

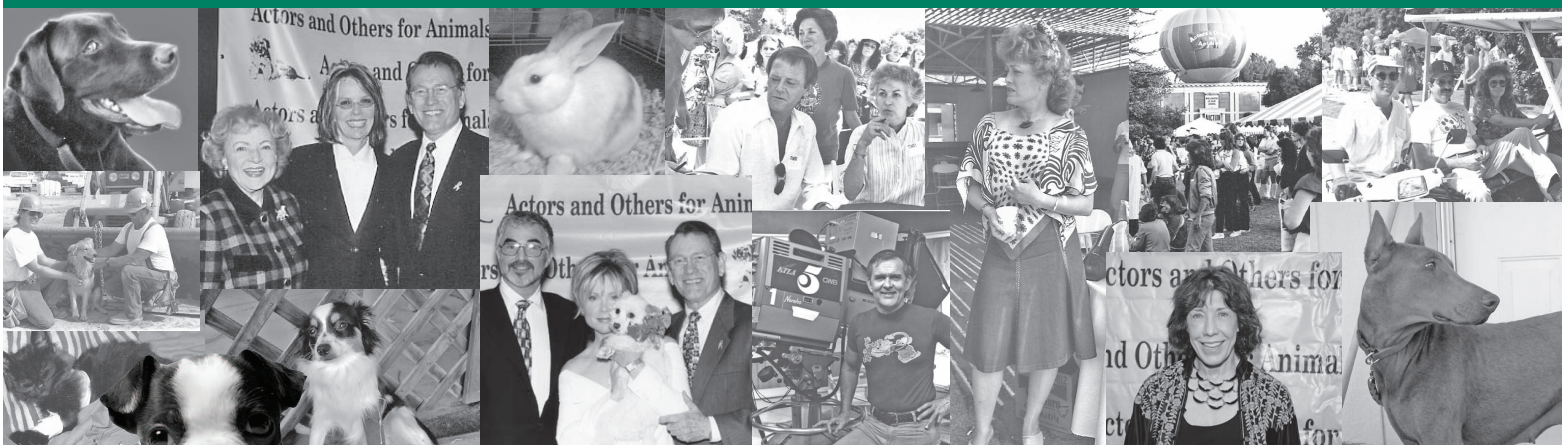


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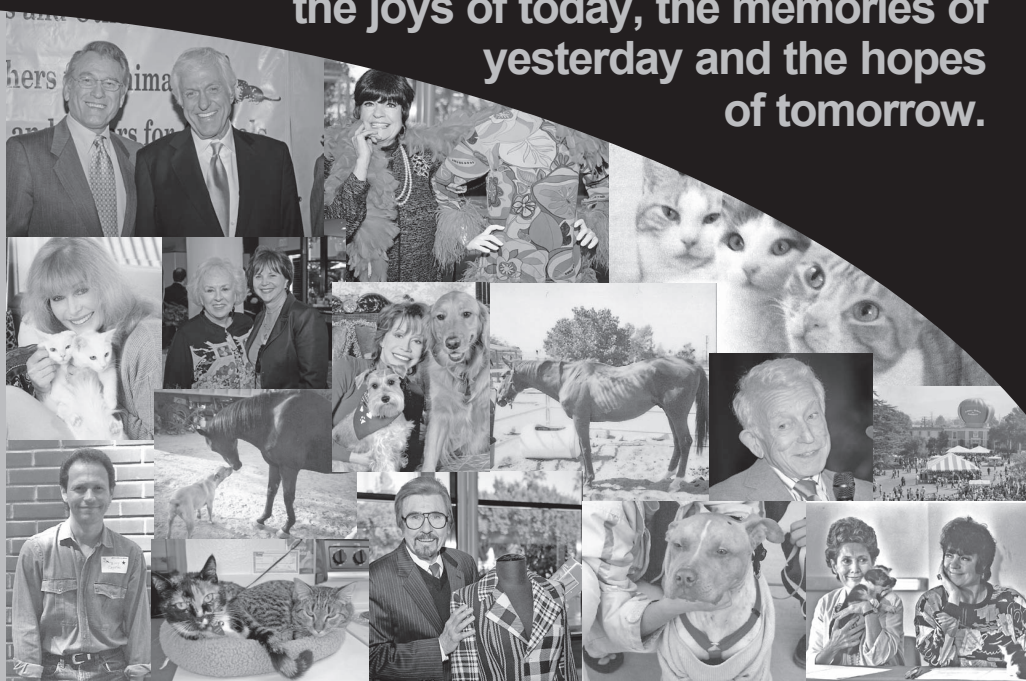
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40TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

An anniversary is a time to celebrate
the joys of today, the memories of
yesterday and the hopes
of tomorrow.

