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## ACTORS AND OTHERS SALUTES “BEST IN SHOW”



In 2000, Christopher Guest’s mockumentary “Best in Show” took us behind the scenes of a prestigious dog show, giving viewers a riotous glimpse into the interaction of all the different players in this doggie-take-all beauty pageant tale.

On **September 28, 2013** at the Los Angeles Hilton, located in Universal City, Actors and Others will present its own parody of “Best in Show.” Fred Willard will reprise his role as host of the show, and celebrity guests will demonstrate why their pet should be declared best in show with you – the guests – serving as judges.

While show dogs are bred for aesthetic qualities and physical attributes, in keeping with Actors and Others aversion to animal breeding in general, celebrities are encouraged to enter whatever type of pet they may have, regardless of species, gender or pedigree.

So mark your calendars, and join us for an afternoon of what will surely be a doggone good time.

## OUR NEW LOGO

In 2011, when Actors and Others marked its 40th anniversary, we began to look to our future. As part of the discussion was the redesign of our logo and some long overdue improvements to our offices so that we can better meet the demands of the next 40 years more efficiently and assertively. The improvements are underway, and you may have noticed the new logo already. Over the next year you will be seeing it completely replace the old. We think the new design is lighter, yet energetic and bold, while still retaining the original motif. We hope you agree.



## A LOOK BACK AT 2012

*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. - Henry Ford*

DOG SPAYS	2,735
DOG NEUTERS	2,083



CAT SPAYS	2,685
CAT NEUTERS	1,944



MEDICALS	636
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PET ASSISTED HOSPITAL VISITS	29,290
HUMANE EDUCATION STUDENTS	5,147



Here at Actors and Others, we know that our success is deeply-rooted in the long-standing friendships we have with our supporters. We like to think that we are equal counterparts on a champion team working to prevent pet overpopulation and provide care for pet companions in need. Fortunately, “spay/neuter” is now an accepted concept and many more organizations and clinics have joined us in the fight. But we remain a leading source of aid for those pet guardians needing financial assistance for both spay/neuter and emergency veterinary care. Like Henry Ford, who through his development of the assembly line produced a car that was obtainable for all, we have been working for over 42 years to make spay/neuter and veterinary treatment accessible to those in need.

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## ZEUTERIN – NON-SURGICAL STERILANT



The idea of a chemical sterilant that would be an easy, painless and cost-effective way to combat pet overpopulation has been bantered around for many, many years. Now, the Federal Food and Drug Administration is about to approve Zeuterin, an injectable drug for male puppies three to 10 months of age, as an alternative to the traditional method of surgical sterilization believed to be 99.6% effective.

When using Zeuterin, no anesthesia is needed, although there may be cases where light sedation is warranted. There are very few side effects, and there is very little, if any, discomfort. The testicles do remain, although they atrophy over a period of time. Because visual confirmation of sterilization may be difficult, dogs castrated with Zeuterin will be tattooed with a "Z" and/or microchipped.

As opposed to surgical sterilization, Zeuterin is believed to reduce testosterone production levels by only half, leaving open the debate concerning behavior and metabolic functions.

Actors and Others welcomes all methods of sterilization to prevent pet overpopulation and believes that Zeuterin will be a valuable tool, but not an absolute replacement for, surgical castration. Each puppy should be reviewed individually to determine the best method for sterilization, and pet guardians should discuss the associated risks of any procedure with their veterinarian.



## UNITED SPAY ALLIANCE



In 2008, when Actors and Others launched *SpayCalifornia* modeled after and in unity with SpayUSA, it became one of just a handful of statewide spay/neuter referral programs. In 2011, the United Spay Alliance was formed to connect the now 30+ state referral services to form a network of affiliated State Programs. Each year the Alliance holds a retreat to bring together representatives from each program to bond and exchange ideas. Executive Director, Susan Taylor, was a guest speaker at the 2012 conference held in Las Vegas.

