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*Wishing you
a very
Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New
Year!*



*Please look for our
Paws-a-While printed
Newsletter in the first
quarter of 2012.*



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BOAG



CLYDE



FRITZ



GEORGIA



GEORGE



GRIZZLY

A Christmas Shelter Dog's Poem

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town, every shelter is full—we are lost, but not found. Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare, we hope every minute that someone will care. They'll come to adopt us and give us the call, "Come here, Max and Sparkie — come fetch your new ball!" But now we sit here and think of the days we were treated so fondly — we had cute, baby ways. Once we were little, then we grew and we grew. Now we're no longer young and we're no longer new. So out the back door we were thrown like the trash. They reacted so quickly — why were they so rash? We "jump on the children," "don't come when they call," we "bark when they leave us," "climb over the wall." We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed, now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made. If only they'd trained us, if only we knew, we'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them, too. We were left in the backyard, or worse, let to roam. Now we're tired and lonely and out of a home. They dropped us off here and they kissed us goodbye... "Maybe someone else will give you a try."

So now here we are, all confused and alone in a shelter with others who long for a home. The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat, with so many to care for, they can't stay to chat. They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer...we know that they wonder how long we'll be here. We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds. Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears—our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear. If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the inn—could you help with the bills and fill our food bin? We count on your kindness each day of the year—can you give more than hope to everyone here? Please make a donation to pay for the heat... and help get us something special to eat. The rescue group that cares for us wants us to live, and more of us will, if more people will give.

...Author unknown



COSMO



MILLIE



MORGAN



SNICKERS



OTTO



PARKER

Christmas Vigil

The old cat stiffly turns and then resumes his patient wait; His eyes fixed firmly on the road outside the garden gate. So many days he's waited here for his beloved mum; Mornings dawn and evenings fade, but still she doesn't come. In the house, her jumper's spread upon her favourite chair; But, what's the use of comfort if your loved one isn't there? A kindly neighbour fills his dish and rubs his tabby head, 'Tomorrow will be Christmas Eve — you'll have her home,' she said.

His head lifts as the gatelatch clicks and, joy of joys, it's 'her'. Somewhere, deep within his chest, starts up a mighty purr. Forgetting age, with tail aloft, he runs to meet his friend. For him, it's happy Christmas and fussing without end. But, there are many homeless cats with no such loving care, And for these lonely, friendless ones, I pray a Christmas prayer That each may have its share of love and shelter from the storm, Sufficient food, a place to sleep in: somewhere safe and warm.

...W. Girt

THE HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND IS MIGHTY SWEET...DID YOU KNOW THAT:

24% of pet owners 55+ celebrate their pets' birthdays and 57% say their pets are more likely than their significant other to give them a welcome-home kiss!



UPDATE ON BOAG

Our appreciation goes out to all of you who have donated to Boag's medical fund. We are still trying to raise money for his much needed surgery. We have applied for grants and are waiting for replies. In the meantime, he is on anti-inflammatories and is delighting everyone with his playful and loving personality. He acts like a puppy and loves to play with everyone. He is always ready with a big smile and a lots of kisses for staff and volunteers.

Donations may be sent to:

Humane Society of Tuolumne County
Boag Medical Fund
P. O. Box 830
Jamestown, CA 95327

Any questions, please email Doryene Rapini at operations@hsotc.org

STAYING IN TOUCH ELECTRONICALLY

Utilizing a Paws-a-While e-newsletter can be an effective, low-cost method for staying in touch with you our valued members. Because there are no mailing and printing costs involved, it's gentle to our bottom-line and an almost instantaneous delivery. Starting with this issue, we will be producing quarterly e-newsletters along with our bi-annual printed and mailed version.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECTACULAR SKIING GET-A-WAY

WIN TWO "LEARN TO PACKAGES" FROM DODGE RIDGE AND MORE!