Over a span of 40 years many things change – people, technology, world events and viewpoints. Actors and Others for Animals has certainly seen its share of change, especially in the way our society views and treats animals. When we started out, animals didn't have many advocates on their behalf, and if and when the news media reported a story about animals, it usually was about some crazy cat woman surrounded by too many cats and not enough good sense. Today, there are thousands of organizations helping animals in need and hundreds of thousands of people who value and view their pets as family members. We are proud to be part of that change, and share with you a few of the people and animals who have been part of our history.



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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS WITH A MISSION AND DEDICATION TO SPAY/NEUTER

A Report by the Executive Director, Susan Taylor

For 40 years, Actors and Others for Animals has lived by the motto “one day at a time, one animal at a time.”

In those beginning years, the common belief of the day was to simply rescue and adopt. “Spay and neuter” was an unfamiliar concept. Right from the beginning, we recognized that there were too many animals being destroyed in animal shelters because no one was paying attention to how many were being born. Stop the flow of animals being bred and you stop the killing. Our mission was clear.

In 1971, 110,835 animals were killed by LA City alone and in recent years those figures are under 25,000. We played an important role in influencing this life-saving change in our community and have **spayed or neutered over 500,000 companion animals**. In looking back over 40 years, this is our greatest achievement.



In response to an increasing number of requests for help with veterinary expenses, in the late 80's Actors and Others began a secondary program providing financial subsidies so that pet guardians could obtain crucial medical care. Over the years, and especially in the last few years, this program has been flooded with requests for help due to the economic downturn coupled with rising costs. **We have been able to provide assistance to over 20,000 sick or injured pets.**

So where do we go from here. In addition to continuing our core work helping low and fixed income pet guardians spay and neuter their pets and/or receive veterinary care, we hope to take the next step to advocate and educate on **WHEN** to spay and neuter your pet. Most pet guardians are unaware of the importance of having their pet sterilized while young and before they have their first heat.

Actors and Others supports the “Spay-Before-Five-Months” campaign. There are still hundreds of thousands of unplanned litters every year. In most cases, the cats and dogs that give birth will be eventually sterilized. It is estimated that more than 80% of all kittens and puppies are born of mothers who will be sterilized **AFTER** they have given birth at least one. This delay is a main contributor to our still existent pet overpopulation problem.

So while we are very proud of our accomplishments over the past 40 years, there is still a lot of work to be done. As it has been said, success is not a destination, but a journey. Together, we look forward to continuing our journey!

YOUR DONOR DOLLARS AT WORK IN 2010 (DECEMBER 1, 2009 – NOVEMBER 30, 2010)



In fiscal year 2010 we facilitated **11,292** spay/neuter surgeries (5,129 dogs, 6,124 cats and 39 rabbits) and assisted **1,527** guardians with veterinary emergencies. In addition, our pet assisted therapy teams made **20,241** visits to patients confined to medical facilities and **4,295** students received humane education instruction.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

From President, JoAnne Worley



As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary this year, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support.

When we started in 1971, what made Actors and Others for Animals stand out was that it was founded by actors with the sole purpose of advocating for animals. I remember sitting on the floor (at Doris Day's house) with my buddy Ruth Buzzi. It was our very own Jackie Joseph who had invited us to be a part of a group of people, established by Diana and Richard Basehart, to raise money to help our animal friends.

The care and protection of animals was not even on the map in those days, and so it was thought that by organizing and using our celebrity status we could – and boy did we – draw media attention and revolutionize reform.

