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## To Our Supporters

We wish you and yours a very happy and healthy 2017.

In November 2016, a generous anonymous donor pledged to match donations received through Dec. 31, 2016, up to \$15,000. Thanks to YOU, we were able to get the entire match donated!

As you will see from our metrics below, we significantly increased the number of animals we helped this year. We couldn't do this without your support.

Hope to see you at our annual fun Valentine Crab Feed on ***Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017*** from 6-10pm. See flyer below for details. Click on this link to purchase tickets: <http://paws-in-need.org/upcoming-events/event.php?Crab-Feed—Feb-2017-35>.



paws In Need  
*Valentine*  
Crab ♥ Feed



**Saturday, February 4, 2017 6-10pm**

**Shrine Event Center**

170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore (near Airway exit)

**Cost: \$55 per person**

*until 1/21/17; \$60 thereafter*

*Dinner includes:* Fresh Cracked Crab, Pasta, Caesar Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Coffee/Tea with a No Host Bar of Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks. Many opportunities to win Raffle Baskets and Auction Items.



**All proceeds go toward assisting with  
medical costs for Tri-Valley  
community animals**

Questions: Contact Coordinator Cindy Ferrin  
cferrin@pacbell.net or 925-323-8517

Purchase tickets at **Paws-In-Need.org**  
or send a check made out to:

**Paws In Need**

P. O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583



*Help Us Help Them*

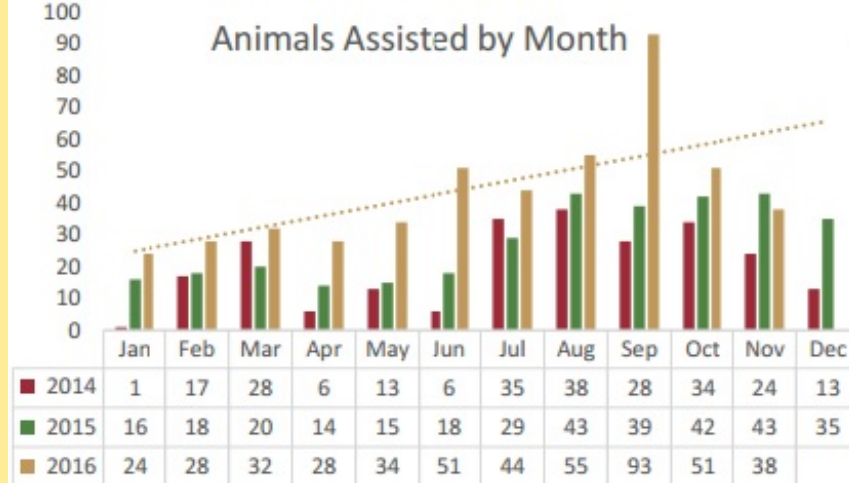
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**Paws In Need Metrics**




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## Warning for Dog Owners Peanut Butter May Be Unsafe For Dogs

Recently a few manufacturers have added xylitol to their peanut butters. Xylitol is an artificial sweetener often used in gum and candy. While it's generally "safe" for humans to eat, it can be deadly for dogs.

Just a small amount of it can cause severe liver damage and *can even kill your dog*.

Here are the brands that we know to watch out for (usually found in specialty stores):

### Known Brands That Contain Xylitol

**Go Nuts Co.**

**Hank's Protein Plus Peanut Butter**

**Krush Nutrition**

**Nuts N More**

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**Missy Struck Gold**

*by Lisa Williams*



*Missy*

Left to fend for herself on the streets, Missy, as she is now called, was found running wild and trying to survive. She struck gold when she happened upon the family of a most loyal Paws in Need volunteer! They pulled over and coaxed her in their car and as they say, the rest is history. Missy was very fortunate to find such a wonderful loving couple to give her such a great forever home. One of Missy's favorite things to do is lying on the sofa with her new family.

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## **Win, Place & Show!**

*by Lisa Williams*



*Three lucky kitties!*

Whether known as a "tierce" in China, a "trio ordre" in France, or "trifecta" in the US, these

3 siblings won the race for sure the day they stumbled on 2 Livermore families. Two longtime neighbors joined forces, working together to see these cats to the finish line. Left in a yard along with their young mother, the families contacted many groups, and Paws in Need was the one to respond. All cats were rounded up for a and taken to the vet for a wellness visit and spay/neuter surgeries. A Pleasanton based rescue partner, Allie's Pals, added the mom to their foster-to-adopt program, and one of the Good Samaritan family members adopted all 3 kittens! PIN loved meeting both of these wonderful families and this recent photo shows the cats are content and safe in their forever home.

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## **Buster & Scooter**

*by Lisa Williams*



*Buster and Scooter*

These 2 little buddies were also found together as strays, roaming the streets, hungry and dirty. A Good Samaritan with dog fostering experience found them and tried locating their possible family in hopes they were just lost. After considerable time and realizing nobody was coming forward for these two, she contacted Paws in Need to utilize our low cost spay/neuter program to get them both fixed before finding them new homes.