## ALLIANCE FOR CONTRACEPTION IN CATS & DOGS



While in Las Vegas, Susan Taylor also had an opportunity to attend the Alliance for Contraception in Cats & Dogs' (ACC&D) Council of Stakeholders meeting. ACC&D was founded in 2000 to facilitate scientific research, networking and fundraising for the development and implementation of non-surgical methods to sterilize dogs and cats. The Council of Stakeholders represent a group of high-impact organizations involved in this issue, and the meeting was held to present updates on the different methods on the drawing board. The good news is that many scientists and others are working every day on this issue and there are a number of measures being testing. The ultimate goal is for one permanent sterilant that is good on both dogs and cats.



# MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

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

*~From the television show The Wonder Years*

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 newsletter.

**ACTORS AND OTHERS** lost several dear friends recently – **CHARLOTTE SHOAFF** and **BIFF ELLIOT (HUSBAND OF CONNIE ELLIOT)** – whose support and camaraderie date back to our beginning. Their memories are forever weaved into our fabric and will not be forgotten. In addition, we also want to specifically remember **ISME**. Nearly 20 years ago our emotions were touched by the retiring racehorse whose future was in jeopardy. We arranged to pay for his care and were fortunate a staff member's family agreed to provide a home. We did so each month until Isme's death last November. He spent his last years happy and at peace with Jim. We extend our sympathies to Jim, who considered Isme one of his best friends.

**GARY AND CLAUDIA SYSOCK, BARBARA AWERKAMP, MARY CLARK AND LEA PRICE** – *In Memory of Biff Eliot*  
**MARK AND BARB LURIE** – *In Memory of Maria Luisa Libunao*  
**TRACY TONER** – *In Memory of Victor F. Toner II*  
**KF OHTA** – *In Memory of 1-8-11*  
**RET TURNER** – *In Memory of Betty, Bob Mackie's Beloved Cat*  
**RET TURNER** – *In Memory of Roger and Ann Margret's Beloved Missy*  
**JOSH CARR** – *Happy Holidays to JoAnn*  
**ILENE GRAFF** – *In Memory of Bob Stewart*  
**RICHARD BARTON** – *In Honor and Memory of My Wife*  
**LORRIE HAUER** – *In the Name of My Furbabies*  
**ANONYMOUS** – *In the Name of Daniel Hoff*  
**LOIS WILLIAMS** – *In Memory of Clyde who gave us 13 Years of Devotion and Joy and Bonnie our Beloved Pug*  
**JIM BRENT** – *In Memory of Beloved Cat Jessie August 1999-July 2012*  
**GINGER SLAUGHTER** – *In Memory of Beloved Dog Beauty*  
**EVELYN GORDON** – *To Kathy Liddy In Memory of Lola*  
**JEFF AND NANCY GRAFF** – *In Memory of Elvis Presley*  
**APASARA NICOL** – *In the Name of Alex and Elizabeth Lane*  
**KIMBERLY PINKSTAFF** – *In the Name of Susan Ekins*  
**JOHN DENNIS** – *In Memory of Mary Jo McCreary*  
**BETTY HAER** – *In Memory of Mary Joe McCreary*  
**SCOTT BLAIS** – *In Memory of Lickety Split*  
**RITA BREGMAN** –  
*In Name of Hurricane Sandy Victims and Memory of Adelaide Cat*  
**GWEN WAGGONER** –  
*To M/M Ralph Howe In Memory of Sweet Little Molly*  
**SHARON BILSON** – *In the Name of Mary and Fred Willard*  
**CAROLE PROPP** – *In the Name of Spike Jones, Jr.*

