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in finding new
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FOR OUR SHELTER.**



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JOIN US FOR OUR HARVEST FUNDRAISER WHISKERS, WAGS, AND WINE!



If you love animals and wine, this event is purrrfect! We invite you to join us for this exceptional event in our shelter conference room on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 3:30pm-5:30pm. We know that great food and wine go hand-in-hand and that's why we're working with Ayreal Vieux Winery and Chef Dave Cooks to provide the ultimate in a food appetizer and wine pairing event. In addition you'll enjoy our mystery box raffle along with our cat and dog coin toss where the winner receives a local winery gift basket.

Tickets are available for purchase at our shelter, Mountain Bookshop in the Junction Shopping Center, or online at hsotc.org. Members are \$30.00 or \$55.00 for a member plus guest and \$35.00 for the general public.

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT PARADE

Saturday, April 15, was the 'Who Let the Dogs Out' Parade in Twain Harte. We took Buggs, Rocky, and Charlie and they had the best time. The weather was beautiful and all the dogs in the parade were amazing. Thank you Twain Harte.



GENEROUS YOUNG BOYS



It is always inspiring and heartwarming to see young boys and girls take an interest in our animals and try to help in any way they can. Phoenix Matheny, Augustus Matheny, and Brodie Niles went out of their way to collect and donate \$72.00 to our dogs and cats. Thank you to all three of these wonderful young boys.

EXCITING ADOPTIONS



Our longest resident, Erica, was adopted March 29. Her new name is Kayla and she waited patiently for her loving and forever home. She had been with us since February of 2016. We are so happy for this beautiful and sweet girl. Congratulations Erica.



BRIDGETTE



HALLE



TWIGGY

Bridgette, Halle, and Twiggy were adopted on April 20 by the same wonderful family. These girls have been together for a long time and they are going to have the most amazing home. Congratulations to these sweet cats.

HSOTC VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



The HSOTC has a new volunteer coordinator, Linda Bass, who oversees the orientation of new volunteers, trains and directs incoming shelter volunteers, and

organizes volunteers to help with our fundraising events. In addition, she also volunteers at the front desk at least one day a week...if not more!

Linda moved here two years ago from the Bay Area and lives in Sonora along with her husband and daughter who recently graduated from Northeastern University in Boston.

Linda comments that growing up she always had cats and dogs as her mom had a hard time saying no to a rescue. She, too, has enjoyed both cats and dogs and over the last 20 years raised two Golden Retrievers...the first one as a puppy and the second as a two-year-old from the Golden Retriever Rescue.

That's why, when it came to volunteering, she chose the HSOTC, enjoying the animals while getting to know them all by name.

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Wish List

Tarps
Tuff Shed
Bleach
Pine Sol
Paper Towels
Wring Mops
Newspapers
Cat Toys
Dog Collars and Leashes

SHOP OUR WEBSITE ONLINE STORE!

Did you know we have some HSOTC items for sale on our website? Simply go to hsotc.org and click on the Shop Online tab at the top to get started!



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 bottom line, an almost instantaneous delivery, and helps with greening! We produce quarterly e-newsletters and will have a few printed versions available at our shelter.

If you have an e-mail address, please send it to shelter@hsotc.org so we can add you to our e-mail list to receive your copy electronically.

2017 RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE

TUOLUMNE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AND TUOLUMNE COUNTY VETERINARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RABIES & LICENSING CLINICS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	June 6th	Columbia State Park	7:00 PM	* Dogs only @ Main St. & Jackson
Tuesday	June 20th	Jamestown Fire Station	7:00 PM	* Dogs only @ 4th Ave & Willow
Wednesday	July 19th	Groveland Clinic	7:00 PM	* Dogs only @ Mary Laveroni Park
Tuesday	August 1st	Tuolumne Clinic	7:00 PM	* Dogs only @ The Memorial Hall (Front Lawn area)
Tuesday	August 15th	Willow Springs	7:00 PM	* Dogs only @ The Willow Springs Clubhouse
Saturday	Sept 9th	Shelter Clinic #2	1:30 - 3:00 PM	Dogs and Cats @ AC/HS parking lot

***Dogs only @ Clinics June 6th thru August 15th**
Rabies Vaccinations Fees: \$10.00 per shot (Dog/Cat)
1 year dog license: \$6.50 (altered) \$21.00 (unaltered)
3 year dog license: \$17.50 (altered) \$61.00 (unaltered)

