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ANIMAL ART WORKS RETURNS

After a hiatus due to the COVID pandemic, Animal Artworks is returning on March 26, 2022. A new and exciting venue for the event is the Turquoise Raven Art Gallery, located at 104 East Main in Cortez. Other event changes include an earlier time, 4:00-6:30, and a reception with lite bites and non-alcoholic beverages. It is the organizer's hope this special event will be a prelude to attendees enjoying dinner at one of the many excellent restaurants located on Main Street.

Animal Art Works is an exhibit of original art about animals. The work is in a small format and priced reasonably. The \$10 entry fee may be applied to the original price of the art purchased. This exhibit is designed to benefit local artists, as well as two area Humane Societies; 50% of the gross proceeds are paid to the artists, and 50% of the net proceeds are shared between For Pets' Sake and Black Hat. This has been an excellent fundraiser for both Humane Societies in past years.



This will be year five of the event, having missed time during the pandemic. Turquoise Raven Gallery provides an expanded exhibition space and the hope is that more artist pieces will increase sales to benefit all entities. Animal Art Works has a large local and regional following and the date is already on many calendars.



Won't you add it to yours and join us for a fun evening of art created to honor artists and help animals?

Artists: The art will be priced from \$90 to \$200. Artists interested in participating should contact Sonya Horoshko for submission guidelines, 970-565-0715 or artjuicestudio@gmail.com.

Artwork is due by March 15.

LUNA AND THE LUNETTES

One never knows what kind of assistance will be needed when a call comes to the FPS help line. The story of Luna and the Lunettes is a great example. FPS returned a call on February 9th regarding a cat who had delivered 5 precious kittens on February 4th, and had experienced serious problems since the delivery. The problems had not been addressed by the owner until they became critical. When contact was made, FPS stepped into action, getting Luna to a vet for immediate medical care and taking the kittens into foster care.



The owner did not have the money needed for Luna's life-saving surgery, and Luna and the kittens were released to FPS care.

Kitten season is upon us and the first litter of this year's kittens, the Lunettes, already provided a challenge. They needed to be bottle-fed every 3 ½ hours for seven long days and nights by a few very tired volunteers. Thanks to those volunteers, the kittens were quickly thriving.



At 11 days old they were gaining weight, opening their eyes and starting to wobble around with only occasional tumbles, all right on schedule for kittens their age.

Luna's surgery went well and she is on the road to recovery at the home of an FPS volunteer. The Lunettes were literally on the road last Wednesday to one of our transport partners. They needed to be fed during the journey, so one volunteer drove and one volunteer fed. Our transport partner will continue to bottle-feed them and eventually find good homes for the kittens when they are ready to be adopted.



LUNA AND THE LUNETTES, cont.

Unfortunately, Luna's surgery cost more than we anticipated - almost \$1,000 more, but FPS couldn't let Luna suffer any longer or not provide a chance at life for her and her kittens.

Many of you have already donated to the FINN (Fosters in Need Now) Fund and special thanks go to you for caring. However, there is still a need for funds to cover all Luna's expenses.

FPS paid the bills. Now we're asking for contributions to help cover those expenses. FPS must cover costs and also reinstate the FINN Fund balance so we have money left to help the next emergency. Because you know what? There will be another one. Please make a contribution to the FINN fund if you can. Log into our website:

www.forpetsakehs.org, or go to our Facebook page, or send a check to Box 1705, Cortez, CO 81321. Be sure to designate that the donation is for the FINN Fund.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who are caring for Luna and those who bottle-fed 5 kittens every 3 ½ hours for seven long days and nights!

We can't do it without YOU!



Marian Rohman on the road with the Lunettes.



Pam Smith sharing the LOVE.

Super Volunteers

While we love and appreciate ALL of our supporters and volunteers, we have a few that are very consistent and prolific contributors. They are the first to throw their hat in the ring, and we are giving them special recognition in this newsletter.

BILL WILLIAMS:

Some call him a legend, some call him superman, but FPS just calls him . . . and he responds!

