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## TRACKING OUR JOURNEY



Every year in the United States millions of loving dogs and cats are still being put to death because people keep breeding them to make money, reckless ignorance and by closing their eyes to feral and stray cats. Too many of these dogs and cats end up in shelters or are abandoned to fend for themselves.

Every day at Actors and Others we answer over 200 telephone calls and emails helping callers spay and neuter their pets, receive veterinary medical care plus other services. As we do so, it is easy to forget the tremendous advances that have been made since we opened our doors in 1971. Shelter populations and euthanasia rates were at their highest back then, and spaying and neutering pets was just beginning to be accepted.

Then as now, California was at the forefront of recognizing the human-animal bond. The first low cost spay/neuter clinic opened in 1971 in Los Angeles and the issue of pet overpopulation entered the national debate. At Actors and Others, our mission was, as the saying goes, destiny.

Fast forward to today and Actors and Others remains a major resource in Los Angeles and adjacent counties. We are proud to report that 2014 was another successful year, and are energized that each year more and more assistance programs become available.



**Dog Spays** 2,792  
**Dog Neuters** 2,050



**Cat Spays** 2,380  
**Cat Neuters** 1,740



**Medicals** 546



**Pet Assisted  
Therapy Visits** 28,805



**Humane Education  
Students** 6,726

Statistics are counted when bills are received and paid

## WORKING TOGETHER TO STOP PET OVERPOPULATION

Helen Keller once noted that "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Actors and Others is once again pleased to be working together with The Jason Debus Heigl Foundation on administering a new free sterilization program for dogs and cats in certain areas of Bellflower (90706), Santa Fe Springs (90670), South El Monte (91733) and South Gate (90280). This program will be funded by the Heigl Foundation in partnership with the ASPCA and administered by Actors and Others. Verification of residency will be required and limited to owned pets (no feral cats).



Katherine Heigl  
and friend

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## SPAYING CAN LITERALLY SAVE YOUR PET'S LIFE – JUST ASK ANGIE AND BUBBIE

Pyometra is one of the most frequent requests for veterinary medical help we receive. An infection of the womb, if left untreated or if treatment is delayed, it can be fatal. Most pet guardians don't recognize the seriousness of this disease and delay seeing a veterinarian which can be both tragic and expensive. The best prevention is to have all your female pets spayed, not to mention the most economical.

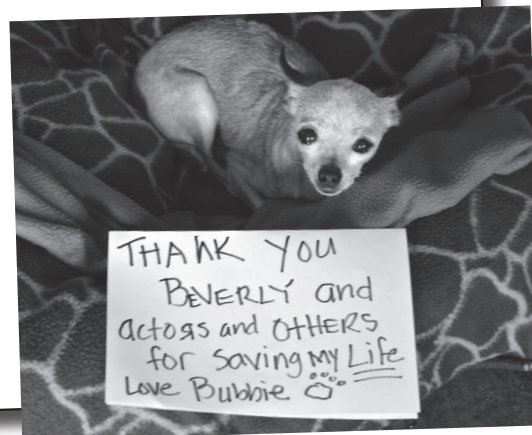
Every veterinary medical application we receive has a personal story, many of which are heartbreaking. There are so many ailments that can affect the health of our beloved pets, and unfortunately we can't help everyone. Sterilizing them provides many health benefits for both females and males. Here is Angie's story:

"I don't even know where to begin telling you how much your help means to me. Poor little Bubbie spent her life being brutally abused and mistreated. She had a ton of litters, and was in a kill shelter where no one wanted her because she was older, a little hard of hearing and seeing.

She was so very fearful. I looked into her little black eyes, and gently stroked her head and made her this promise as I cried for the pain she has endured, 'I promise to make the rest of your life so amazing and beautiful, that you will never remember how bad it was.'

She soon became my constant companion. The paperwork said she had been fixed, but she had not been. She took ill and almost died from a uterine infection. We got her well, but it happened again the next month. We didn't think she would survive, but she is a fighter. The only way to save her life was by getting her fixed, and which will put a permanent end to her illness. I have my little "tank" back. I have only had her for a year. I can keep my promise to her. Your organization made that possible. Dr Sharp said she would have died within days, and could not believe she made it as long as she had huge holes in her uterus which were seeping infection throughout her little body."

