

WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER OF ACTORS AND OTHERS FOR ANIMALS

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#### STAYING FOCUSED ON PET OVERPOPULATION

Over the last 45 years, Actors and Others has focused on the need to curb the pet overpopulation problem by promoting spay and neuter. Our main undertaking has always been to be proactive – not reactive – by preventing unwanted births through sterilization. Today there are many more resources available, but rising costs continue to be a primary obstacle. With your support, Actors and Others remains a leading voice and source for those needing financial assistance for spay/neuter surgeries and emergency veterinary care.

# HERE'S A LOOK AT FISCAL YEAR 2016

AL	DOG SPAYS DOG NEUTERS	2,273 1,816
The second	CAT SPAYS CAT NEUTERS	2,707 2,112
	BUNNY SPAY/ NEUTERS	53
<b>,,,,</b>	MEDICALS	572
3	PET ASSISTED THERAPY VISITS	18,750
	HUMANE EDUCATION STUDENTS	2,649

#### THANK YOU TO THE PETCO FOUNDATION



Last year Actors and Others received a \$50,000 spay/ neuter grant from the Petco Foundation in order to help low income pet guardians throughout Riverside County. One of the largest counties in the State, a report issued by U.S. Congressman, Mark Takano, indicated that 400,000 are living in poverty in Riverside County and many more are living on the edge. Under these conditions, pet guardians simply forego having their pets spayed/ neutered due to cost. This grant provided free spay/neuter surgeries for 539 dogs and cats. Providing these surgeries will go a long way to help lower the birthrate and curb the number of animals entering the shelter.

The Petco Foundation believes that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, they have invested more than \$125 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. We thank them for helping us improve the lives of so many animals and their guardians.

# **GREAT NONPROFITS**

Great Nonprofits is a website service that helps donors identify organizations in your community

that are making a difference on the issues you care about. Actors and Others was pleased to be rated a top-rated organization in 2016.



Statistics are counted when bills are received and paid

# JOY TO THE ANIMALS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Caring for Animal Companions Who Share Our Homes And Our Hearts



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We closed our 45th anniversary year with a celebration of the holidays and the joy that animals bring into our lives with a luncheon on December 4, 2016 at the Universal City Hilton. President, **JoAnne Worley**, hosted the afternoon, and a highlight was that all attendees had the opportunity to provide a photograph of their beloved pets which was shown throughout the day.





The afternoon started off with a visit from Santa Claus presenting six year old Wrigley Rose Tully with her very own Animal Protector Badge. Ever since she began to talk, Wrigley proclaimed herself an "Animal Protector," and Actors and Others was proud to recognize a future animal advocate who will help ensure that future generations will continue to protect and care for animals.

We were very pleased to present the **Betty White Inspirational Award** to **Loretta Swit.** We all know Loretta as Major Margaret Houlihan from one of television's most beloved series,  $M^*A^*S^*H$ , but for all of her life Loretta has had a passion for helping animals in need and has been committed to making a better world for both people and animals. Good friend **Jamie Farr**, joined by **Mike Farrell**, presented Loretta with the award.





**Paul Jolly** was a vital part of **Actors and Others** for over 25 years until his untimely death in 2014. We are privileged to carry on his commitment with the **Paul Jolly Award of Caring.** And who better to present these awards than Actors and Others' board member and animal advocate, **Lily Tomlin.** First up, **George** 

and Erin Pennacchio. George is best known as the entertainment reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News, but he and his wife Erin have been involved in Greyhound rescue and animal welfare for over 20 years. Peter Marshall is best known as the Emmy award winning host of Hollywood Squares. Peter and his wife Laurie have been longtime members of Actors and Others and have always shared their home with rescue pets and encouraged their protection and care. Their service dog Teddy Bear shared in the festivities.





Tony award winning ventriloquist **Jay Johnson** brought along his sidekick (or should we say second banana), Darwin the Monkey to entertain the animal loving audience. Swinging back and forth, Darwin screeched and soon had the room howling as well.

What can we say about **Paula Poundstone.** The always funny comedienne has been a longtime supporter of Actors and Others, and we were so thrilled that she was available to tickle our funnybones once again. With razorsharp wit, Paula is off and running as soon as she takes the

microphone. Whether talking about her many cats or peppering the audience with questions, it was a non-stop roller coaster ride of laughter.



