



Gallup-McKinley County Humane Society Newsletter



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~~2010 BOW-MEOW SPRING FLING & RAFFLE~~

SPRING FLING! Now, doesn't that just conjure up ideas of great fun, breaking out from the doldrums of winter and kicking up your heels? Well, we have just the event for YOU! **Saturday, April 24, 2010 is the date you need to save for the Gallup McKinley County Humane Society's Bow-Meow Spring Fling.** This fun event will be held at Red Rock Park, with a social hour from 6:00-7:00pm, dinner served at 7:00pm and dancing from 8:00 to midnight. This is also the night for the big and exciting **\$10,000 Reverse Raffle!!!** Music will be provided by our favorite band from Durango - The High Rollers! To add to the evening of fun, we will have a live auction with our own Clint Balok as auctioneer. Clint will be enticing the crowd to bid on numerous items, including a mattress set from Castle Furniture, a Spa Package from Mystique Salon, Luby Grenko's Famous Pogatisa along with instructions for making it, an antique basket and goods, a picnic basket and smoker, St. Francis Bird Bath and Noah's Ark yard decoration from Termar Trends in Durango, metal elk & horse wall sculptures from Durango's Gallery of Images, along with many, many other great items. Please contact Cosy Balok @ 505-870-0325 if you would like to donate something for the raffle.



This is our biggest fund-raising project for 2010, so please open your heart to help the stray and abandoned animals of McKinley County and give yourself a treat with a fun night out. Plus, you may be the big winner of \$10,000!! Raffle tickets are sold separately at \$50.00 per chance, and you need not be present to win, but we would like you to be there, so please purchase your dinner/dance tickets, too, for \$25.00 per person. Dance and Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Humane Society Office, Cedar Animal Hospital, DeeAnn Leyba at Gallup Lumber, Mystique Salon, Hair Hut, or please contact Sandra McKinney at 505-722-0514, and she will get tickets to you. Reserved Tables may be purchased for groups of 10 or more. KOB Channel 4 is even going to give us coverage. **DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!!!**

~~VALENTINE'S SWEETHEART DANCE A GREAT SUCCESS~~

Everyone had such a great time at the Valentine's Sweetheart Dance held February 13 at the Elk's Club. This small gathering was a great success; delicious food, dancing to live music from local band "Over the Limit", a night out with friends, an exciting raffle with great prizes.



Guests enjoying the night's festivities.



Doug Brownell with our lucky winner Denise Jarzomkowski, along with Sandra and Jackie McKinney.

We had numerous very happy winners of various raffle items and the lucky BIG winner of our Cedar "Treasure" Chest was Denise Jarzomkowski. Denise went home with the cedar chest, a beautiful quilt, candles, bubble bath, champagne glasses, a cuddly stuffed dog and much, much more, all geared toward a romantic Valentine's Day for her and her sweetheart. She can even postpone her Valentine's Day for a later date and spend the night in the forest at a Z-Lazy-B cabin up at McGaffey from one of the prizes she won. *Continued on Page 2*



Clint and Cosy Balok

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Jackie McKinney offered a surprise special tribute to Clint and Cosy Balok for all the wonderful work they do for the animals of our community.

Also, a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our committee for everything they did to make this event happen, plus, we offer our THANKS to the Elk's Lodge for their facility and to our cook Larry Bush for the delicious food; Steak and Chicken-everyone was happy!

We also want to thank the following merchants and individuals for their help: *The Party Place, R & M Furniture, Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Z Lazy B Ranch, Blossom Shop, Merle Norman Cosmetics, Advanced Technical Services, Cynthia Uhlig, Sherri McDargh, Connie Merrill, Big Bear Bargains, Sherry Fuhs, Sandra McKinney, Heavenly Hands, Katie Bolf, Mystique Salon, Misty Tolson, Cosy Balok and Susie King.*

It is wonderful people like you that allow us to hold our benefit events and garner funds to assist the Humane Society and the animals. **Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!**

~~DISTEMPER IN CANINES~~

Just like human flu strains, Distemper can mutate and become more aggressive and dangerous. New Mexico has seen an increase of the viral infection in recent years. This is thought to be caused by the increase of the wolf population in New Mexico.

Canine distemper is a contagious and serious viral illness with no known cure. The disease affects dogs, and certain species of wildlife, such as raccoons, wolves, foxes, and skunks. A common house pet, the ferret, is also a carrier of this virus. Young, unvaccinated puppies and non-immunized older dogs tend to be more susceptible to the disease.

The virus, which is spread through the air and by direct or indirect (i.e. utensils, bedding) contact with an infected animal, initially attacks a dog's tonsils and lymph nodes and replicates itself there for about one week. It then attacks the respiratory, urogenital, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems.

In the initial stages of Canine Distemper, the major symptoms include high fever (102 degrees Fahrenheit), red-dened eyes, and a watery discharge from the nose and eyes. An infected dog will become lethargic and tired, and will usually stop eating. Persistent coughing, vomiting and diarrhea may also occur. In the later stages of the disease, the virus starts attacking the other systems of the dog's body, particularly the nervous system. The brain and spinal cord are affected and the dog may start having fits, seizures, paralysis, and attacks of hysteria. Certain strains of the virus can also cause an abnormal enlargement or thickening of the pads of an animal's feet. In dogs or animals with weak immune systems, death may result two to five weeks after the initial infection. Non-immunized dogs that come into any kind of contact with an infected animal carry a particularly high risk of contracting the disease.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for canine distemper. Treatment for the disease, therefore, is heavily focused on alleviating the symptoms. Recovery is entirely possible, if caught early and proper treatment is given to the animal. Fully recovered dogs do not spread or carry the virus.