****MUST HAVE PROOF OF SPAY TO QUALIFY FOR ALTERED LICENSE FEE****

Please bring renewal form(s) to clinic for faster service *Any Questions please call Animal Control* **694-2730**

JUNE IS ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH

Here's How to Find the Right Purring Companion:

You may have heard the saying, "You own a dog, but you feed a cat." It is true that cats value their independence a bit more than their canine counterparts. Yet, if you've ever been around cats, you already know they crave and require love and companionship. Cats make wonderful pets and easily adjust to a variety of lifestyles and living spaces. Every cat is a true individual though, so it's important to take the time to choose a four-footed friend who's right for you. A cat's personality, age and appearance, as well as the kinds of pets you already have at home, are all things you should keep in mind when making your selection.

If you've ever been to our shelter, you have probably noticed that some cat's meow and head butt the cage door while others simply lie back and gaze at you with a look of total ambiguity.

Regardless of individual personality, look for a cat that is playful, active, alert, and comfortable while being held. Ask our kennel/cattery caretakers for assistance when you wish to spend some time with individual cats. Because they are in an unfamiliar environment, some cats that are usually quite social may be frightened or passive while at the shelter.

As a general rule, kittens are curious, playful, and full of energy, while adult cats are more relaxed and less mischievous. Kittens also require more time to train and feed. Cats are only kittens for a few months, though, so the age of the cat you adopt should really depend on the level of maturity you are looking for. Young children usually don't have the maturity to handle kittens responsibly, so a cat that is at least four months old is probably the best choice for homes with young children.

They All May Be Cute, But Which Is Right For You?

Though dogs also have differences in coat, choosing the length of coat on a cat is a little different. Because the hair is generally finer and cats shed more, and hair length can be an important part of your decision. Cats can have long, fluffy coats or short, dense fur and the choice between the two is chiefly a matter of preference, availability, and your willingness to devote time to regular grooming. Short-haired cats are generally easier to come by since they're the most popular and the most common. Keep in mind that long-haired cats require frequent grooming to remain mat-free. Felines with short coats also require brushing, though less frequently. Most cats enjoy a regular brushing and look forward to this daily ritual.

If you already own a cat or dog, you're probably wondering how easy it is to add a cat to the family. The good news is that cats can get along with other cats, and despite the common stereotype, most dogs can get along with cats too. Unfortunately, introducing a new cat to a home with other pets can be time consuming and require patience on your part.

The best way to handle adding a new cat to the home is to provide time for a period of adjustment. You can do this effectively by isolating your new feline in a room of their own for a while, something that is a good idea for a new cat anyway. After several days, supervise meetings between the animals for periods of increasing length. Most cats will soon learn to accept each other. Some dogs simply won't tolerate the presence of a cat, but by carefully introducing them, most problems can be solved.

No matter which kind of cat you choose, remember that you're making a commitment to love and care for your new feline friend for their lifetime. That could mean 10, 15 or even 20 years. So choose your new companion carefully and be a responsible pet owner. In no time at all, you'll know how wonderful sharing your home with a cat can be.

OPEN CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The Humane Society of Tuolumne County (HSOTC) Board of Directors is a group of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to help advance the mission of the HSOTC and advocate for the organization. It's primary focus is on organizational governance and strategic planning and entrusts the operation of the organization to the HSOTC staff under the guidance of the Board's executive committee.

Our board members are dedicated and passionate about the welfare of all animals in our Tuolumne County communities. The road is long and the responsibilities are many yet the rewards are priceless when you see the happy animals and shining faces of their new family members.

Our mission is critical to the animals and people that we serve so it is very important to find a diverse and well-rounded group of volunteers to serve as board members. The business of sheltering animals requires much more than just animal experience and your personal and professional experience could greatly help make a difference to our organization's success.

We currently have two positions available on the board and if you find that you are passionate about being part of the HSOTC mission, please contact us at shelter@hsotc.org or go online at hsotc.org for a board application and additional information about board responsibilities. We need to fill these open positions and hope that if you want to make a difference in the lives of our four-legged friends, you will decide to join our board.



Thanks to all of you who attended this year's 20's-themed event. It was a rousing success and helped to raise the much needed funds to support our animal residents.

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