

MISS NIBBLES' NEWS



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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS

Every January, Bella Vista Animal Shelter invites community members to apply for open seats on our Board of Directors. This year we were honored to receive multiple applications for openings. Tonya Mobley was elected onto the board and immediately took up the challenge to be our treasurer. Jacquie Allen-Brown was elected as our secretary. Curtis Stoops and Jeremy Velten remain as President and Vice President respectively. Kathy Griffith has graciously volunteered to chair our capital campaign committee. Other newly elected members are Sherry Morris, Vicki Bronson and Tania Yegge. Rich Davis, Dru Cessna and Christina Maguire are continuing on with their two-year terms. These eleven devoted members will continue to provide the direction and vision for the animal shelter to succeed in 2023. Anita Werts has taken a hiatus from the board, however, remains chair for both the Charity Garage Sale and the Pars 4 Paws golf tournament.

In our previous newsletter, I put a call out for "Thank You note writers" and a "Volunteer Coordinator." I want to thank JaeLeann Velten, Dianne Hume, Hannah Barwick, Jessica Parson and Emerson Little for helping with thanking our generous community. Jennifer Henning has been an outstanding volunteer coordinator helping to ensure that our volunteers have opportunities to contribute to the shelter.

This year promises to be full of animal friendly events with one event per month from April to October. We hope you can join us. There are numerous raffles and giveaways throughout the year and we could not do that without generous donations from local businesses. Let us get your business' name out to our animal loving community. We also have donation collection jars if you want to help out the lost animals of Bella Vista. Look for them in these locations: Harps, Las Fajitas, Allen's, Highland Pet Co., All Pets Hospital, Bella Vista Wine and Spirits, Grand Central ConocoPhillips, Just Petaling Flower and Gift Shop, Arvest, Forest Hills Barbershop, and most POA pro shops and club houses have donation jars for the shelter.

Thank you for all the support, Bella Vista!

Nancy Cullins

Executive Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 22



& Dogs
@ Allen's
Foods



BVAS CHARITY SALE

JUNE 10-17



2 LEAFIELD LN.

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

BELLA VISTA
ANIMAL SHELTER

PARS 4 PAWS

July 15, 2023

At Kingswood



TNR

Trap Neuter & Return

13 community outdoor cats have been successfully spayed or neutered with our Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) program that began in 2023. The goal of this program is to limit the outdoor cat population in Bella Vista. We are asking those of you who kindly feed community outdoor cats to please contact us to schedule to have them altered. Our staff will come to the address provided, humanely trap the cat(s) and bring them to their surgery. We ask that the caller house the cat overnight to recover from surgery. There is no charge for this service, however, donations are always appreciated to help defray our costs.

Donations Made Easy



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HOW TO INTRODUCE A NEW PET TO YOUR PET

Shelter animals can take up to 90 days to get used to their new home life & routine.

CATS

Keep adopted cats separate in a small room such as a bathroom. Allow current animals to get to know one another through smell by switching blankets or sniffing each another under a door. Let your new cat out for short periods, then assess after 1-3 days for the cats comfort.

DOGS

Introduce dogs slowly on leash. Take the dogs to neutral territory and walk them on opposite sides of the path. Introduce the dogs to your home on a leash. If possible, have the dogs enter the home at the same time. Assess the situation. If all seems well, take one animal off leash. Assess again. Do not allow food or toys to be on the ground unsupervised. Always feed the animals separately with lots of space between them or in separate rooms. Do not let children pet or approach animals while they eat.

Animals might be protective of their territory or a family member. Always be aware of a change in behavior. Treat different facial expression, fur raised,

Adoptions Made Easy



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tail movements, and growling as possible signs of discontent. If these signs present themselves, separate the animals and begin the listed steps again. Like people, there will be animals who do not get along. We always ask that you bring your current dog to the shelter where we can supervise the interaction between animals. We have many animals returned to the shelter due to conflicts with existing animals in the home. We do all we can to ensure that your new shelter animal has the best chance to stay in a happy loving home. These steps will help all of us. Likewise, when dogs are out in public, these same steps should be used to introduce them. Your dog may be friendly, but you do not know what experience the other dog may have had. Always ask before approaching an unknown animal if you may introduce yourself or your pet. Dogs and cats in public places must be on a leash at all times in in Bella Vista.