I am very honored to serve as president and recognize that our success comes from having such a dedicated board of directors, executive director, staff, volunteers and, of course you, our loyal donors. You are the very important “others” in Actors and Others for Animals who have made all of our work possible.

As we acknowledge our 40th anniversary this year, we look forward to the next forty years. With you by our side, we will continue helping all creatures, big and small, remembering that we all share this beautiful planet.

Onward and upward.

Jo Anne Worley

HELPING TO SAVE LIVES

Last year a disabled Rhode Island man living on Social Security was charged with animal cruelty for operating on his 14-year old Labrador mix to remove a cyst. He did this because he said he couldn't afford veterinary care. There is a very important message here that is too often understated or ignored – being an animal guardian affects both our hearts and our wallets!

Actors and Others was one of the first organizations to provide help with veterinary expenses, and today remains a leading – and in many cases only – organization providing assistance in the greater Los Angeles area. The calls that are received by our office are just as emotional for our counselors as they are for the callers. We can't help everyone, but we are enabling many grateful guardians to keep their pet companions.

HOMELESS DOESN'T MEAN HEARTLESS

Like Tim, the homeless man who lives outside a Food for Less grocery store in the San Fernando Valley. His beloved cat, Springer, was in a lot of pain and unable to eat. A concerned individual contacted our office on his behalf. When we indicated we would do all we could, she was so gratified to know that such an organization existed, and that we would help. Happily it turned out to just be an infected tooth, and we were able to cover the entire cost and send the two friends on their way.



JOSIE THE RESCUED DOG FINDS A LOVING FAMILY

“We found Josie the night of February 18 in the pouring rain. After two weeks we decided to get her spayed to avoid any unwanted puppies. She was acting as any dog would after being spayed. The next day we woke up to feed her and give her pain medicine, but she wouldn't eat or move. So we took her back to the vet, and they rushed her back to find that she was bleeding internally and immediately got her back into surgery. It turned out either one of two things happened: she could have been poisoned or she has a bleeding disorder, where her blood doesn't clot fast enough. They pulled 180cc of blood from her abdomen, transfused it back into her, and re-did the entire spay and gave her a Vitamin K injection. The next day we were able to bring her home. From the bottom of our hearts, Josie and her family thank Actors and Others for Animals for the generous donation which saved her life and ensured that she will live a long, happy life.”



Regards,
Mallory, Curtis and Josie

MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

We do not remember days; we remember moments.

~ Cesare Pavese

We invite you to honor and share 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.



Lee Adams – In the name of Joanie and Dale Ambrose
Kerry Alexander – In the name of Jodie Bowman
Anonymous – In the name of Aliza Kapnek and Ed Klau
Anonymous – In the name of David Johnson and Joe Aguilar
Anonymous – In the name of Debbie White and Dave Jones
Anonymous – In the name of Marshall Hervey, Pam Grimes and staff
Anonymous – In the name of Mary and Fred Willard
Anonymous – In the name of Susan Elkins
Anonymous – In the name of Willow Hallager
Allan and Nancy Bernard – In honor of Jackie Joseph
Renee Bouche – In memory of Gordo
Susan Bougetz – In memory of Petey, Snooker and the gang
Sandy Boury – In memory of Mary Grandma Hamer
Stacey Annette Burns, Under the Sun Creative Svcs. – In honor of Peggy Kennedy
Jeri Callaghan – In memory of Barbaro
Paul Cerqua – In memory of Pia and Snibbles
Judy Chaikin – In honor of Jackie Joseph's birthday
Robbie and Suzanne Curlee – In memory of Joey our little boy
Tina Cannizzaro DeBone – In honor of Jackie Joseph's birthday
Annette Duran – In memory of Teddy Duran
Eli Economou – In the name of Avalon Economou
Karen Eldridge – In the name of Sheri Wegand and in memory of Rita Ogle
William Feaster – In memory of Peggy Rea
Mary French – In the name of the Residuals Depart. at Entertainment Partners
Walter and Pamela Gilmore, Jr. – In memory of Florence Renoudet
Carole Jane Grant – In remembrance of Maggie and Screampie the Cat
Nancy Holder – In the name of Belle Holder
Janis Horn – In the name of Les Schwartz and family in memory of their beloved step-mother and grandmother
Leonora Horwin – In memory of Deborah Dawson
Carol Howell – In memory of Tribble
Randy Joe – In the name of Patricia Joe
Richard Khanlian – In the name of Luke and Charlene Khanlian and in memory of Mila

