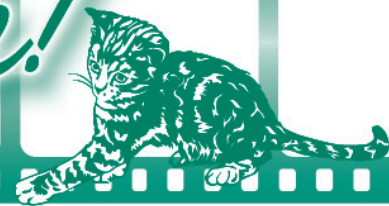




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HELLO DOLLY! WE'RE SO GLAD TO SEE YOU

ALL CELEBRITY TOAST TO CAROL CHANNING

We are excited to be toasting the fabulous CAROL CHANNING at our 2008 Celebration of Caring luncheon. An award-winning star of international acclaim, Miss Channing's Broadway appearances include some of the most memorable characters in theatrical history, including her legendary portrayal of Dolly Levi in Jerry Herman's *Hello, Dolly!* As one of the most easily recognized and highly imitated voices in the world, Miss Channing has entertained audiences young and old alike. We are honored that she is sharing her philanthropic heart with us.



This year's Award of Caring is being presented to PAULA KENT MEEHAN, one of America's top entrepreneurs and humanitarians and founder of Redken Laboratories. It should be another afternoon to remember! Please call 818.755.5080 for more information.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008
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STOPPING THE CYCLE OF ANIMAL ABUSE AND OVERPOPULATION



Lately there are more frequent news accounts of authorities finding large numbers of diseased and starving dogs and cats living in squalor. Whether you have pity or antagonism toward the caretaker, what is certain is that the animals suffer.

Earlier this year, a well-known and repeat animal hoarder was exposed with over 400 animals – both domestic and farm -- on a piece of rented property in the California high

desert. What is shocking is that all of these animals were allowed to co-mingle and breed. Living for so long in such conditions, most did not receive any human touch leaving them mistrustful of people. When discovery was eminent, the caretaker abandoned the animals with little food and water. The greater Los Angeles humane community stepped up to the plate and worked together to save these victims. To date, Actors and Others has paid for nearly 20 of the puppies born from this crime to be sterilized, guaranteeing that they cannot perpetuate this vicious cycle. The hoarder is now in jail, but the question remains, how do we stop such underestimated abuse!

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Helpful Hints from JoAnne

While driving down my street the other day, I came across a situation where a dog was in the street and people were trying to get it, so it would be safe. But the dog kept running from them. Luckily, I always have an extra leash in my car for just such events. We finally got the dog and put the leash on it, as a woman with a baby in her arms came from the backyard of a nearby house. It was her dog, and someone had left a gate open. We handed her the dog leash with her dog. They went home happy. So put an extra leash in your car for such emergencies.

Lately, we have been bombarded more than ever with requests for help concerning medical bills for companion animals. As you know, Actors and Others has an emergency medical subsidy program that works to assist low and/or fixed income individuals in such situations. In fact, I'm proud to say that in just the first half of this year we have helped over 600 individuals with emergency medical procedures. All of this was possible, of course, with your support.

I'd like to suggest to you and your friends that when you are in need of veterinary help that you do some comparative shopping. Once you have the diagnosis, call other veterinarians in your area to compare fees. You'd be surprised at how prices may differ.



THANK YOU BOB POWERS AND REX



*Bob Powers and
Loretta Swit*

became best buddies! In June, Bob was honored by our Board of Directors and sent home with a big basket of goodies from PETCO and our love for Rex.

In June, Bob Powers and his dog Rex retired from our Pet Assisted Therapy Program after nine years of visiting the patients at Studio City Convalescent Hospital, making them our longest working team. Sadly due to age and illness, Rex can no longer make the journey, and Bob decided that since he was turning 80, it was time to call it a day. When Rex was young, Bob found him wandering aimlessly around his neighborhood without a collar or name tag. After Bob couldn't find his original owner, the two



*Bob Powers and Rex with
hospital resident*

IN THE NEWS

Does Fido bite?

When it comes to choosing your animal companion, a recent study into dog aggression supports the old adage that “you can’t judge a book (or in this case – a dog) by its cover.” It might surprise you to know that according to research published in Applied Animal Behaviour Science, the dog breed most prone to aggression is the Dachshund, (that’s right the “weiner dog”) followed by the Chihuahua and Jack Russell Terrier.

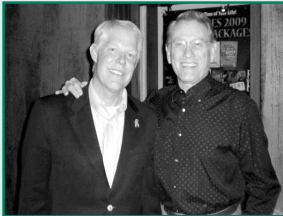
While prior research focused solely on dog bite statistics (putting Pit Bulls, Rottweilers and Dobermans at the top of most lists), this survey of 6,000 dog owners measured such information as dog nips, attempts to attack strangers, owners, or other dogs.

Researchers now feel that those prior studies didn’t paint the full picture as most dog bites by smaller breeds go unreported.

What this research tells us is that just like with people, it’s not fair to stereotype based on breed but sensible to find out as much as possible about the dog you plan to introduce into your family. Some breeds are better with children and seniors than others. If more people did this, then fewer dogs would be turned into the shelters and euthanized.



JoAnne Worley



Paul Jolly, Earl Holliman

WICKEDLY DELIGHTFUL!

On Sunday evening June 8, 2008, Actors and Others hosted a small theater party to the smash hit “Wicked,” currently starring our president JoAnne Worley as “Madame Morrible.” Beginning with a wine and cheese reception and followed by a captivating behind the curtain peek into the land of Oz with cast members, the evening was a great success. It was also the official launch of the Emergency Animal Relief Lifeline (E.A.R.L.) medical fund established in the name of president emeritus Earl Holliman who joined the party for a celebratory toast.



