A LOOK BACK AT 2012

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. - Henry Ford

Here at Actors and Others, we know that our success is deeply-rooted in the long-standing friendships we have with our supporters. We like to think that we are equal counterparts on a champion team working to prevent pet overpopulation and provide care for pet companions in need. Fortunately, “spay/neuter” is now an accepted concept and many more organizations and clinics have joined us in the fight. But we remain a leading source of aid for those pet guardians needing financial assistance for both spay/neuter and emergency veterinary care. Like Henry Ford, who through his development of the assembly line produced a car that was obtainable for all, we have been working for over 42 years to make spay/neuter and veterinary treatment accessible to those in need.

DOG SPAYS 2,735
DOG NEUTERS 2,083

CAT SPAYS 2,685
CAT NEUTERS 1,944

MEDICALS 636
PET ASSISTED HOSPITAL VISITS 29,290
HUMANE EDUCATION STUDENTS 5,147

OUR NEW LOGO

In 2011, when Actors and Others marked its 40th anniversary, we began to look to our future. As part of the discussion was the redesign of our logo and some long overdue improvements to our offices so that we can better meet the demands of the next 40 years more efficiently and assertively. The improvements are underway, and you may have noticed the new logo already. Over the next year you will be seeing it completely replace the old. We think the new design is lighter, yet energetic and bold, while still retaining the original motif. We hope you agree.

ACTORS AND OTHERS SALUTES “BEST IN SHOW”

In 2000, Christopher Guest’s mockumentary “Best in Show” took us behind the scenes of a prestigious dog show, giving viewers a riotous glimpse into the interaction of all the different players in this doggie-take-all beauty pageant tale.

On September 28, 2013 at the Los Angeles Hilton, located in Universal City, Actors and Others will present its own parody of “Best in Show.” Fred Willard will reprise his role as host of the show, and celebrity guests will demonstrate why their pet should be declared best in show with you – the guests – serving as judges.

While show dogs are bred for aesthetic qualities and physical attributes, in keeping with Actors and Others aversion to animal breeding in general, celebrities are encouraged to enter whatever type of pet they may have, regardless of species, gender or pedigree.

So mark your calendars, and join us for an afternoon of what will surely be a doggone good time.

SAVE THE DATE 9.28.13
ZEUTERIN – NON-SURGICAL STERILANT

The idea of a chemical sterilant that would be an easy, painless and cost-effective way to combat pet overpopulation has been bantered around for many, many years. Now, the Federal Food and Drug Administration is about to approve Zeuterin, an injectable drug for male puppies three to 10 months of age, as an alternative to the traditional method of surgical sterilization believed to be 99.6% effective.

When using Zeuterin, no anesthesia is needed, although there may be cases where light sedation is warranted. There are very few side effects, and there is very little, if any, discomfort. The testicles do remain, although they atrophy over a period of time. Because visual confirmation of sterilization may be difficult, dogs castrated with Zeuterin will be tattooed with a “Z” and/or microchipped.

As opposed to surgical sterilization, Zeuterin is believed to reduce testosterone production levels by only half, leaving open the debate concerning behavior and metabolic functions.

Actors and Others welcomes all methods of sterilization to prevent pet overpopulation and believes that Zeuterin will be a valuable tool, but not an absolute replacement for, surgical castration. Each puppy should be reviewed individually to determine the best method for sterilization, and pet guardians should discuss the associated risks of any procedure with their veterinarian.

UNITED SPAY ALLIANCE

In 2008, when Actors and Others launched SpayCalifornia modeled after and in unity with SpayUSA, it became one of just a handful of statewide spay/neuter referral programs. In 2011, the United Spay Alliance was formed to connect the now 30+ state referral services to form a network of affiliated State Programs. Each year the Alliance holds a retreat to bring together representatives from each program to bond and exchange ideas. Executive Director, Susan Taylor, was a guest speaker at the 2012 conference held in Las Vegas.

ALLIANCE FOR CONTRACEPTION IN CATS & DOGS

While in Las Vegas, Susan Taylor also had an opportunity to attend the Alliance for Contraception in Cats & Dogs’ (ACC&D) Council of Stakeholders meeting. ACC&D was founded in 2000 to facilitate scientific research, networking and fundraising for the development and implementation of non-surgical methods to sterilize dogs and cats. The Council of Stakeholders represent a group of high-impact organizations involved in this issue, and the meeting was held to present updates on the different methods on the drawing board. The good news is that many scientists and others are working every day on this issue and there are a number of measures being testing. The ultimate goal is for one permanent sterilant that is good on both dogs and cats.
MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose.
~From the television show The Wonder Years

We invite you to honor and share a memory on these pages. Birthday wishes or a thank you to a special animal lover or veterinarian are also welcome. When accompanied by a contribution of $20 or more, tributes or accolades will be printed in our newsletter.

ACTORS AND OTHERS lost several dear friends recently – CHARLOTTE SHOAFF and BIFF ELLIOT (HUSBAND OF CONNIE ELLIOT) – whose support and camaraderie date back to our beginning. Their memories are forever weaved into our fabric and will not be forgotten. In addition, we also want to specifically remember ISME. Nearly 20 years ago our emotions were touched by the retiring racehorse whose future was in jeopardy. We arranged to pay for his care and were fortunate a staff member’s family agreed to provide a home. We did so each month until Isme’s death last November. He spent his last years happy and at peace with Jim. We extend our sympathies to Jim, who considered Isme one of his best friends.

