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SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 9, 2011

JOIN ACTORS AND OTHERS FOR ANIMALS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CARING

Saluting Betty White

On Saturday, April 9, 2011 Actors and Others for Animals will be celebrating 40 years of caring for companion animals and their guardians. We are pleased and delighted to salute the one and only . . . our very own BETTY WHITE. We look forward to toasting, roasting, boasting, reminiscing and simply spending some time with our good friend and board member and some of her friends.

Betty will also be the first recipient of the BETTY WHITE INSPIRATIONAL AWARD to honor individuals who have, through both personal and public commitment, inspired public awareness and appreciation of animals and their need for protection and care. Back in 1971 when deciding on a name for the fledgling organization, Actors and Others for Animals was chosen because the early members wanted to use the entertainment stage to

draw media attention on the plight of animals. It worked. Betty was there then as she is today, and all along the way inspiring multi-generations to respect animals. We can think of no better role-model to pay honor.



Betty and Pontiac

So please mark your calendars and be sure to watch for your invitation in the mail. This very special anniversary event will be held at the Universal City Hilton and Towers. And remember, all proceeds benefit our many programs and services. We hope to see you there and be sure to catch Betty in her latest movie, "You Again."

Betty's **BUCK\$ for BALL\$!** SPAY/NEUTER CAMPAIGN

To observe four decades of commitment to ending pet overpopulation and reducing the number of unwanted puppies and kittens in local shelters, Betty has also joined with Actors and Others in a special promotion dubbed "Betty's Bucks for Balls Spay/Neuter Campaign." This promotion is aimed at all of Betty's fans (and who among us is not), who have decreed that Betty is one fabulous old broad! It was her Facebook fans who triggered her hosting gig on "Saturday Night Live" which recently earned Betty her seventh Emmy! The aim of the campaign is to solicit just \$1.00 (or more) from all of Betty's fans and then using all of the money raised in this campaign to provide free spay and neuter surgeries for animals in need during our 40th anniversary year. Please visit our website at www.actorsandothers.com to send in your donation and encourage all of your friends and family to do the same!

SPAY AND NEUTER LICENSE PLATE

California is one step closer to a specialty Spay and Neuter License Plate. The plates, with a design by Pierce Bronson, will be issued after an initial 7,500 prepaid applications have been collected. As of August, approximately 1,500 applications have been received. Net proceeds from the sale and annual renewal of the license plates will fund spay and neuter surgeries through local animal shelters throughout the state. You can preorder your plate at www.caspayplate.com.



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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Actors and Others is deeply grateful to our Board Member SHERRY MILLER and her husband SKIP for opening their beautiful Pacific Palisades home on September 12th for a Sunday garden party to celebrate the "Dog Days of Summer." It was a picture perfect day where some 200 guests sipped a little wine, sampled some refreshing hors d'oeuvres and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow animal lovers.

The centerpiece and true treat of the afternoon was the performance by DON FELDER, former "Eagles" guitarist, playing the ever popular "Hotel California." This classic and timeless piece of American rock 'n roll history was co-written by Don and features his trademark electric guitar work. He also regaled the appreciative audience with "Tequila Sunrise" and "Take It Easy." In addition, Don donated one of his guitars for the event, which was auctioned off in a lively bidding flurry, with the winning bid topping \$4,000! Thank you Don for making this a truly memorable day!

Actors and Others' President, JO ANNE WORLEY, took on the role of emcee for the entertainment portion of the day. Asking good friend and animal advocate LILY TOMLIN about her pets, the duo had the guests roaring with laughter with Lily telling stories performed as her well-known characters Edith Ann, the bratty little girl usually sitting in an over-sized rocking chair, and Ernestine, the wisecracking, snorting telephone operator! The award-winning comedian is a real trouper when it comes to bringing attention to the needs of our animal companions, and we can't thank her enough for taking the time away from her busy schedule to give our guests such a special performance.