We thank our Silver Paws Sponsors, the **Petco Foundation**, **D.E.L.T.A Rescue**, **Sherry and Skip Miller** and **Carolyn and JohnYurtchuk**; Top Dog Benefactors **Connie Elliot**, **Jay Aldrich and Bob Dugan**, **Earl Holliman** and the **Wells Fargo Foundation**.

# BE PREPARED WHEN YOUR PET NEEDS A VETERINARIAN



We all love our pets but over their lifetime they can be expensive. The first responsibility as a new pet guardian is to ensure they get all of the required vaccinations, especially for parvo, and are spayed/neutered. When you adopt that fluffy kitten or adorable puppy, you are not thinking

of the day they become ill or injured and need veterinary care. But that day will come, and you want to be prepared for your pet and yourself. Have an honest conversation with your veterinarian about cost and your ability to pay. Once you have a diagnosis, do some comparative shopping by calling other veterinarians in your area. You will be surprised at how prices may differ. If you can't afford pet health insurance, put a dollar away each week for that rainy day. It could be a lifesaver.

# PETS ARE AFFECTED BY RISING DRUG PRICES



When Mylan raised its price of an EpiPen last year to over \$500, pet guardians were also caught off guard for their pets with life-threatening allergies. Many other drugs such as Phenobarbital for seizures have also seen harsh increases.

Remember you are not required to get your pet's medicine, especially if it is the same as used for humans, from your veterinarian. If you ask they must provide you with a prescription.

Pet Rescue RX donates 100% of its after tax profits to animal welfare organizations. Check out the prices, and if you decide to use them be sure to choose Actors and Others as your charity as choice. Also remember that you do not have to be a member of Costco to use their pharmacy.

### TORN LIGAMENTS ARE A COMMON INJURY IN DOGS

**Thumper** is **Richard V.'s** beloved 6 year old Pit Bull. He adopted him as a puppy from someone giving them away on the street. Richard suffers from a medical issue with his liver and cannot work all the time causing him to take on a lot of debt. On a walk one day, Thumper tore a muscle in his hind right leg. The veterinarian told him surgery was necessary at a cost of over \$5,000. For six months he tried to raise the money for the surgery, but could not do so. For those six months Thumper continued to be in pain, whining all the time and being quite sedentary. Richard too was in great pain watching his buddy suffer. Richard then called us for help. He was willing to drive anywhere to get Thumper the help he needed. We were able to get them to a veterinarian who charged quite a bit less and with our financial helping hand, Thumper is on his way to a full recovery.



One of the most common injuries experienced by dogs is an ACL/CCL ligament tear or rupture. The cost to surgically repair such an injury can range from \$1,800 to over \$5,000. Many dogs will recover well without surgery so it is important for you and for your dog to understand all treatment options. A good website to start your research is http://tiggerpoz.com.

#### **NORCO PRISON FERAL CATS**

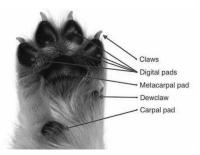
The Norco Prison in Riverside County has about 30 or more cats living on its property, and thanks to the warden approved a TNR program and feeding stations to care for them. Working once again with TNR Riverside, Actors and Others agreed to pay for the



spay/neuter costs and 17 cats have been sterilized and returned to the prison to date. We thank TNR Riverside and the prison for being proactive and progressive and helping these cats.

#### **PAW PADS**

Don't forget your pet's paw pads that provide traction. The digital and metacarpal pads function as shock absorbers, protecting bones and joints from impact. The carpal pad works like a brake,



helping to negotiate steep or slippery slopes. Weather can irritate your pet's paw pads, so be careful when it is too hot or cold.

# MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

#### We do not remember days; we remember moments. ~ Cesare Pavese

In each Newsletter, we like to chronicle all those who honored or shared a memory of a loved one, sent birthday wishes or conveyed a thank you or tribute to a special person. We invite you to do the same.