Sharon and Byron Lapin – In memory of Beverly Jean Miller
Andrea Lee – In memory of Cody
Lesley Levy – In the name of Lori Burke and in memory of Gary Bergman
Patricia McArdle – In the name of Karen McClure
Rae McKenzie – In memory of Charley
Alice Eleanor Moye – In memory of Florence Renoudet
Allen Needle – In the name of Sidney Needle – age 8
Arleta and Gary Owens – In memory of Jasper
Edna Paul – In memory of Larry Mathieu
Geraldine Peterson – In memory of Jerald A. Peterson
Susan Phebus – In honor of Robert and Catherine Preston
Linda and Richard Powell – In honor of Pamela Powell
Mary and Gary Rachford – In honor of Jane Lynch and Lara Embry
James Riordan – In the name of Liz Rosier
Stuart Ross – In the name of Brian Shnipper and in memory of Crispin
Sandra Rubanov – In the name of Lizz Rantze
Susan Skalla – In the names of the Salardino family and the Wright-Hammond family and in memory of Henry and Nandi
Teresa Spence – In the name of Nanette Sanders
Mike Stapleton – In the name of Grampa Dean and Grandma Donna
Bob Stewart – In memory of Anne Marie
Clara Sturak – In the name of Jackie Joseph
Wanda Tomaski – In memory of Kevin Coughlin
Kelly and Betty Tower – In memory of Richard Basehart
Kevin Trudgeon – In the name of Felicity Harvest and in memory of Sirius
Yasmine Vine – In the name of Peeshy
Melanie Woloz – In honor of Maxwell
Marat Zamov – In the name of Knox

Thomas Rogillio II, Richard Follett, Mr. and Mrs. John Levey, Viccent and Barbara Roach, Lu and Bob Senerchia, Barbara Awerkamp, Betty Panich-Cohen, Edith Steinberg, Caren Palmquist, Donna Waisner, Dolly Principle, Stephanie Parke, Frida Zelker, Larry Kosberg, Ann Zimmerman, Elinor Levin, Joan Green, Chris and Bob Allmon, Nancy Posner, Barbara Van Duzee, Gloria Toplitt, Dennis Ritchey, Lydia Danielski, Nicolasa Nevarez, Dean Kothlow, Mary Rowsell, Peggy and Robert Bock – In honor of Bob Dugan's 70th birthday



Actors and Others is very fortunate to have many therapy teams visiting medical and convalescent facilities through our very successful Pet Assisted Therapy Program. Each week a volunteer and their own pet bring a little bit of happiness and laughter into the monotony of daily life in such confined settings. We would like to remember a very special therapy dog, Bosco, who recently passed away. Bosco and his guardian, Barbara Rappaport, were one of Actors and Others' longest serving Pet Assisted Therapy team members, making their weekly rounds for nearly nine years. Bosco was a beautiful black Lab who at 3 years of age underwent extensive elbow dysplasia surgery. But his health problems never changed his cheerful disposition. He regularly visited the seniors at the Mid-Valley Retirement Home in Van Nuys, and seemed to sense when he should approach someone or when he should lie down and let the seniors come to him. Bosco will be greatly missed by all of us, and especially by his friends at Mid-Valley.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION *Saluting Betty White* SIZZLES

Whether you call her actor, author or animal advocate, **Betty White** is America's sweetheart, and on April 9th at the Universal Hilton she charmed a sold out crowd of over 500 admirers gathered to celebrate our 40th anniversary and raise \$200,000.