Love and Kindness,  
ANGIE, Bubbie and baby Bee  
(sterilized at the same time)



## UPDATE - A STAR IS BORN



In 2013, the "Best in Show," winning trophy went to "Maggie," an endearing Shar Pei and her guardian Bernie Shine, who shared their nightly bedtime routine. (You can still check out the video at our website, [www.actorsandothers.com](http://www.actorsandothers.com).)

Now SWEET HOLLYWOOD CANDY STORE, located in the Hollywood Highland Center, has created and released a

custom 1/4 pound chocolate bar, Marshmallow Maggie, featuring Blue Ribbon winner, Maggie. SWEET is donating \$1.00 of each sale to Actors and Others where Maggie got her humble beginning. <http://store.sweetlosangeles.com/marshmallow-maggie-chocolate-bar/dp/21730>.

# “CELEBRITY AUTOBIOGRAPHY” SPECIAL EVENT

On October 13, 2014 Actors and Others presented a one night performance of the Drama Desk Award winning show, “Celebrity Autobiography,” at the famed El Portal Theatre. One part tantalizing, one part surprising, this utterly unique theatre experience saw celebrity guest performers **Mindy Cohn, Joey Fatone, Florence Henderson, Eugene Pack, Lainie Kazan, Laraine Newman, Lily Tomlin, Dayle Reyfel, Bruce Valanch** and **Fred Willard** reciting excerpts of the autobiographies of the famous and infamous.



**Fred Willard, Dayle Reyfel, Lainie Kazan, Florence Henderson, Bruce Valanch, Mindy Cohn, Lorraine Newman, JoAnne Worley, Lily Tomlin, Eugene Pack and Joey Fatone**



**Lily Tomlin**

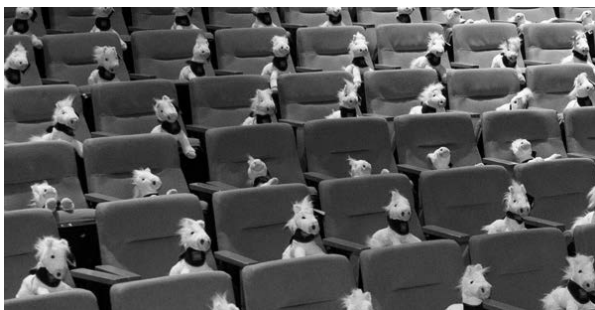
When **Fred Willard** announced “I will be reading from Justin Bieber’s second memoir ‘Just Getting Started,’” the audience howled with delight. **Florence Henderson** read from the autobiography of Mr. T and **Lily Tomlin** from that of Hedy Lamar with SNL alum **Laraine Newman** channeling Carol Channing and **Lainie Kazan** doing the same for Ethel Merman. **Joey Fatone** rushed over from the “Dancing with the Stars” set to take on “Don’t Hassle the Hoff,” the mesmerizing autobiography by David Hasselhoff. Of course, we couldn’t leave out the pets of the famous (yes there are “Dogobiographies.”). **Mindy Cohn** acted out Millie of the Bush



**Mindy Cohn, Eugene Pack, Lainie Kazan**

White House fame and **Bruce Vilanch** as Shirley MacLaine’s dog Terry from “Out on a Leash.”

“Celebrity Autobiography” was created by Emmy-nominated writer-performer **Eugene Pack** (who read from Ricky Martin’s tome) and developed by Pack and **Dayle Reyfel** (a scorned Debbie Reynolds in passages concerning her famous divorce). We can’t thank them enough for the crowd pleasing evening. The laughter was non-stop – all of it in jest of course.



**El Portal Theatre filled with the Well Fargo plush ponies**

The nearly 350 ticket holders filled the lobby checking out the popular silent auction. Soon the traditional curtain call could be heard, and as the guests entered the theatre they were greeted with a awe-inspiring sight -- each seat contained a plush pony named Mollie donated by Wells Fargo, the evening’s premier sponsor. A big standing ovation goes to **Jonathan Weedman** and **Wells Fargo** for their enormous support.