Mama Cat

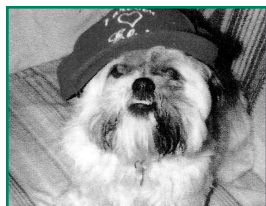
Over the years, Francine has helped the occasional injured or lost animal that sought shelter in her yard. But she was unprepared when recently a cat became caught in her fence. Hanging upside down by its ankle, the cat was stuck between the wooden slats. When working to free the weakened cat, Francine heard faint meows coming from nearby and followed them to find four frightened kittens. The leg was gruesome, having lost most of its skin and cut up badly. But the veterinarian wanted to try and save it and so Francine took her home to nurse. Sadly, the leg soon swelled up to four times its size and needed to be amputated immediately. Overnight Francine had five more mouths to feed and faced substantial and unexpected veterinary bills. With help from the E.A.R.L. Medical Fund, “Mama” cat received the life-saving amputation (and was spayed at the same time) and has found a new home for herself and her entire family with Francine. Compassion is alive and well!



MORE NEWS ABOUT RALPHS

For those of you who shop at Ralphs, you know that they recently launched a new “Ralphs Reward” program that requires all customers to complete a new application and receive a new card. We have been assured that as long as you “linked” your previously enrolled Ralphs “Club Card” with the new “Rewards Card,” we will continue to receive a rebate every time you swipe your card. At the bottom of your receipt, you should see confirmation of this. If you did not link the two cards together, you will need to go online to **www.ralphs.com** to enroll the new Rewards Card. Click on Community Contributions and then on Participant Sign Up. Enter the NPO number 84455. And don’t forget that everyone must sign up annually each September 1st! Although a little bit of a hassle, this is a cost free and easy way to help the animals. We thank all of you who are participating on our behalf.

LET ACTORS AND OTHERS HELP PAY TRIBUTE TO THAT SPECIAL PERSON OR ANIMAL COMPANION



Shiloh 2/5/01-9/28/07

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

Expressing one's emotions or offering condolences after the passing of a family member, friend or beloved animal companion plays a vital role in the healing process. It serves to celebrate and preserve their remembrance as well as prepare us to open our hearts to love again.

What better way of remembering such occasions than by acknowledging those special people and pets and, at the same time, bestowing a heartfelt gift that will allow us to provide more services for the benefit of animals in need.

We invite you to honor and share such 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 bi-annual newsletter.

Recently, Actors and Others for Animals lost "one of our own" -- Mary Flint. Mary was our first official Executive Director whose dedication and hard work helped build the foundation upon which Actors and Others grew into a respected and influential voice for the animals. In those early years, there were many a time when we didn't know if we would make it. Animal charities were rare, and those promoting spay/neuter

even rarer. Along with Pat Bercel who passed away earlier this year, Mary helped fight the stereotype that those who looked out for the welfare of companion animals were "crazy" animal nuts and helped establish Actors and Others for Animals as a community leader. Even after she left us, she remained a strong ally. Our sympathies go out to her family. She will be greatly missed!



- ♥ In loving memory of Shiloh, Dino Cedaino
- ♥ In honor of Fuzzy and love to Susan and Kylie, Eileen Harte-Goldsman
- ♥ In loving memory of Henry Erk, Carl and Virginia Erk
- ♥ In memory of Kristy Hensley, a special friend to people and animals alike, Eleanor and Celia Engle
- ♥ In honor of the bar mitzvah of Ron Friedman, Judith Friedman
- ♥ Happy Mother's Day to my wife Harriet, John P. Zierer
- ♥ In memory of my wife Ruby Wallace, Richard Enriquez
- ♥ In loving memory of Rhonda, Muriel Kreeger
- ♥ In honor of Rhonda Kreeger, a long-time volunteer and supporter, Actors and Others for Animals
- ♥ In loving memory of Doris Magro, Barbara and Ann Henderling, Earl Holliman
- ♥ In memory of Jason Morgan, Susan Gandy and Garry White
- ♥ In memory of Suzy Milstead, Sonia Flaum
- ♥ In the name of Michelle Coccagna and in memory of Noah Rosenblum, Anthony Dimeo
- ♥ In memory of Tyler, the Lacusta family
- ♥ In the name of Pohlhammer and in memory of Lady, the Lacusta family
- ♥ In the name of Cheri Coons and in memory of Benchley, the Lacusta family
- ♥ In loving memory of Marlys Nelson, John and Barbara Vencill, Dorothy Kern, Elizabeth Warner, Carole and Dave Abernethy, Shirley Parker, Norma Walker, Joan Penn, Alhambra Camera, Inc., David and Marie Main, Karen Hayes, Library Guild at Oneonta Congregational Church
- ♥ In loving memory of Evelyn Keyes, Ann Rutherford Dozier, Edwin Wald
- ♥ In loving memory of Jane Lewis, Fred and Mary Willard
- ♥ In memory of Vixen, a great cat, Carole Grant

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed into law Senate Bill 685 which gives legal enforcement to pet trust funds. Beginning on January 1, 2009, pet trusts will no longer be "honorary" but legally valid and enforceable. Under this bill, trustees will be required to carry out the instructions of the trust, and if the trustee does not wish to arrange for pet care, the courts will be able to appoint a caretaker. So for all of us Californians, it's now very important that we establish a Pet Trust, along with our own estate planning.