The Humane Society of Tuolumne County (HSOTC), Dodge Ridge, McCaffrey House Bed & Breakfast, Steam Donkey Restaurant and Sierra Nevada Adventure Company have teamed up on the **Spectacular Skiing Get-A-Way**. A \$5 raffle ticket enters you into a drawing for two **Learn**

to Packages including two vouchers for an adult or teen lesson, skis, boots and poles or snowboard and boots and a lift ticket (valid on Chair Lifts 1, 2 and 6). Package includes two vouchers for an adult or teen lesson, skis, boots and poles or snowboard & boots and a lift ticket (valid on chair lifts 1, 2 and 6). In addition, you will enjoy mid-week lodging at McCaffrey House, dinner for two at the Steam Donkey Restaurant and a rental certificate from Sierra Nevada Adventure Company. All proceeds go directly to the HSOTC.

Drawing Date: February 4, 2012 at 11:00AM
Location: Humane Society of Tuolumne County
10040 Victoria Way • Jamestown CA 95327

Tickets can be purchased beginning December 13, 2011 at the following locations:

-  HSOTC, 10040 Victoria Way, Jamestown, CA 95327
-  Purrfect Bargains Thrift Boutique, 14317 Mono Way, Suites D - F, Sonora, CA 95370
-  Twain Harte Market, 18711 Tiffeni Drive, Twain Harte, CA 95383-9590

Join in the fun and your chance to win our **Spectacular Skiing Get-A-Way**



*4th Annual
Bone Appétit
Spring Champagne
Brunch*

Sunday • April 29, 2012 • 10:30 am
Sonora Elks Lodge

Live Music • Shopping
Mimosas • Silent Auction

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209-533-2963

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERING...YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR THE HSOTC!

"Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals." – Anonymous

One of the things that make the Humane Society of Tuolumne County what it is, is you, our dedicated volunteers, who are willing to give your time and energy to help our cause. And as we continue to organize and assess our needs, we want to try and match volunteer talents - past work experience and vocational training - to our needs, your interests and work abilities. With that in mind, we would like to ask for your help.

Do you have a background in accounting, teaching, technical writing, customer service, training and education, website design or are you a Twitter/Facebook/MySpace aficionado? If so, we'd like to know your area of expertise so when special projects arise, we can contact you and see if our need matches your availability. If you're currently walking our shelter dogs, cuddling our shelter cats or just helping us tidy up...we want to know that, too!

If you have specific areas of expertise and can help, please let us know by sending an e-mail to Jean McClymonds at hsotcpetlover@aol.com.

Interested in learning more about our current volunteer job openings? Here are just a few!

COMMUNITY/OUTREACH EVENTS

Are you looking for a way to spread the word about the wonderful animals available for adoption at HSOTC? Community event volunteers set up and staff informational tables at offsite events in a variety of settings. When a request comes up, we will email you to check your availability to attend and help out.

GRANT WRITER

Working in tandem with HSOTC management and Board of Directors, the grant writer works to help develop and research grant opportunities and complete the grant application process.

GREETER/TELEPHONE OPERATOR

HSOTC's greeter/telephone operator is stationed at the front desk/lobby area, greeting customers, explaining adoption procedures, handing out adoption forms and directing telephone calls.

MARKETING ASSISTANT

The marketing assistant will work in concert with fundraising and marketing staff to help promote the HSOTC through various marketing mediums including special events, distribution of event flyers, stocking and display of HSOTC promotional materials at local veterinary offices, pet supply stores, groomers and like businesses.

POST ADOPTION FOLLOW-UP

To help with the HSOTC post adoption follow-up, volunteers need to be an enthusiastic and compassionate person to make contact with adopters once they have taken their adopted pet home. Following up is important to determine if the animal's behavior, health and overall character match their new forever home.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR!

Awards were presented to Stephanie Hoffman and MaryLee Bradley at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held December 4 at the Shelter Conference Room.

Stephanie volunteers at the shelter walking and socializing our dogs, takes their photographs and maintains our FaceBook Website and is known to all as our "Dog Whisperer." MaryLee volunteers at our Purrfect Bargains Thrift Store doing everything from cleaning and pricing to straightening and displaying store merchandise. Her warm and caring personality endears her to all.

Thanks to Stephanie, MaryLee and all our volunteers for your hard work and dedication on behalf of our shelter and resident animals!