Others taking turns at the mike were TOMMY CHONG of "Cheech and Chong" fame and Actors and Others' pal and funnyman FRED WILLARD. Each described their rescued pets as important members of their households, with Fred noting that his wife, Actors and Others' board member MARY WILLARD made it clear that if he wanted to stay in their home, so must the cat! We thank both of these talented men for helping the animals!



Don Felder



JoAnne Worley, Sherry Miller, Lily Tomlin



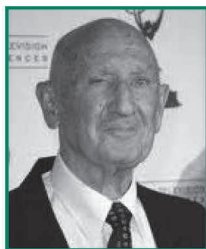
JoAnne Worley and Fred Willard

A HARD LESSON LEARNED – SPAYING SAVES LIVES!

Eleven years ago, Lynn C's cat, Libby, had one litter of kittens. Afterwards, she looked into the cost of having the cat spayed, but couldn't afford it. As the years went by, the cost went up! Now 12, Libby recently suffered a ruptured mammary tumor. For an older cat, this was an extensive surgery; for Lynn it was financially and emotionally draining. Enlisting the help of friends and family, even as far away as France, and with the financial as well as supportive help of Actors and Others (thanks to all of you), Libby received her operation, and is back home. Lynn wanted us to know that "mere words cannot even begin to measure the amount of gratitude my family and I have towards you organization," and to please tell everyone to "spay early" because waiting too long can cost the biggest price of all – your pet's life!



MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS



Memory is a way of holding on to the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose.

~ Kevin Arnold

Actors and Others for Animals wishes Bob Stewart a very happy 90th birthday.

We invite you to honor and share such a memory on these pages. Birthday wishes or a thank you to a special animal lover or veterinarian are also welcome. When accompanied by a contribution of \$20 or more, tributes or accolades will be printed in our bi-annual newsletter.

In honor of Sherry and Skip Miller

Rochelle and David Fredston

To honor that dear Betty White

Tim Conway

In memory of my beloved cat Ging

Jim Brent

In honor and memory of Maddie

Cheryl Nelson

In the name of Gary and Gerri Mitchell

In memory of Abby

Bruce Mitchell

In the name of Julian Siminski and Rob Wilson

In memory of Baby

Nancy Nickerson

Shirley Caputo

In the name of The Pholhammers

In memory of Sweet Mickey

Deborah Lacusta

In loving memory of Arnold Feldman

Miriam (Mickey) Feldman

In honor of Betty White's bravo

Toasting of SNL. Love that lady!

Bob Dugan and Jay Aldrich

In the name of Susan Skalla

In memory of Rachel

Eileen Harte

In loving memory of Spuds (dog) and

Sneakers (cat)—best friends always

Estelle Guerrero

Memory of Kevin Coughlin

Wanda Tomaski

In memory of June—beloved friend of

Bob Mackie and Ray Aghayan

Ret Turner

In memory of some well-loved cats

Shirley Meech

In the name of Mike JS Miller and

In memory of Beverly Miller

Gina Brown

In memory of Victor F. Toner II

Tracy Toner

In the name of Susan, Armando and Bryan

In memory of previous pets DJ, Snoop, Bryan

Susan Benavidez

In memory of LeAnn-the Wonder Kitty

Chris Hanson

In the name of Ruby

Gwen Waggoner

In the name of Karen Renne

Zach Ayers

In memory of Lacy and Candy

Kimberly Huff

In the name of Rockie, Adryan, Bukus

and all the wonderful animals of the world

Elvia Valenzuela

In memory of Tiffany and for all dog lovers

Raymond O'Keefe

In honor of Bob Stewart's 90th birthday

George A. Sunga

To Janet Clark

In loving memory of Chiquita

Betty Seidman

To Billie Freebrian-Smith

In memory of Scampi

Barbara Awerkamp

GETTING THE WORD OUT – PETS IN HOT CARS CAN BE DEADLY!