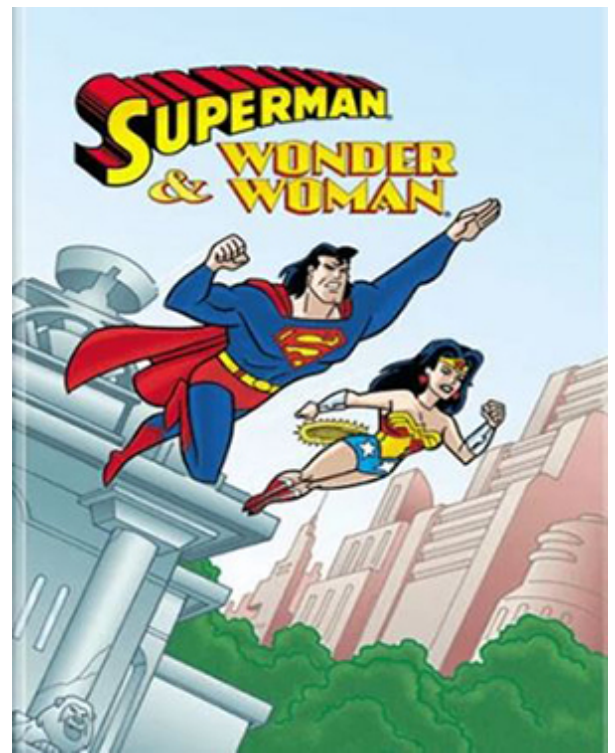
Bill has been involved in FPS for 35 years, in many different capacities. He's been a Board member, even President. He's helped with many programs including all special events, bake sales, and weekly pick-ups of donated food from Walmart. Bill is also a dedicated yard sale volunteer and probably hasn't missed a sale in over twenty-five years. He's one of our most responsive transport volunteers when we need to transport animals to one of our rescue partners in the state. He (always cheerfully) throws his hand in the air and offers to jump in to help. He's braved blistering heat and blowing snowstorms to get these deserving critters to their future forever homes. FPS is so grateful for everything Bill does for the animals and the people that love them.

Thank you Bill!!

DICK AND JOYCE LUNDBERG:

In February of 2017, Joyce emailed For Pets' Sake asking for help with their colony of outdoor cats. Together we trapped and fixed all twelve cats. Since learning about FPS, Joyce has been a dedicated yard sale cashier and Dick has helped with truck pickups and deliveries at all of the FPS yard sales. In October, 2018, the volunteer who handed out food to feral cat caretakers had to leave the program. Dick and Joyce have enthusiastically run that program ever since. Dick picks up food by the pallet and brings it to our storage locker; then he stays for the half-hour handout every week. Joyce helps at the handout when needed and handles the paperwork and sends in a report of who got how much food after each event. Recently, the food handout switched to two weeks a month, which gives them a little bit of a break. Dick has also helped with occasional transports. The dedication these two have shown to the animals in southwest Colorado is impressive and greatly appreciated.

Thank you Dick and Joyce!



JUDITH ASHTON:

Judy also connected with For Pets' Sake through the outdoor cats she was feeding. We started trapping the cats together in 2016 and soon had all eighteen of them fixed. Shortly after that, she started volunteering as a trapper and has traveled Montezuma and Dolores Counties almost every week with traps in hand. When an older caretaker died in 2017, she stepped up and not only fed the cats every day until we could relocate most of the cats, but also took in two of the cats. And, when one of our regular feeders moved away, she stepped in and has been feeding a colony at an abandoned house five days a week for years. And of course, she has also helped with yard sales. . . doesn't everyone?

Thank you Judy!

If you'd like to be one of our Super Volunteers, or any level of volunteer, please call our hotline, and leave your name and number, and a volunteer will be in touch. We are always in need of foster homes, transporters, yard sale help, event help, just to name a few. If you're already volunteering for us, we are so grateful for every bit of your support! If not, we'd love to have you on board.



URGENT REQUEST:

WE SENT THIS MESSAGE OUT YESTERDAY:

"Ducky needs a ride! Dumb Friends League in Denver has generously agreed to do the necessary surgery she needs and then put her up for adoption. She needs a transport to DFL. If you can help transport Ducky to DFL in Denver, or if you know anybody reliable that's headed up that way, please let us know."

PLEASE NOTE: This transport has been covered, thankfully (since the date of this publication) but, if you or anyone else you know feel you could respond to requests like this, please do get in contact with Debbie Davis, our dedicated Dog Foster Angel at: 720-271-9040 so that she can put you on her email list.

Next Monthly Board Meetings

Thursday • March 17th • 6:30 pm

Thursday • April 21st • 6:30 pm

Call for information. (970) 565-7387

Low-Cost VAX Clinic:

FPS is hoping to hold a low-cost VAX clinic this spring. We're still working on exact dates.

Watch the newsletter, Facebook, The Journal, and the FPS website for updates and details.

Pennies for Pets:

It's not too early to start saving those pennies, as well as dimes, quarters, and nickels for the Annual July Pennies for Pets fundraiser. Start saving now so FPS can really fill these jars with coins.

Our Next Yard Sale is Scheduled for the Fall

As you do your spring cleaning this year, think of For Pets' Sake. The Fall 2022 FPS Yard Sale is scheduled for September 21-24. It will be held again in the Beef Barn at the Fairgrounds.

More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.



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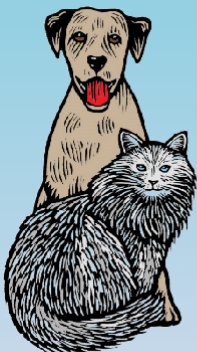
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