



## The Printed Paw Early Spring 2015



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## To Our Supporters

It's Spring as you can tell from all of the beautiful blooming flowers and trees. In the animal kingdom, it means animals going into heat which in turn means more newborn animals.

Our low cost Spay/Neuter program is in full-swing preventing more litters from being born. If you are feeding strays or living on a limited income, contact us today so we can help you get the animal(s) altered. Together, we are gaining on the goal of having no homeless animals.

Hope to see you at our annual Spring Fling retail event on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 to 3pm at Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd. (at Las Positas) in Pleasanton. Come and see our new spring merchandise for both pets and the people who love them. See flyer below for more details.

Contact us at [info@paws-in-need.org](mailto:info@paws-in-need.org) or at [925-551-1877](tel:925-551-1877).

## Heartwarming Tails

[Ellie's Story](#)

*by Lisa Williams*



Helen holding little Ellie

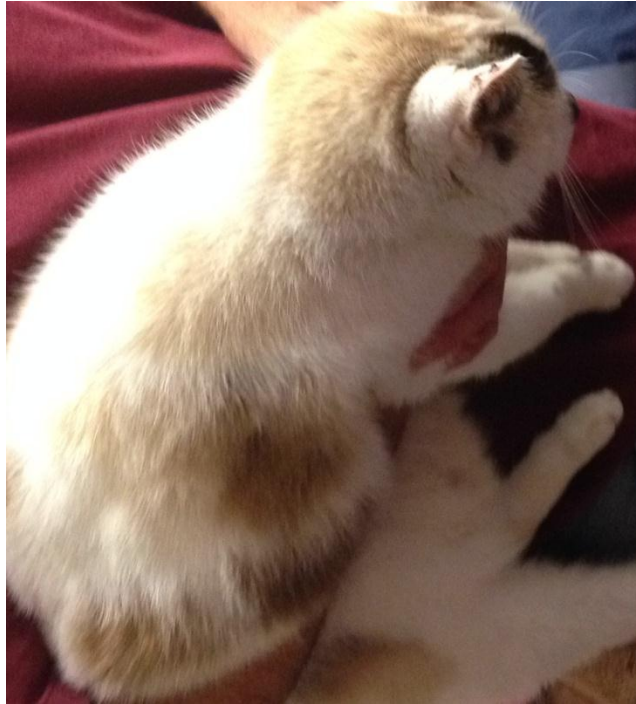
Good Samaritan Helen gave little Ellie a wonderful new start in life. Ellie was originally adopted by a couple who could no longer keep her. Helen's grandson, a friend of the couple, scooped her up and brought her to Helen's daughter until a good home could be found. Helen, coincidentally staying overnight after a trip to Reno, met Ellie. After having just lost her former companion dog she said "no more dogs!" Well, as they say, never say never. That evening Ellie spent the night with Helen and the next morning when she came running up the stairs to greet her, Helen said "she ran straight into her heart and has been there ever since." Little 3 lb. Ellie charmed her way right into a forever home. Kudos to this family for rallying for this sweet dog. Paws In Need is so glad to support efforts like this through our spay/neuter program.

Follow-up message from adopter Helen:

*"Thanks to PIN (Paws In Need) I could get her spayed through your low cost program. The overall program and service was fantastic and I am forever grateful!"*

## Peabody Helped By Just Like New program

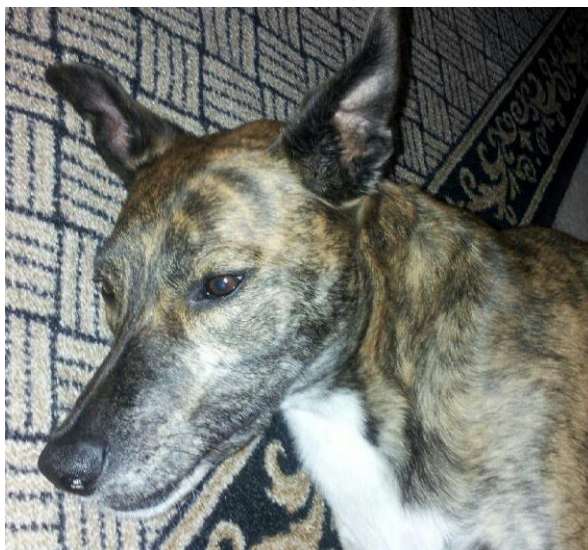
by Karen Simon



Sweet Peabody

*Peabody's ear flaps had an infected sore so owner James took her to the vet. The surgery was estimated to be \$1,000 to remove the cancer that was deteriorating her ear-flaps. James is disabled and is currently unable to work. He didn't have near enough money to provide the care his beloved Peabody needed. She was given an antibiotic shot for the infection and James told the vet they could not do the surgery due to finances. The receptionist, familiar with Paws In Need, suggested he call us for help. The Just Like New program provided funds so Peabody could have the needed surgery at Feline Medical Center and she is feeling much better now.*