A young adult looking for her first dog fell in love with Buster and adopted him, and as often happens when fostering, the Good Samaritan couldn't part with Scooter and kept him! Little did Scooter know that night he was found and removed from the streets, that he was really already home! These 2 were lucky, as many strays end up in our county shelters every year.

Paws in Need is eager to help spay or neuter in situations where people are willing to foster and help rehome stray, lost or abandoned animals. Every spay or neuter surgery helps reduce the number of animals in our shelters. Best of luck in your new lives Buster & Scooter!

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## **T-R-O-U-B-L-E**

*by Lisa Williams*



*Trouble*

This little guy may have a name that makes you think "mischief," but it couldn't be further from the truth. He got his name because he can detect trouble with his owner. She suffers from seizures and this sweet boy can detect them prior to them happening. His name should be Guardian Angel! After his adoption, he has now become her certified therapy dog. Keeping "Trouble" by her side 24/7 keeps *her* out of trouble!

Paws In Need is always eager to assist a dog or cat through our low cost spay/neuter program in a scenario like this. Thanks for literally being a life saver, Trouble!

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## **Volunteer Focus - Kirk Wagner**

*by Carrie Weiss*



*Kirk, Stephanie and Pickles*

Paws In Need welcomes Kirk Wagner as a new board member.

Kirk became familiar with Paws in Need when he attended his first Crab Feed in 2014. In his new role, Kirk is tasked with community outreach to bring awareness and new volunteers to the organization.

Growing up in Santa Barbara, Kirk attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo studying civil engineering where he met his future wife. Upon graduation, Kirk moved to the Bay area and received his Master's from Stanford University. He currently lives and works in Pleasanton with his wife Stephanie and French Bulldog Pickles.

Growing up, Kirk lived with a golden retriever, a parrot, and a fish. His compassion for animals stems from the realization that they cannot help themselves; they need a human touch. But often, people are the real reason animals need help. Kirk is excited to serve as an advocate for pets that need stable homes as he continues to raise awareness for the animals that have no voice.

On the weekends (when he's not enjoying a nice glass of wine with Stephanie watching Pickles tug at toys) you can find Kirk enjoying anything outdoors, such as hiking, camping, snowboarding and wakeboarding.

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## In Memory Of People

**Dr. Sue Marshall Fallon** from Patti Fidzuirra, Nancy Shriver, Arlene & Jason Wu, Eustacia Wyatt

**Warren Booth** from Sally Ward

## In Memory Of Animals

**Cheyenne**, from Lisa Wills

**Lucy**, beloved kitty with a heart condition owned by Kari and Sue Hamlin from Paws In Need. After getting her spayed through Paws In Need, they decided to keep this stray so she was able to spend the final chapter of her life in their wonderful home.

**Phoebe**, beloved cat of volunteer Lila Wing-Terkelsen from Paws In Need and Tom & Helen Changras

**Pumpkin**, her friends' dog, from Laura Peterson

**Sassy**, beloved dog of volunteer Anne Sanderson

## In Honor Of

**Patti & Mitch Fidzaira** from Joy Peterson

**Gay Maestas**, from friends Jan and Don Cox

Happy Holidays to the **Mason** and **Cornell families** from Susan Ruxton

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### Ways to Donate to Paws In Need (Tax ID #45-5391297)

1. Online through PayPal or via credit card at [www.Paws-In-Need.org](http://www.Paws-In-Need.org).
2. By check to Paws In Need (PIN), P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583.
3. Through stock donations. Paws In Need (PIN) has a brokerage account for stock donations. If a donor gives stock to PIN, they may be able to take a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the stock at the time of the donation. For more information, contact financial adviser Jay Woo at TD Ameritrade, [925-287-3209](tel:925-287-3209).
4. Through payroll deductions plans (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia's HOME campaign, United Way, Visa).
5. Through the Lutheran Church's Thrivent Choice program. For more information, call 800-THRIVENT ([800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836)) or [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).
6. By donating a vehicle through our Car Donation program, call [866-332-1778](tel:866-332-1778).
7. By shopping at Amazon, using Amazon Smile since they donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Paws In Need when using this website to order: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-5391297>.
8. Register and shop at [www.shop.com/PawsInNeed](http://www.shop.com/PawsInNeed) for everyday products and stores (e.g. WalMart, Target, Macy's, etc.) or for gift cards at a discount. There is cash back for you and money will be donated to Paws In Need for every purchase.
9. By becoming a Consumer Learning Center Product Tester. Go to [www.theclc.com](http://www.theclc.com) and click on "Register Now!" Say "Yes" to the Non Profit question and use the pull down menu to find your charity. Check email and click on the link to confirm your enrollment. Paws In Need earns \$10 for your sign-up and earns \$25-\$150 for your product testing participation.
10. By signing up for ESCRIP at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to the organization of your choice (hopefully you will select Paws In Need).



11. By contributing to your favorite charity through this online site: <http://www.networkforgood.org>. Select Paws In Need as your charity.

11. If you are thinking of buying or selling an item, consider using **Buy It Forward** at <http://buyitforward.com/#categories/42>. Paws In Need is now registered as one of the non-profits where you can direct your donation.

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