California will become the first state to add language to the DMV Driver Handbook about the danger of leaving a pet in a hot car. Beginning in 2011 the manual will warn drivers that it is against the law to leave an animal in a vehicle in unsafe conditions. If the animal is injured or killed, the penalties are steep: up to \$500 in fines, 6 months in jail or both. Kudos to Assembly member Anthony Portantino and the DMV for recognizing the importance of this issue and taking action without additional taxpayer money.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN TO RE-REGISTER IN RALPHS COMMUNITY PROGRAM

If you shop at Ralphs grocery store, you can help support Actors and Others every time your club card is swiped. They do require that everyone must re-register each year on or after September 1. Go to www.ralphps.com, click on Services, then Community Contributions and follow the instructions for a participant. Our NPO number is 84455.



Actors and Others is also very grateful to **Ruth Hoffman and Rene and Vivian Thezan** who remembered us recently through an estate or trust bequest. By remembering Actors and Others when they passed on, these dear friends created a loving, lasting memorial to the affection they had for their cherished animal companions, and their commitment to the cause of animal welfare. If you are interested in establishing such a gift to Actors and Others, we will be happy to work with you to see that your commitment and love for animals may live on.

ACTORS AND OTHERS IS DEDICATED TO A CORE MISSION TO STOP PET OVERPOPULATION THROUGH SPAY AND NEUTER

WHAT GOES AROUND.....

It was 1990 when Debra Jo got divorced and a friend gave her a Rottweiler puppy, whom she named “Magnum,” to help lift her spirits. She certainly didn’t expect that the first big hurdle they would face together would be how to afford to get Magnum neutered. She couldn’t believe veterinarians charged by the pound! Remember the year was 1990 and the quote she received was for over \$100. One veterinary clinic asked “Have you ever heard of Actors and Others for Animals. They can help you.”

Although she can’t recall all the details, Debra Jo clearly remembers that her cost was \$35.00 to have Magnum fixed, with Actors and Others picking up the difference. She couldn’t believe that there was an organization that provided such help. Fast forward 20 years and now Debra Jo shares her life with Emma Zen, a shelter survivor and budding canine personality. Together with the encouragement of “The American Dog Magazine” they decided to raise some funds for Actors and Others in part to recognize the help provided so long ago and to put the spotlight on the importance of being a responsible pet guardian, beginning with ensuring that all pets are spayed or neutered.



Debra Jo, JoAnne Worley and Emma Zen

Debra never forgot, never took the help for granted or thought she was entitled. She was simply grateful. It was a life lesson that became part of her foundation. “I still am so genuinely moved,” Debra remarked, “and am proud to be able to make a donation to Actors and Others. One tail wag leads to another and the beauty of receiving is giving it back.” “The American Dog Magazine” recently featured Debra Jo and Emma Zen, and will be highlighting her donation to Actors and Others in a future issue. Check them out at www.emmazen.com.

COMES AROUND!

When I first met Merlin, he was slowly limping down Hwy. 62 in obvious pain from a bleeding front paw. Two tags hung from his collar. One simply said “Merlin;” the other said “29 Palms Marine Course Base, Animal Control” with an ID number. I called the base and learned that Merlin’s owner had been deployed to Iraq. I wrote to him and explained how I had met Merlin. After approximately 5 weeks a return letter came. Merlin and I read it together. It was clear to see that this Marine loved and missed his dog. I wrote him back the same day. I spent weeks waiting for a response, and finally it came. But it was my letter being returned. Across the front of the envelope was stamped, “Return to Sender – Deceased.” Merlin and I buried the letter together.



Edie and Merlin

My first priority was to have him neutered and obtain a city dog license. Living on a reduced income, I called various vets and clinics searching for one I could afford. One clinic gave me the phone numbers of four agencies that might be willing to help with the cost. It was Actors and Others who were willing to open their hearts and pocket books.

Merlin and I, and a Marine who loved both his country and his dog, would like to thank Actors and Others for covering the entire cost of the neuter surgery and for being there to help so many.

Edie M.
Palm Springs, California