**How the Just Like New program helps!**



*Kiba*

*Last year Paws In Need had a campaign to raise money for Kiba's medical needs through our **Just Like New Program**. The owner gave us a recent update: "Kiba is getting around very well. He is happy and gets lots of attention. He runs in the back yard after squirrels again. We try to keep him active at home without overdoing it. All in all though he is doing well. "*

Here is an email Paws In Need received with a donation for Kiba. Thanks Pat B. for taking the time to write to us about how the Just Like New program touched your life:

*"While I do not know Kiba, I have had experience with The Just Like New Fund. Nine years ago I received a call from one of the girls at our vet's office, Feline Medical Center in Pleasanton. They knew we had recently lost our 18 year old kitty and were thinking of adopting an adult cat. They had performed surgery, thanks to Jackie Barnett's Fund, on a lovely black male cat who had been surrendered to the local Animal Shelter. To make a long story short, we adopted the handsome house panther with the shaved tummy and he brought us many years of purrs and love. I lost him to bone marrow disease in June but will be forever grateful to The Just Like New Fund for saving his life and giving us some wonderful years with an amazing furkid."*

*Regards,  
Pat B.*

## **Looking for a Good Home**

**[3 Legged Girl Looking For a Forever Home](#)**

by Karen Simon



Jasmine resting

If you have been considering bringing a sweet, affectionate, loving cat into your home, look no more!

Jasmine's owners moved away and left her behind to live outdoors in the neighborhood where there are coyotes! Unfortunately one of these coyotes got hold of Jasmine. Our Just Like New program paid for her to be seen by a veterinarian who confirmed the damaged leg had healed. She is completely healed from her spay surgery and is doing just fine with 3 legs. She deserves to have a forever indoor home. If you are interested in adopting this sweet loving girl, please contact Karen at [925-367-8789](tel:925-367-8789) or [info@paws-in-need.org](mailto:info@paws-in-need.org). She is very affectionate and trusting and will be forever grateful to her new family!

**[Could You Be My Next Home?](#)**



Ready for Love

Priscilla works at a local vet office and a stray cat has come to her house. She already has too many inside and outside cats to care for another.

This sweet female is about 2 years old, has medium length gray fur with bright yellow eyes. Unfortunately she has no microchip. She has a long scar on her abdomen that looks like it is from a spay surgery.

If you are willing to add this kitty to your household, contact Priscilla at [whiskers20@sbcglobal.net](mailto:whiskers20@sbcglobal.net).

# Animal Lover's Boutique Spring Fling

Unique animal-themed gifts for people and pets

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**10am to 3pm**

**Feline Medical Center  
3160 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton**

Great Gifts  
for Mother's  
Day!

**Planters • Garden Art • Fashion Accessories  
Dishware • Home Decor  
Pet Toys and Accessories • Clearance Items**

Help sick  
and injured  
animals!

**A benefit for  
Jackie Barnett's Just Like New Fund**  
*Helping sick and injured animals*  
**Paws In Need**  
**[www.Paws-In-Need.org](http://www.Paws-In-Need.org)**  
**925-551-1877**

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# YARD SALE



All proceeds  
help  
community  
animals



**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

8:00am – 2:00pm

**Milfleur, Side Yard**  
**200 Ray Street**  
**Pleasanton**

*(at the Historic Kottinger Barn  
between Main and First Streets)*

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To make a donation or for questions, contact Ellen at [ellenmagnie@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmagnie@gmail.com) or 510-305-2553



# Tips for Change

Italian Dinner

**Monday, June 8, 2015**

**5 - 9pm**

**Gianni's** **italian bistro**

2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA  
925-820-6969 • [giannissanramon.com](http://giannissanramon.com)

*Come for dinner at this great Italian bistro and be served by Paws In Need volunteers!  
All tips go directly to support Paws In Need. Guests will have opportunities to win great raffle prizes too! Reservations suggested; for reservations call 925-820-6969 or go to [opentable.com](http://opentable.com).*

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Questions? Call Paws In Need  
Coordinator Lisa Williams at  
925-216-1621

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*Paws In Need is dedicated to keeping our community's pets healthy and works to prevent animal overpopulation in the Tri-Valley. P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583; [www.Paws-In-Need.org](http://www.Paws-In-Need.org) or contact us at [info@Paws-In-Need.org](mailto:info@Paws-In-Need.org) or 925-551-1877*

## Paws Applause to Four Paws - Chris Tripi, DVM



Dr. Chris Tripi, owner of Four Paws Veterinary Center in Dublin

Paws In Need would like to thank Dr. Tripi, owner of Four Paws Veterinary Center, 4524 Dublin Blvd., Dublin for the discounted medical services he provides Paws In Need which allows us to help many more animals. Paws in Need receives the same services that his regular clients do. In fact, Dr. Tripi views his rescues as VIP's.

