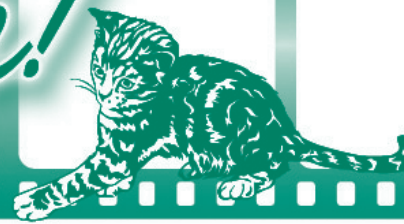




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WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER OF ACTORS AND OTHERS FOR ANIMALS

As a New Decade Begins, It's All About the Journey

We have always believed that success is a journey, not a destination as the saying goes. Thinking of the impact we make in the lives of animals each day, each month, and each year is what motivates us to keep on our journey.

In the coming decade, we shall continue to chip away at pet overpopulation. Spaying and neutering is the single most important thing we can do to eliminate the dire consequences that pet overpopulation causes, and it remains our core mission. In these times of unparalleled homelessness, we shall also continue to provide free spay/neuter services to those living on the streets. **FOR 2009 THROUGH 2019, WE FUNDED 101,727 SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES FOR DOGS, CATS, AND RABBITS.** We have also helped to sterilize goats, pigs and mice.

The journey has also seen more and more people adopting pets from shelters and rescues, often free or at a reduced fee. One factor that is overlooked, however, is that many pet guardians don't anticipate that their pets may get ill or injured and find themselves financially unable to provide assistance, even for the cost of a visit to the veterinarian. L.A. County Animal Care and Control Director Marcia Mayeda recently noted: "The most common reason people surrender pets to our care centers is because

the animal **has a medical condition they cannot afford to treat,** or the pet owner has lost their housing," (Emphasis added). Care and concern for these animals shouldn't stop at adoption. The most important community we help is the community of pets. It can be too easy to put blinders on because they are behind closed doors. Because of our veterinary intervention, lives are saved. **FOR 2009 THROUGH 2019, WE FUNDED 8,149 VETERINARY MEDICAL TREATMENTS.**

Thank you for your help in getting my two stray sister pups spayed.

They are both doing fine. I could not have done this without you!

— Elaine M. and Cole and Carmel

Jillian G. had an appointment to put down her 11 year old Persian Cat, Ace, who had swallowed something and they needed help after paying for tests. It was a long emotional day, but Ace got the surgery he needed. "Just wanted to give you an update on Ace. He is doing AWESOME! Eating, drinking, purring, and recovering so well. Just wanted to THANK YOU for your support. We went from being two hours away from euthanizing him, to emergency surgery, and now he is happy and at home. Couldn't have done it without you. THANK YOU!"



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A FEW NEW LAWS OF NOTE



In our journey, we have also seen the upsurge of animal protection legislation. As a member of the California Animal Welfare Association, comprised of animal care and control agencies, humane societies, SPCA and animal welfare organizations, we are able to stay apprised and collectively advocate for better protection laws.

CA AB 588 Dog Bite Disclosures – This law requires shelters and rescues when adopting or transferring dogs four months and older to disclose any bite history where a person's skin is broken. The circumstances of the bite must also be reported, and the person getting the dog must sign an acknowledgment. With the rise in serious dog bites by adopted dogs, this is a very timely and significant law because it will provide needed data. It also defines a rescue as both a profit/non-profit entity as well as a collaboration of individuals.

Federal Law HR 724 – The Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act – Crush videos show the torture, mutilation, and killing of small animals to satisfy bizarre fetishes and are more prevalent than you think. The prior 2010 law did not cover the underlying acts of animal abuse. This law does just that, and for the first time creates a federal anti-cruelty law that supplements the cruelty laws in all 50 states. In 1999 when Representative Gallegly introduced the original legislation, our Board Member Loretta Swit appeared before a Subcommittee in support of the bill, noting "I do not think we can afford to give violence a stamp of approval because subliminally it is giving a message to young people that it is all right to do this, that it is okay, that any life form is not valuable." These words are even more relevant today.

***"I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult.
It's not. Mine had me trained in two days." – Bill Dana***

A FEW WORDS ABOUT COMMUNITY CATS

In 2010 an injunction was issued which prohibited Los Angeles City Animal Services from doing anything related to TNR (trap, neuter, return) until an environmental study was conducted. Last year an initial report was completed and distributed for comments, and we await the final results. The report also proposes a Citywide Cat Program which includes raising the legal limit. Actors and Others supports trap, neuter, return, and maintenance where there is someone(s) to feed and care for them and not "return to field" where the cats are returned to the streets to fend for themselves. We also are in favor of raising the legal number of cats from 3 to 5.



WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

Each year we offer several special spay/neuter projects in addition to our everyday assistance in order to encourage low income pet guardians living in designated low income geographic areas to get all of their pets spayed/neutered. Last year we offered a free program in the Cities of San Bernardino and Barstow because they have limited services and a high poverty rate, and helped over 200 pets. **THIS**

LIFESAVING PROJECT WAS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE PETCO FOUNDATION AND FOR THE ANIMALS (FTA).

And for the third straight year, we sponsored spay/neuter services performed at the Montebello Pet Fair by the **LATINO ALLIANCE FOR ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION**. We also worked with the Alliance to offer a special program in Sylmar.

Once again, we received a grant from the **ETHEL FREND'S FOUNDATION, BANK OF AMERICA N.A., TRUSTEE** to support and promote canine care. Ethel Friends was a dog lover who wanted to leave a lasting legacy by continuing to help dogs through her foundation. We are grateful for the support and trust we have received over the years.



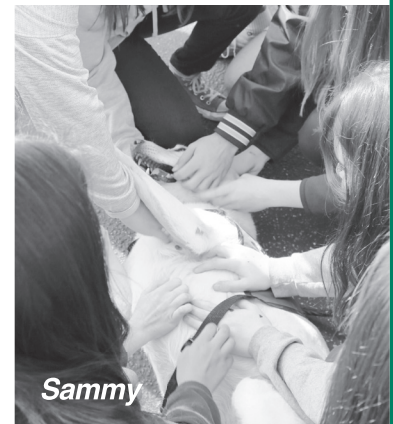
ANIMALS AS HEALERS – PET THERAPY EXPANDING INTO SCHOOLS



Actors and Others has been providing pet assisted therapy for over 30 years. Our journey began with one volunteer and one dog at Northridge Hospital, and we now have 42 volunteers (including a group of developmentally disabled adults from Tierra del Sol) that go to 19 facilities.

We have expanded our program to include visiting Woodbury College and Norte Dame and Crespi High Schools during finals weeks. According to the National Institutes of Health, today's adolescents are more anxious than ever, and academic insecurities play a big role. More and more schools are seeing the instant calming effect a rub or two can make! And the dogs love it too.

Of course, we are still visiting hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and convalescent hospitals. Our volunteers tell us that when they put on their official vest, the dogs start getting very excited knowing they are going to visit their new friends. **FROM 2009 TO 2019, OUR PET ASSISTED THERAPY TEAMS HAVE MADE 255,258 VISITS FILLED WITH WARM NOSES AND MUCH PETTING AND SMILES.**



"If your dog thinks you're the greatest person in the world, don't seek another opinion." — Jim Fiebig

SAYING GOODBYE

Many of the pets in our teams, unfortunately, pass away after devoting years to bringing cheer to others. We'd like to tell you about a special one. At 11 months of age, Roxy, possibly a Whippet mix so said a DNA test (but she wasn't telling), was rescued by her guardian, Katherine. In early 2008 they came to us to see if Roxy could be a pet assisted therapy dog, and she easily passed our behavior test. For the next 11 years, Katherine and Roxy were a winning team. They were regular visitors to O.N.E. Generation Senior Enrichment Center with Roxy delighting the seniors with tricks and love. Everyone there, staff and seniors alike, adored her and waited for her visits. Roxy passed away a few months after her retirement. She will be greatly missed by Katherine and all those she met on her journey.



UPDATE ON HUMANE EDUCATION — REACHING ALL AGES



To prepare **for** our journey in life, we learn the basics like reading, writing, and arithmetic. But **in** life we are confronted with many issues. Humane education teaches how compassion and respect for all living creatures can help make **their** world and the world we live in a better place.

Our Humane Education program started over 25 years ago with a handful of schools and libraries in the San Fernando Valley. In 2019 we presented our program in 18 Los Angeles city and county libraries. In addition to the Valley, it expanded to East Los Angeles, Glendale, Lincoln Heights, and Mar Vista. Aimed at the younger elementary grades, we also were special guests at Arcadia High School. **EDUCATION IS A LIFETIME**

ENDEAVOR! FROM 2009 TO 2019, OUR HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAM REACHED 43,930 TODDLERS, SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND GRANDPARENTS.

MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES, AND CELEBRATIONS



CURTAIN CALL – DORIS DAY

A true entertainment icon, her music and movies brought enjoyment to many generations. But we remember her as a dynamic advocate for the care and protection of animals. Richard and Diana Basehart established Actors and Others nearly 50 years ago, and Doris was a founding member. She went on to start both the Doris Day Animal League and Doris Day Animal Foundation, which provided us with funding to help seniors with their emergency medical issues. Her concern and compassion for animals was a life-long commitment, her passion, and her legacy. We have lost a great lady, but her movies will always be there for us to visit and enjoy.

BEQUESTS ARE OUR BREAD AND BUTTER

Veterinary costs are always on the rise, and raising enough money each year is daunting. The bequests we receive from altruistic donors are essential to keeping our doors open. We again thank our good friends **RICK FELDMAN** and **PAUL JOLLY** for leaving us an especially generous bequest that has allowed our indispensable work for animals to continue these past few years. In addition, in the past year we are so very grateful to **THE BRUNNER FAMILY, WILLIAM AND FLORENCE WEISS, CHARLOTTE FAIRCHILD** and **PEGGY MC CAY** for their legacy of care.

IN MEMORIAM

ACTORS AND OTHERS — **In memory of Fred Hillhouse**
ARLETA OWENS AND FAMILY — **In memory of Mary Willard**
SANDRA STEVENSON — **In memory of Judy**
CONNIE ELLIOT — **In memory of Mary Flint**
RANDY PLETT, ELEANOR KAPLAN-JURIST, KIMBERS CADIEUX.
CHARLES FIDELMAN, JIM WITOSZYNSKI, DONNA GARBER, DAVID PHILLIPS, JO ANNE WORLEY — **In memory of Arte Johnson**
LESLEY HUGHES — **In memory of Richard Basehart**
MARY AND DAVID MAILS, LYNDA LAVIN, PETE MENEFFEE, JO ANNE WORLEY, STACEY BEHLMER — **In memory of Tom Hatten**
CONNIE ELLIOT — **In memory of Doris Day**
BOB DUGAN & JAY ALDRICH — **In memory of Carmella Senerchia**
MARLENE FLEMING, SUE CLAUSEN, BETH ENGEL, HOLLY WEBER — **In memory of Rachel Cormack**
MICHAEL LABAN, JOAN MESSINGER, DANIEL TIRMAN, TED SPRAGUE, GWEN AND WILLIAM SMILLIE, ERIC WILLIAMS, JUDITH JORDAN, SUE NAREVSKY, EVELYN VANNOZZI, JO ANNE WORLEY — **In memory of Jennie Ventriss**
JEFFREY & NANCY GRAFF — **In memory of Elvis Pressley**
SHELLEY HERMAN — **In memory of Buck Henry**

IN MEMORY OF PETS

ARLETA OWENS — **In memory of Uncle Teddy the cat**
JIM BRENT — **In memory of Casey the cat**
KATHERINE BARD — **In memory of Roxy the dog**
CAROLE JANE GRANT — **To the Grahams in memory of Max the dog**
JANE ENGLISH — **To Michelle Mazurki in memory of Betty the cat**
BARBARA AND MARK LURIE — **To Gregg Lurie in memory of Shelby**
DIANA SPRINGER — **In memory of Baby and Lucky**

MESSAGES OF TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

KATHY & DAVID LANDER — **Happy Birthday Mack Phillips**
PAUL & PAT WILLSON — **Happy Birthday Fred Willard**
NANCY & BRIAN TART — **In honor of Earl Holliman**
ALISHA DOUTT — **In honor of Jackie Joseph Lawrence**
BARBARA HOLLIDAY (FLAPPERS COMEDY CLUB) — **In honor of JoAnne Worley**
PATRICIA GRIFFITH — **To Douglas Griffith in honor of your love of animals**
JO ANNE WORLEY — **In honor of the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters**
PETE MENIFEE — **Merry Christmas Jacque West**
HEATH MC GOUGH — **Happy New Year Linda McAlister**
AMY LONDON — **In honor of Miriam and Sarah**

ACTORS AND OTHERS REMEMBERS CELEBRITY SUPPORTERS —
Doris Day, Arte Johnson, Tom Hatten, Rip Taylor, Georgia Engel, Peggy McCay