

PAW PRINTS



The Volunteer Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2019

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Welcome to Paw Prints, TVAR's volunteer newsletter. We welcome your feedback – whether that be in the form of articles; what you would like to see highlighted in the newsletter; volunteers you would like to see spotlighted – and the list goes on. As always – thank you ALL for All that you do for these deserving animals. Without every one of you – so many more would be lost.

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Tuxes & Tails

TVAR supporters braved a blustery night to stroll down the red carpet at the inaugural Tuxes & Tails event at Castlewood Country Club on February 9th. Attendees enjoyed bidding on packages like “Caddy Shack” (golf), “Grapes of Wrath” (wineries), and “Date Night” (restaurants). Guests also vied for some exciting live auction items, such as a tour of the nations’ Capitol with Congressman Eric Swalwell, a Ride in a San Francisco Fireboat, and Dinner for 8 at the Forbes Mill Steakhouse. Upon winning the “Name the Puppy” contest, one lucky guest won a pair of tickets to see the Rolling Stones, while another

won an Amazon Echo in the raffle. Guests also participated in a fun “Dessert Dash” that drew bids for the delectable treats in the thousands. The Board of Tri-Valley Animal Rescue would like to thank all the donors, attendees, and volunteers who helped make Tuxes & Tails such a success. We applaud your dedication to our mission to give animals a Second Chance.



TVAR Board Matters

TVAR's Board of Directors is the governing body of our organization and meets monthly. The agenda varies depending on the organization's needs at the time, but typically includes discussions on various financial matters, fundraising and donor outreach efforts and program matters.

Throughout the winter, TVAR's Board of Directors was very focused on our annual gala fund-raising event, Tuxes & Tails held on February 9th (see Article above). We are delighted to share with our volunteers (many of whom came and enjoyed the festivities) that the event was very well attended, very well received, and a terrific success. The Board is now turning its attention to 2019/2020 planning including budgetary matters, volunteerism, donor recruitment, growth opportunities and other fund-raising activities.



TVAR's Board of Directors welcomes any comments or suggestions from our volunteers and is always searching for new ways to improve our image and fulfill our mission of saving homeless Dogs and Cats in the Tri-Valley Area and giving them a Second Chance.

Board Spotlight

Meet **Dawn McKeown**, TVAR's longest standing Board Member, having served on the Board since 2004. Dawn is the coordinator of the TVAR Puppy Program, where she and a team of dedicated puppy fosters and volunteers save at risk litters of very young puppies. She will often be seen Saturday afternoons at Pet Food Express in Danville calming the maddening crowds of puppy adopters who are waiting, sometimes impatiently, for their turn at adopting a puppy

Dawn has quite a history of being involved as a volunteer with rescue animals, having started with the North Shore Animal League when she was only 15 years old, working with puppies and kittens. Dawn wound up working with the North Shore Animal League as she got older - driving to the shelters on Long Island and Brooklyn picking up dogs to be transferred into the adoption program. Her next job was working with horses, caring for a full line of 21 school horses after which she became a dog groomer



and worked for a veterinarian, even caring for Donkeys and Llamas.

Dawn then transferred to human care, going to nursing school. She became and has been an ICU nurse for 30 years.

Dawn loves horses and rides hunter jumpers (see Dawn in the picture with Stormy)- and any chance she gets - she loves being in the company of horses and puppies and 4 legged creatures in general.



Meet the Newest Employee of TVAR

Lynne Menon is TVAR's new Marketing Communications Director. Lynne was officially hired in the new year, however she actually began her career at TVAR in November, jumping right in as the chair of our Tuxes & Tails event. With a B.S. in Marketing and an M.A. in Creative Writing, Lynne came to TVAR after 3 years at Tri-Valley Haven. She previously worked in communications roles at the American Cancer Society, Greenwich Family YMCA, and Liberation Programs, and volunteered as a suicide prevention counselor. Lynne is a dog lover who moved to Pleasanton from Connecticut with her family in 2012. She and her husband have a 20 year old daughter at CalPoly and a 16 year old son at Foothill (where she volunteers as Wellness Coordinator for the PTSA). Lynne is pictured here with Sammie and 8 week old TVAR rescue Ruby.



Volunteer Appreciation Event

Spread the Word & Save the Date



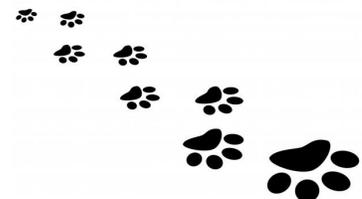
Saturday, May 18, 2019

Blue Agave Club

625 Main St., Pleasanton

6:00 PM until 9:00 PM

If you would like to volunteer for this fun filled event, please contact Sharon Silbert at SilbertRichard08@comcast.net



Volunteer Kudos!!

