fosters. The dog adoption coordinator is essential to the success of NMAF's dog program, and you will quickly find that helping a homeless or abandoned dog find the perfect forever home is an amazing reward. If you are eager to help save the lives of homeless dogs and would like to learn more about this volunteer position, please email us at

dogs@nmaf.org.