THE PERFECT MATCH - SOPHIE & JOHN

On a hot summer day in 2000, a car pulled up at the Bella Vista Animal Shelter and a family bounded in with a bundle wrapped in a towel. "We found this kitten" they told the shelter staff. As the staff checked the kitten, they wondered how in the world they would have room for one more furry kitty. Obviously a stray, this tiny white kitty they named Sophie quickly won the hearts of the shelter staff. After a visit to the vet, she was adopted and despite being loved by her new family, this little girl just wasn't happy. So she was returned to the shelter. Sophie made the shelter her home. She was one of the sweetest cats and became the shelter greeter. Her favorite pastime was sitting in the front window, enjoying the sun and the attention from everyone who came to the shelter. She was a friendly cat and got along with all the shelter cats.

Fast forward to 2009. Four kittens arrived at the shelter. As shelter policy goes, they were named because it's believed by the staff that it's just as important for an animal to have a name as for a human to have a name. Shelter staff can often be creative and these four kittens were no exception. It was decided that they would be called John, Paul, George, and Ringo after the Beatles. All were adopted except John, the shy, timid boy. After some time, Sophie seemed to be the one to help John overcome his shyness and they were often found napping together in the sun. They quickly became attached to each other and when Sophie became frail and ill, it was John who was her guardian until she crossed the Rainbow Bridge at the age of 18. John resided at the shelter for a total of 3806 days until he became ill with cancer and crossed the Rainbow Bridge at the age of 10.



Today, as I look back, I would say they were THE PERFECT MATCH, an extraordinary true story that may touch your heart as it has touched all who knew them at the Bella Vista Animal Shelter.

Thank you, Priscilla Shoulders, for writing for the Bella Vista Animal Shelter newsletter.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Curt Stoops, President
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Tonya Mobley, Treasurer
Jacquie Allen, Secretary
Richard Davis
Kathy Griffith
Christina Maguire
Dru Cessna
Tania Yegge
Sherry Morris
Vicki Bronson

STAFF:

Nancy Cullins, Exec. Director
Laurie May, Shelter Manager
Jason Winter
Sonny Crabb
Liz Tacker
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Shannon Hodgin



Consider creating a Pet Directive for your loved ones

Bella Vista Animal Shelter is a blessing! This story of love at first sight began in September, 2021. My husband and I went to the Shelter to drop off cat and kitten food donations. Of course, we had to visit with the kitties there. The next thing I know, my husband is holding 9 month old Lucky like he's a newborn baby. We noticed one of Lucky's eyes was inflamed and we were told that the previous adopter had placed oral antibiotics in his eye. We didn't hesitate and completed an adoption application. The vet was evaluating him in a day or two and we were asked to check back with the Shelter as to Lucky's prognosis.



During a follow-up phone call with the Shelter, we were told that Lucky's eye had to be removed and that he was recovering from the surgery.

We were blessed and 'lucky' to bring him home in October. Our 10 year old cat, Webster, fell in love with him, they've bonded and are great buds.



Lucky, is now a special needs cat. With only 1 eye, he cannot go outdoors ever. Don't worry, he and Webster enjoy the screened 'catio' and screened garage as well as the run of the house.



We're meeting with our attorney tomorrow because we realized we hadn't included a Pet Directive for Lucky in our will. Let me tell you, a Pet Directive is a critical part of estate planning. The directive eases the mind of the Estate Executor and spells out precisely what you wish for your beloved pet(s).

Bella Vista Animal Shelter has graciously agreed to accommodate us. We will enter a bequest to them in our will revisions. The monetary donation is not required but as we all know, Bella Vista Animal Shelter is always there for all of us.

Sue Morris

In Honor of

Beloved Friends

John, Helen & Buddy DeShields
 Dr. Vaughn McDowell DVM
 Dave & Jenny Marrs
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 Sherry Ahart
 Sherry Rulo
 Susan Kenny
 T.J. Scott Jr.
 Wayne & DeLane
 Wayne Wagner
 Wes Pulst
 Don Effinger

Beloved Pets

Maggie Sue Gamble
 Teeny Ryals
 Sassy Paws
 Charlie (Dog)
 Dwayne
 Mojo
 Sir Winston
 Fresky
 Baxter
 Sammy Gordon
 Buster & Brent Crabtree
 Clio, Doc & Alice Irwin
 Gulliver
 Payson Shlebus
 Sidiqi
 Popoki
 Dot Henterson
 Tazi
 Riley Colbert
 Oliver
 Jacques
 Mak
 Chloe
 Lucy
 Clyde
 Penny
 Patty

BV ANIMAL SHELTER WISH LIST

1. OdoBan
2. Bleach
3. Dish Soap
4. Purina One Dry dog food
5. Purina Naturals cat food
6. Purina One Dry puppy food
7. Cat Flea and Tick prevention









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 THESE
 ITEMS**



Bella Vista Animal Shelter is a no-kill shelter. Our Guardian Angels program is a monthly subscription of \$10 to care for all out long-term residents. Please consider sponsoring one of our angels.



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