#### **TRIBUTES, CELEBRATIONS**

**HEATHER OLT** – Happy Birthday to Mary Willard **REV. ROBERT AND PEGGY BOCK** – In honor of Jay Aldrich and Bob Dugan

LUCINDA FOX – Happy Birthday to Peter Marshall JACKIE JOSEPH LAWRENCE – Happy Birthday to JoAnne Worley

DOLLY MARTIN – Happy Birthday to JoAnne Worley KAREN LEONARD – Happy Birthday Jackie Joseph Lawrence TONI AND DON SHERMAN – Happy Birthday Thomas Piscitello JUDITH DRAKE BILEK– Merry Christmas to John Beecher DONNA ANDERSON – Happy Anniversary and Merry Christmas to Jackie Joseph Lawrence

LOU ANN ARCHBOLD – In honor of Brandi and David Anderson RENTA DOBRUCKI – Merry Christmas Pia Siegman CLARA STUREK – In honor of Jackie Joseph Lawrence AMRAD SHAPIRO – In honor of Elizabeth Shapiro

### **IN MEMORIAM**

LYNDA MARTIN SKYSCRAPT FD. - In memory of John Berry **CONNIE ELLIOT** – In memory of John Berry PATTY AND JB COHN - In memory of John Berry **DEE STRATTON –** In memory of John Berry JOANNA ERICKSON - In memory of Marvene Mullins EUDORA VOUBERGAN - In memory of George Stanton Mulhisen GAIL CAMPBELL - In memory Jan Lawrence SANDY PISTER - In memory of Allan Wertheim ACTORS AND OTHERS - In memory of Vanna Salviati LINDA D'APRIX - In memory of Ted Kosturos JESSICA WILSON - In memory of Jezette Butler LAURIE COHN - In memory of Paul Jolly and honor of Rick Feldman **DELYS VIERNOW** – In memory of Marilyn McLaughlin RICHARD BARTON - In memory of Patricia J. Smith CLYDE HAYES - In memory of Marietta Hayes KISSYFLICK - In memory of Marietta Haves GEORGE JEKNAVORIAN - In memory Marietta Hayes SYBIL HAMMOND - In memory of Marietta Hayes **RICHARD PIERCE** – In memory of Marietta Hayes ALBERT BORRELLI – In memory of Marietta Hayes LISA BORRELLI - In memory of Marietta Hayes **ROBIN SCOTT - In memory of Marietta Hayes** SINGER FAMILY FUND - In memory of Marietta Haves LES HAMMER - In memory of Marietta Hayes LAURA LANZA - In memory of Rick Feldman

#### **IN MEMORY OF PETS**

JUDITH WINTHROP – In memory of Teddy FRANCE NUYEN – In memory of Isabelle

JIM BRENT – In memory of Greta

MARY AND FRED WILLARD – To the Eisenstadts in memory of Cookie

MARY AND FRED WILLARD – To Marsha Nardo in memory of Katmandude

MARY AND FRED WILLARD – To the Armstrongs in memory of Rufus

MARY AND FRED WILLARD – To Ann Lopez in memory of Trixie KATHERINE BARD – To Nancy and Jon Kaye in memory of Bowie

**KATHERINE BARD** – To Marcia and Trent in memory of Chico

KATHERINE BARD - To Lois and Dick Lane in memory of Shush

KATHERINE BARD - To Robin Elmasian in memory of Roxy

**MOLLY FREDRICK** – In memory of Long Beach Police Dog Credo

**PAM AND WILLIAM RAINEY** – In memory of Joey Rainey **CAROL JANE GRANT** – To Alice Sato in memory of Holly

CAROL JANE GRANT – To Melody and Robert Sherwood in memory of Russell

**CAROL JANE GRANT** – To Colette Laurent and Steve Boehm in memory of Whitney

**TONI AND DON SHERMAN** – To the Tibetts in memory of Bentley

TONI AND DON SHERMAN – To Barbara Cheen in memory of Barney

DR. BILL CONNELLY - In memory of Bow

**DR. BILL CONNELLY –** To Colleen Connelly in memory of Munchie

JOYCE STINE – To Carol Jane Grant in memory of Patrick Love Bird

ROBERT AND ROBERTA KAMAUNU - In honor of Becky

CYDNEY FOX - In memory of Brandy

JACKIE JOSEPH LAWRENCE – To Glenn Rosenblum and Mark Freeman in memory of Mister Mooney

Actors and Others for Animals is deeply grateful to Kim Howe, the Brunner Family Trust, Delia Salvi, the Harris Trust, Smith Spicer, Donald Daily and Robert Christopher who remembered us in their Wills. By doing so they created a loving, lasting memorial to the affection they had for their 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.

The Board of Directors of Actors and Others remember board member emeritus Maurice Tubin, Martin Small, D.V.M. and dear friend Rick Feldman