Dr. Tripi was born and raised in rural upstate New York. He has cared for numerous pets throughout his life; including dogs, cats, birds, fish and many farm animals. He says "I have always been interested in caring for animals but never thought I would be academic enough for vet school. As I finished my undergraduate education, I became interested in Aquaculture / Fish medicine and applied to vet schools with that aim. Once in vet school I realized my calling and switch focus to companion animals 100%."

Dr. Tripi earned his veterinary degree at the Atlantic Veterinary College located in Prince Edward Island, Canada. He enhanced his training by taking part in two post-graduate internships, at the Animal Medical Center in New York City (veterinary medicine and critical care) and at the Bay Area's own Veterinary Surgical Associates (veterinary surgery). Dr. Tripi also has expertise in aquatic animal medicine (fish).

Four Paws was established by Chris Tripi and wife Keri Smyrni (who is also a veterinarian in this family-run office) in Dublin in the Fall of 2011. They decided to open their practice here since they have family in the area and think the Tri-Valley area is a wonderful place to raise their family. Four Paws is a full service companion animal medical and surgical center (dogs, cats, pocket pets, reptiles or fish).

Dr. Tripi's hobbies include snowboarding, mountain biking, maintaining his salt water fish tanks and spending time with his wife Keri and family.

## **Planning Your Pet's Future**

Have You Planned for Your Pet's Future?

For those of us who feel our pets are part of our family, it is a good idea to provide for their care in our estate plans.

Without legal protection, a trusted caretaker could split up bonded pairs, not provide special diets/health care needs, or pets could be given to shelters or euthanized. Without this legal protection, if money is left to the caregiver, they could use the funds elsewhere if there is not a trustee monitoring the funds.

To make certain this doesn't happen, you will need to specify both a trustee and a caregiver in your will or trust. The trustee is required by law to make certain the trust's requirements for the care of the pet are being met by the caregiver.

When choosing your estate attorney, it might be good to choose one experienced in creating pet trusts to ensure the best care of your pets in the future.

## **Paws In Need in the News!**

Paws In Need was featured in a [Baywoof article on Feb. 1, 2015](#) telling its reading about who we are and the services we provide the Tri-Valley community. See [baywoof.com](#) for the article details.

## **Paws Applause**

In Honor of

- Lisa Williams from Lydia Woofter
- Lisa Williams from Judy Burgroff
- Dr. Laura Resink of Del Valle Clinic from Lydia Woofter
- Japanese Mahjong friends from Bonnie Hughes
- M. Albertini for donating his car to Paws In Needs

In Memory of

- Leslie Foreaker from Sue Mikla, Keith Clendenen and Cindy Ferrin
- Mimi Chang, in loving memory from Michelle Shimamura
- Lisa (office cat at Feline Medical Center) from Kathy Bratset

## **Paws In Need Valentine Crab Feed**

by Leslie Haas



Decorated and ready for the Paws In Need Valentine Crab Feed to begin - Photo by Gina Bonanno

The annual Paws In Need Valentine's Crab Feed at the Shannon Center in Dublin was another spectacular success! A sold-out crowd (tickets sold out 3 weeks before the event!) of 300 guests spent the evening of February seventh feasting on all-you-can-eat pasta, french bread, Caesar salad, and, of course, CRAB!

But that's not all! The no-host bar served a selection of drinks - "Paws-mos" (our version of a Cosmopolitan), awesome Altamont Beer Works Sessions beer, a variety of wines, soda and water.

When not eating, the guests were able to purchase raffle tickets for a chance (or many) to win one of the forty (40) beautiful raffle baskets. Two types were available, baskets for a single raffle ticket while and baskets with more up-scale contents for five raffle tickets.

Guests were also able to purchase a playing card for a chance at winning a GoPro Hero 3 camera that was raffled during the evening. This was a well received raffle with all tickets sold prior to dinner.

A brief presentation that informed the attendees of the mission, results, and 2015 goals of Paws In Need was given by Karen Simon, Leslie Haas, and our wonderful MC Jim Walker.

Comments from the guests heard by volunteers all indicated that the evening was fun, well-organized, had excellent food and many are planning for a return in 2016 when the event will be held February 6 at the Shrine Event Center in Livermore.

Thank you to all of our guests and volunteers who made the evening so enjoyable and raised over \$12,000 to support Paws In Need's efforts to reduce needless euthanasia of Tri-Valley companion animals.

## **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. 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.

9. 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).

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

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