The best prevention for canine distemper is routine vaccinations and immediate isolation of any infected animals. Special care must be taken to protect new-born pups from exposure, since they are especially susceptible to the disease.

Your pet is part of your family, you do not want to put your beloved pet thru this trauma, or even lose your pet to death from Distemper. **Get your pet vaccinated on a regular schedule for Distemper and all other pet diseases.**

Special thanks to Dr. Jessica Balok from Cedar Animal Hospital for her input on this article.

~~A TASTE OF GALLUP COOKBOOK~~

Our wonderful "*Taste of Gallup*" Cookbook has been a tremendous success. It has been such a great success that we have decided to add more recipes to it or even create Volume II. If you have additional recipes you would like to have included in the second edition, please e-mail them to Sandra McKinney at GMCHumaneSociety@gmail.com or send by postal mail at 112 Sunset Dr., Gallup, NM 87301.



We do still have some of the original cookbooks left at a cost of \$25.00 each (plus \$5.00 shipping if you are out of town). Again, please contact Sandra McKinney @ 505-722-0514 or 112 Sunset Dr., Gallup 87301, to purchase a cookbook. This book is full of local, delicious recipes that are tried and true.

~~MEMORIALS and RECOGNITION~~

Our condolences and blessings to those who have lost a loved one, or a precious pet.. We thank you for remembering the Humane Society at such a time of sorrow.



IN MEMORY OF MATTIE RICHARDSON

Mr and Mrs Albert O Lebeck
David and Joyce Lebeck

IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN MOREHOUSE

Dick and Virginia White

IN MEMORY OF HOWARD MENAPACE

Clint and Cosy Balok
Jack and Donna Tarro
Frances and Kiyoko Teshima
Mr and Mrs Albert O Lebeck
Joyce and David Lebeck
Renee and Russell Dove
Sandra and Jackie McKinney
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John and Theresa Dowling
Beverly and Marlene Caviggia
Pauline and Joe DeLaO
Bill and Barbara Rucker
Frank and Barbara Kozeliski
Bobbi Adams
Greg and Connie Toso

IN MEMORY OF STANLEY POLICH

Bob Marinsek
Dick and Virginia White

IN MEMORY OF J. B. HORTON

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IN MEMORY OF JOANN PLESE

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Cookie Marcelli
Bill and Betty Armstrong
James and Lorraine Pomponi
Barbara Stanley
Pauline and Joe DeLaO
Pam Yardley
Kathleen Gintowt

IN MEMORY OF LLOYD BAKER

Shirley Baker

IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA KRAVETZ

Kathleen Gintowt

IN MEMORY OF AURA MALTI AND MARTY BRITE

George and Johanna Malti

IN MEMORY OF **AVA** - Debra Castro
IN MEMORY OF **HANGER** - Betty Chapman
(Beloved dog of Don & Sue Sterling)
IN MEMORY OF **SQUIRTY** - Lisa Bowles
IN MEMORY OF **HOOVER** - Marilyn Johnson
IN MEMORY OF **CHOPPER & MIKEY**
- Leroy & Sue Gabaldon

IN HONOR OF SUE POPE

Sharlotte Rawlings

CORAL'S 4TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DINNER AND FUND-RAISER

In memory of her beloved pet Coral, Sandra Garcia invites you to the "4th Annual Coral's Memorial Dinner" to be held **Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the Gallup Elk's Lodge from 6:30pm to 9:30pm.** Coral



was a wonderful friend and soul mate to Sandra for eight years and is greatly missed. Thru her love of animals, and especially Coral, Sandra Garcia hosts this semi-formal event to raise funds for the Gallup McKinley County Humane Society. The three previous events have been a great success and have garnered close to \$10,000 for the Humane Society. This year there will be DJ music, a belly dance performance and a ballroom dance performance, as well as, a Silent Auction. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. To purchase tickets for this event, please contact

Sandra Garcia @ 870-6272, Donna Tarro @ 870-1411 or Gillian Mair @ 863-6134.

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~~SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION STATISTICS~~

For the first quarter of 2010, we have had 233 lucky animals be adopted into forever homes. They are now in good hands with loving families. These animals were adopted from the facility or from one of the many adopt-a-thons that we go to. We have also had 62 animals be reclaimed by their owners. These animals could have been lost or picked up by Metro Animal Control for running loose. The happy dogs and cats are now back at their homes. Remember to follow proper fencing and leash laws.

The veterinarians who perform the spay and neuter procedures were really busy for the first quarter. We processed 141 dogs and cats thru the Low-Income Spay and Neuter Clinic! Yea! No more unwanted litters for these animals!!! **REMEMBER—DON'T LITTER—SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR CRITTER!!**



**Discount Spay-Neuter Clinics
(low-income)**

Wednesdays: 505-863-2616

**Pick up an application at the Humane Society Shelter or download at:
www.petfinder.com/shelters/NM64.html**



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