**ANONYMOUS** – *In the Name of Ellen Lubic In Memory of BeoWoof*  
**KELLY AND BETTY TOWER** – *In Memory of Richard Basehart*  
**PATTI SUGARMAN LEHMAN** –  
*In Loving Memory of Ronald Sugarman*  
**BOB AND DORIS STEPHENS** –  
*In Memory of Sadie White, Beloved Pet*  
**DIANA SPRINGER** – *In Honor of Lucky, My Beautiful Dog*  
**SHARON BIVINS** –  
*In the Name of Debbie McGlohon in Memory of Shelby*  
**DAVE WOLLERT** – *In the Name of Sox Armstrong Wollert*  
**TERESA SPENCE** – *In the Name of Helen Bayerian*  
**ANONYMOUS** – *In the Name of Kai Soremekun*  
**MARGARET CORCILLO** –  
*In the Name of Ron and Geralyn Corcillo*  
**RUTH STEVENS** – *In the Name of David Olson in Memory of Teddy*  
**DORENE MARTIN** –  
*In the name of Suzyn Ware in Memory of Geraldine Chyet*  
**BRITTNEE EALY** – *In the name of Mary French*  
**ELIZABETH DAVIS** – *In the Name of Eileen O'Farrell*  
**CAROLYN LORENZO** – *For Sue Willick in Memory of Yodi*  
**KIMBERLY HUFF** –  
*In the Name of Carrie Bradshaw my bichon/poodle mix*  
**STACIE DULLMEYER** – *In Memory of all the animals I have met*  
**DUGGAN WENDEBORN** – *In Memory of Beloved Dog Earl*  
**NANCEE AND JOHN VANNESS, VIRGIL AND JAN STOWE, MARGARET BUNCH, DOROTHY ROBINSON AND PATRICIA MORRISSEY** – *In memory "Mac" McFarland*  
**MARY SHAFFER** – *In Memory of Marilyn McLaughlin*

Actors and Others for Animals is deeply grateful to **Joan Knouf** who remembered us in her Will. By doing so, she created a loving, lasting memorial to the affection she had for her 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.



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM MEETING THE NEEDS OF ANIMALS IN CRISIS

While Actors and Others' core mission is to curb the pet overpopulation problem, in recent years we have devoted much time and resources to helping sick and injured pets receive needed veterinary care. The last few years have seen veterinary fees rise significantly, and in more and more cases pet guardians are not able to afford treatment, and requests for our help have skyrocketed. We cannot help everyone, but this has clearly demonstrated to us that our Emergency Medical Program is now more vital than ever.

I wanted to send this heartfelt note of gratitude to you for helping my cat, Bogie, have his Ranula Repair surgery. When Bogie's vet said that he needed surgery, I was in a panic. I'm unemployed and I had no idea how I could afford it. Meanwhile, Bogie was in such discomfort that he needed 24-hour pain control. The situation was beyond stressful and I lost many nights of sleep.

With your help, Bogie was able to have his surgery on 9/11. He just had his last post-op follow up, and the vet said that he's doing great! It's been wonderful to see his recovery.

Once again, THANK you from Bogie and me! I hope I will one day be in a position to help Actors + Others continue their work and help other pet guardians. Namaste, Denise Reich, Rumi



We want to thank you and Actors and Others for Animals so much for your help in paying for Greta's surgery. She is doing well and healing fast. Our family is so thankful for you and your amazing organization. You have made a difference in Greta's life and ours. She is our baby and thanks to your help you have given her a new life. Thank you! All our love and blessings Kelli, Bill, John, Kyla & Greta

On behalf of Honey & Myself I want to thank you very much and appreciate what you and your team did.

Thank you for helping me and Honey have a happier, healthier, longer life together.

We appreciate Actors & Others for Animals!

always  
Darleena Valdez & Honey

Thank you so much for your donation toward Autumn Lee's surgery. If it wasn't for you, Autumn's life would have been cut short. Beverly your kindness and compassion really helped me get through this. Autumn is now in full recovery & her prognosis is very positive.

I really can't thank you enough!

With love,

Ashley & Autumn

P.S. I will spread the word!