Actors and Others’ president **JoAnne Worley** began the evening with a few live auction items and then Executive Director **Susan Taylor** presented the first **Paul Jolly Award of Caring** (presented in honor of the late and very missed Actors and Others’ board member) to a surprised **Susan Rosenberg** who worked closely with him over the years in all of his work on behalf of animals.

We owe a big debt of gratitude once again to the **Petco Foundation** for being a key sponsor and to **Harlan Boll Public Relations** for all of his hard work and to **Jay Irwin** and **Pegge Forrest** of the El Portal Theatre. Kudos too to **belinda Art on Glass, San Antonio Winery, Imagic** and the **Candy Factory** and all of the wonderful people and venues who provided both the silent and live auction selections.



# MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

Memory... is the diary that we all carry about with us. ~ ~ Oscar Wilde

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



**In Celebration of Paul Sessa's Birthday**  
**Adriana Quinn, Michael Byrd, Jon Smith, James Moore, Michael Sluchan,**  
**Ulisses Guimaraes, Eric Carr, Cathy Noonan, Bedford Lally**

**PEGGY BOCK** – Happy Anniversary Jay Aldrich and Bob Dugan

**DOLLY MARTIN** – In honor of JoAnne Worley's birthday

**DUSTIN FOSTER** – Merry Christmas Mom

**MICHELLE MAZURKI** – In honor of Richard Maloof's Birthday

**LYNN & GENE GEYER** – In honor of Sherry O'Hare's Birthday

**ACTORS AND OTHERS** – In memory of Pet Therapy Dog Breezy

**BARBARA GORDON** – In memory of Breezy who volunteered 5 years for VA

**JOYCE STANKO** – In memory of George Koeck

**JEAN BROWN** – In memory of Biscuit

**JOAN LISSAUER** – To Adler Family in memory of Bree

**SHARON ENGLAND** – To Williams Family in memory of Daisy Williams

**PAM RAINEY** – In memory of Tut Lindsay

**PAM RAINEY** – In memory of Roxy and Oso Libbon

**JEFF AND NANCY GRAFF** – In memory of Elvis Presley

**LAURIE COHN** – In memory of Paul Jolly

**ELIZABETH QUILL** – In memory of Barbara Awerkamp

**CONNIE ELLIOT** – In memory of Barbara Awerkamp

**MICHAEL STERN** – In memory of Barbara Awerkamp

**LINDA SCOTT** – In memory of Ollie

**PAM RAINEY** – In memory of Sascha Gayden

**TEXAS A&M RESEARCH FD** – In memory of Dorothy Jay

**KRIS CHAPPELEAR** – to Jenefer Roberts in memory of Cindy

## HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR PETS

Starting last year, we introduced a new section to honor and remember the pets who have touched your lives. These are additional pet guardians who made a donation in honor of those pets who share their homes today and in memory of those who will always share their heart.

**RUSSO FAMILY** – to Ozzy

**ALPHIE** – to Tripod

**MARY GARDNER** – to Dutch and Bailey

**TERI BAGGOT** – to Jake and Molly from Mom

**KENNETH B. RAY** – to Sugar, Kelley, Penny, Peppy, Chelsey

**LU WEINNEKER** – to Oliver

**MERRY KROPFF** – to Petey

**MARILYN ST. CLAIR** – to late husband Gary and cats Suling and Phoedra

**MARIA AND GEOFF REGALADO** – to my dear cat Nina

**NORMA FISHER** – to Reggie, Roxie and Bertie

**ALYDIA** – to Shilo, Tahoe and Inky

Actors and Others is deeply grateful to **Leah Lenski** who remembered us in her Will. By doing so she 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.

## GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

On December 8, 2014 Executive Director Susan Taylor attended the groundbreaking ceremony for a new County of Los Angeles shelter to be located in the City of Palmdale. Projected to open in early 2016, the shelter will be the first for the County since the 1970s and hopefully will shine a light on the need to rebuild or renovate the other county shelters all of which are 38-68 years old!



The new state-of-the-art shelter will be a 25,500 square-foot indoor facility to serve the City of Palmdale and portions of the Antelope Valley, and will alleviate the high volume of animals and calls for service at the Lancaster shelter. Features include separate intake and adoption areas for immediate medical evaluation and of course a spay and neuter clinic.