Escorted and serenaded into the packed ballroom by the "**Four Plaids**," Betty set the tone for an afternoon of laughter and surprises. The host of the event was the oh so talented and funnyman **Michael Burger** (currently audience warm-up artist for "*Hot in Cleveland*"). With his boundless energy and quick wit, Michael kept the festivities rolling from the introduction of founder **Diana Basehart** and original members **Jackie Joseph** and **Jodie Mann** to serving as auctioneer for the popular live auction. Three lucky bidders, (and long time Actors and Others supporters), won a rare private session with medium and best-selling author and television personality **James Van Praagh**; a script of the May 8, 2010 "*Saturday Night Show*" hosted by Betty White and signed by the entire cast, including Tina Fey; and, the piece de resistance, a lunch with Betty White and a visit to the "*Hot in Cleveland*" set which sold for \$8,000.

It was truly a "*Hot in Cleveland*" gathering and love fest when **Valerie Bertinelli**, **Jane Leeves** and **Wendie Malick** stepped up to the podium to laud their co-star and friend. We can't thank these ladies enough for delaying their travel plans so that they could stop by the hotel on their way to New York and the "TV Land Awards!"

From sharing personal remembrances to telling tantalizing yarns and even singing a love song, one by one – **Susan Lucci**, **Ken Howard**, **Jennifer Love Hewitt**, **Georgia Engel**, **Fred Willard** and **Peter Marshall** – took to the microphone to spotlight their irresistible and irrepressible friend. Up next was **Bob Stewart**. For those who don't know it, Bob created "*The Price is Right*," "*The \$10,000 Pyramid*," and Betty White's favorite game show "*Password*," where she was introduced to the love of her life and friend of Actors and Others, **Allen Ludden**. One of Betty's oldest and dearest friends, Bob shared with the audience his wish of always wanting a younger sister (he is 90; Betty is 89!). In a deadpan delivery that itself solicited laughter, he conveyed his difficulty in coming up with complimentary things to say about Betty, but did observe that "she has good penmanship." Bob had the audience literally out of their chairs in approval. We think a new star is born!

And finally it was **Jamie Lee Curtis**' turn. Observing that everyone wants to be loved by Betty White, Jamie said that she had tried everything to no avail. Listing the reasons Betty should love her, Jamie noted her charitable accomplishments and having rescue dogs of her own. But alas, she concluded that the only way to get Betty's attention was to be an animal. So she donned floppy ears and paws and barked her love for Betty, accompanied by some doggie kisses!



Four Plaids: Roger Befeler, Scott Dreier, Phil Gold, David Humphrey with Betty White



Wendie Malick, Valerie Bertinelli, Jane Leeves, Betty White



Betty White, Diana Basehart, Michael Burger, Jackie Joseph



Bob Stewart, Wendie Malick, Valerie Bertinelli, Jane Leeves, Betty White, Susan Lucci, Ken Howard, Peter Marshall, Georgia Engel, Fred Willard



Jamie Lee Curtis, Betty White



Bob Stewart, JoAnne Worley

Betty presented the **2011 Award of Caring** to Golden Paws Sponsor, friend and supporter, the **PETCO Foundation**. Since it was established in 1999, the Foundation has donated more than \$75 million to over 7,000 animal welfare organizations across the country. As Betty so deftly noted, what makes the PETCO Foundation stand out is its Executive Director, **Paul Jolly**, who efficiently leads a small but dedicated staff in its mission “to raise the quality of life for pets and people who love and need them.” Congratulations and thank you!

Through her popularity and lifetime of charity work on behalf of animals, Betty White has done more to publicize and educate Americans on the importance of the human-animal bond and the need to protect and care for animals than anyone we know. When she had the opportunity to develop her ideal television show in 1971, the same year that Actors and Others was founded, Betty created, wrote and hosted the syndicated animal series, *The Pet Set*. As a fitting conclusion to our 40th Anniversary Celebration, Actors and Others president, **JoAnne Worley** presented the inaugural **Betty White Award** to our long time board member, golden girl and friend.

We would like to thank everyone at TV Land’s “Hot in Cleveland,” especially **Vanessa Reyes-Smith** for all of their help and support; **Donna Ellerbusch**, personal assistant to Betty White; **Susan Rosenberg** for her animal themed flowers; and **Stuart Ross**, playwright of “*Forever Plaid*.”



Jamie Lee Curtis



Jennifer Love Hewitt

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