GARY AND CLAUDIA SYSOCK, BARBARA AWERKAMP, MARY CLARK AND LEA PRICE – In Memory of Biff Elliot
MARK AND BARB LURIE – In Memory of Maria Luisa Libunao
TRACY TONER – In Memory of Victor F. Toner II
KF OHTA – In Memory of 1-8-11
RET TURNER – In Memory of Betty, Bob Mackie’s Beloved Cat
RET TURNER – In Memory of Roger and Ann Margret’s Beloved Missy
JOSH CARR – Happy Holidays to JoAnn
ILENE GRAFF – In Memory of Bob Stewart
RICHARD BARTON – In Honor and Memory of My Wife
LORRIE HAUER – In the Name of My Furbabies
ANONYMOUS – In the Name of Daniel Hoff
LOIS WILLIAMS – In Memory of Clyde who gave us 13 Years of Devotion and Joy and Bonnie our Beloved Pug
JIM BRENT – In Memory of Beloved Cat Jessie August 1999-July 2012
GINGER SLAUGHTER – In Memory of Beloved Dog Beauty
EVELYN GORDON – To Kathy Liddy In Memory of Lola
JEFF AND NANCY GRAFF – In Memory of Elvis Presley
APASARA NICOL – In the Name of Alex and Elizabeth Lane
KIMBERLY PINKSTAFF – In the Name of Susan Ekins
JOHN DENNIS – In Memory of Mary Jo McCreary
BETTY HAFER – In Memory of Mary Joe McCreary
SCOTT BLAIS – In Memory of Lickety Split
RITA BREGMAN – In Name of Hurricane Sandy Victims and Memory of Adelaide Cat
GWEN WAGGONER – To M/M Ralph Howe In Memory of Sweet Little Molly
SHARON BILSON – In the Name of Mary and Fred Willard
CAROLE PROPP – In the Name of Spike Jones, Jr.

ANONYMOUS – In the Name of Ellen Lubic In Memory of BeoWoof
KELLY AND BETTY TOWER – In Memory of Richard Basehart
PATTI SUGARMAN LEHMAN – In Loving Memory of Ronald Sugarman
BOB AND DORIS STEPHENS – In Memory of Sadie White, Beloved Pet
DIANA SPRINGER – In Honor of Lucky, My Beautiful Dog
SHARON BIVINS – In the Name of Debbie McGlohon in Memory of Shelby
PETE WOLLERT – In the Name of Sox Armstrong Wollert
TERESA SPENCE – In the Name of Helen Bayerian
ANONYMOUS – In the Name of Kai Soremekun
MARGARET CORCILLO – In the Name of Ron and Geralyn Corcillo
RUTH STEVENS – In the Name of David Olson in Memory of Teddy
DORENE MARTIN – In the name of Suzyn Ware in Memory of Geraldine Chyet
BRITTNEE EALY – In the name of Mary French
ELIZABETH DAVIS – In the Name of Eileen O’Farrell
CAROLYN LORENZO – For Sue Willick in Memory of Yodi
KIMBERLY HUFF – In the Name of Carrie Bradshaw my bichon/poodle mix
STACIE DULLMEYER – In Memory of all the animals I have met
DUGGAN WENDEBORN – In Memory of Beloved Dog Earl
NANCEE AND JOHN VANNESS, VIRGIL AND JAN STOWE, MARGARET BUNCH, DOROTHY ROBINSON AND PATRICIA MORRISSEY – In memory “Mac” McFarland
MARY SHAFFER – In Memory of Marilyn McLaughlin

Actors and Others for Animals is deeply grateful to Joan Knouf who remembered us in her Will. By doing so, she created a loving, lasting memorial to the affection she had for her pets and all animals. If you are interested in establishing such an estate plan, Actors and Others will be happy to work with you. These heartfelt gifts allow us to provide more services for the benefit of animals and those who care for them.
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM MEETING
THE NEEDS OF ANIMALS IN CRISIS

While Actors and Others’ core mission is to curb the pet overpopulation problem, in recent years we have devoted much time and resources to helping sick and injured pets receive needed veterinary care. The last few years have seen veterinary fees rise significantly, and in more and more cases pet guardians are not able to afford treatment, and requests for our help have skyrocketed. We cannot help everyone, but this has clearly demonstrated to us that our Emergency Medical Program is now more vital than ever.

I wanted to send this heartfelt note of gratitude to you for helping my cat, Bogie, have his painful repair surgery.

When Bogie and I were in a panic, I was under-employed and had no idea how I could afford it. Meanwhile, Bogie was in such discomfort that he had to be on pain control. The situation was hopeless and, it took many nights of sleep with your help, Bogie was able to have his surgery on 11/11. He passed this last post-op follow up, and the vet said that he’s doing great. It’s been wonderful to see his recovery.

Once again, thank you from Bogie and me! I hope I will one day be in a position to help Animals and Others continue their work and help other pet guardians.

Denise & Bogie

We want to thank you and Actors and Others for Animals so much for your help in paying for Gracie’s surgery. She is doing well and healing fast. Our family is so thankful for you and your amazing organization. You have made a difference in Gracie’s life and ours. She is our baby and thanks to your help you have given her a new life.

Thank you! All our best and blessings, Bill, Jen, All our girls and kisses, Elen and Artie.

On behalf of Honey & My self I want to thank you very much and appreciate what you and your team did.

Thank you for helping me and Honey have a happier, healthier, longer life together.

We appreciate you both so much.

always,
Darlene Vardez & Honey

Thank you so much for your donation toward Autumn’s surgery. It isn’t for you. Autumn’s life would have been cut short. Really your kindness and compassion really helped me get through this. Autumn’s prognosis is very positive.

I really can’t thank you enough.

With love,
Ashley & Autumn

P.S. I will spread the word!