Meet **Selyia Yoo**— a wonderful volunteer who is involved in many TVAR activities. Selyia is a dog foster who loves giving dogs that Second Chance. She is outgoing and a pleasure to work with and happy to talk about her foster dogs to potential adopters. Selyia has donated many items to the dog program as well. Selyia is very generous with her time, working on Facebook postings for several years now, creating collages, videos, and special graphics. She has very good attention to detail and is knowledgeable about many software programs and is incredibly dependable and conscientious about her work. Nowhere has Selyia's dedication been more evident than the work she did on TVAR's gala Tuxes & Tails Fundraiser Event at Castlewood Country Club. She worked tirelessly at all hours of the day and night to make sure everything in print for the Tuxes & Tails event at Castlewood was perfect. She designed all the promotional material for the Live auction items, posted them on Facebook and designed and developed the Program for the Event as well. Thanks, Selyia for all that you do for TVAR!!

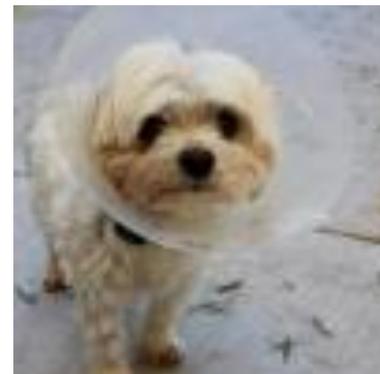


Giving them another chance

Milo is a little bit of a Maltese that came into the East County Animal Shelter in late December as a stray. This joyful ball of fur, who the shelter estimated to be about 7 years old, had a huge mass on his belly. Milo was just so adorable, sweet and loving, he stole everyone's heart! We just couldn't let this sweet boy go unattended so TVAR had the mass removed while getting him



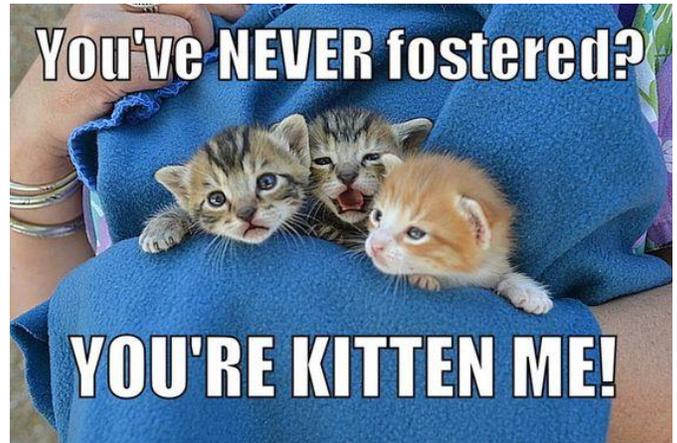
neutered. While he did get a lot of attention at the Shelter - because of his cancer history- Milo just wasn't getting adopted. We really wanted this special boy to be in a loving home setting for however long he might have. Fortunately, at the beginning of March, a lovely couple came to meet Milo and became his fosters. Milo will need additional diagnostic testing to see if there is anything further we can do for him. Meanwhile he is absolutely having the time of



his little life in his new foster home with his new canine companion. It appears that Milo will be adopted by his foster family as they are already totally smitten by our adorable little guy. We will keep you posted as we learn more about this amazing special boy.

Kitten News - Fosters Needed!

Kitten season has officially sprung! We are always recruiting foster families for our Feline Foster Team! Do you have room in your home to get these little ones ready for adoption? Kittens stay in foster homes from 2 weeks to 2 months. Most kittens can stay alone for several hours but will require lots of playtime and socialization with their foster family. TVAR provides all the supplies, including medical care and you supply the love and socialization! To join the team and help TVAR save more lives email kittenfosters@tvar.org



Shelter News

Shelter life is "ruff" for a dog,
but you can help them wag more!

PROJECT WAG!

What's in a wag? A wag is happiness, love, joy,
fun and a chance at a new life.

With your help, The East County Animal Shelter will transform a play area from puddles to paradise! Donations will assist with the installation of pet friendly artificial grass. Our newly designed yard will allow for cleaner, happier dogs as well as a welcoming area for potential adopters to meet their new family member. But wait, there's more! Other benefits to artificial grass include better parasite control, less mud and water conservation.

Want to help save lives, find homes,
keep clean and wag more?

Visit TVAR.ORG to donate and make
sure to mark it "Project Wag"

An illustration of a brown dog sitting on a green hill, looking towards the left.

In the last issue of Paw Prints we told you about the artificial lawn TVAR installed at the East County Animal Shelter. It has been such a success during this very wet winter that ECAS, working through TVAR, has a fundraising drive to convert one of the large yards to Artificial Grass. It is called "Project Wag". We are hopeful this can happen sometime this summer. Stay tuned!!



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