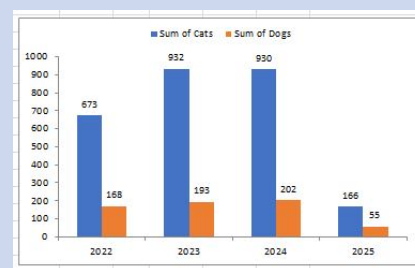
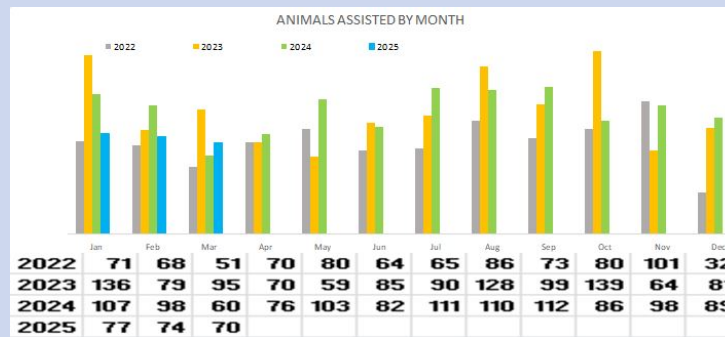
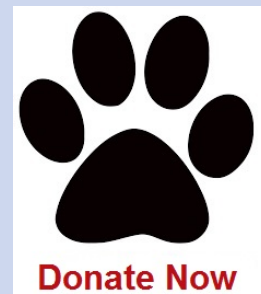




Spring Newsletter 2025

Paws In Need is a California 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit organization dedicated to improving animal welfare in our local community.



Paws In Need is pleased to report a great first quarter of 2025 with continued success in assisting hundreds of dogs, cats and pet owners.

Here are a few helpful tips for anyone who is already a pet owner or is seeking to find a new pet.

Supporting public education and community initiatives that offer assistance to pet owners in need can help keep pets in their homes. Those searching for a new furry friend should consider the long-term commitment of pet ownership before bringing animals into their home. Just like the decision to have children, owners should treat their pet(s) as family members, and follow the approach of compassion and understanding towards animals, regardless of age, breed or condition, as critical to their welfare.

The first step for those deciding to bring a pet into their household, should be to check local shelters, fosters and rescues to find animals that are most deserving of finding a forever family. Countless dogs and cats that may have been abandoned, surrendered or neglected, are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to find "their people" and live their best lives. The second step for potential owners would be to make sure that they can afford the ongoing costs of proper veterinary care as well as cover all other expenses associated with adopting a pet.

Thirdly, before an owner experiencing economic hardship or other challenges, makes the heartbreaking choice to surrender their pet, they should explore all available options for financial assistance that could keep pets and families together. Alternatives include: contacting non-profits, like Paws In Need, that offer funds to offset costs of spay/neuter and advanced veterinary procedures; looking for less expensive veterinary providers that may be located outside of the immediate service area; or applying for a flexible payment

and homeless individuals, in underserved communities, would simply not exist. Volunteerism stands as a central pillar of society and as a necessity to bridge the gap that City, State and Federal agencies are unable to adequately fulfill. Please consider volunteering your time and/or expertise with a non-profit organization whose mission resonates with you. Your volunteer contributions will not only benefit the non-profit, but also result in creating a personally rewarding experience. Paws in Need represent a success story, one that demonstrates how volunteers are making a real difference!



Paws In Need
Crab Feed
FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Curbside Pick-up
at 73 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore
from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Dinner includes
clam chowder, Caesar salad,
pasta, crab, bread
and dessert

Cost: \$90 per person

*All proceeds help
with medical
costs for
community
animals.*

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
Questions: Contact (925) 551-1877 or info@Paws-In-Need.org

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Once again, our curbside pick-up Crab Feed fundraiser was a huge success this year. “On the Vine Catering” did a stellar job preparing delicious take-out crab meals for our loyal supporters to enjoy!



We extend our heartfelt thanks to Cindy Pang, our departing CFO, for her tenure and many contributions to our organization. Due to Cindy's professional obligations that made it difficult to continue providing the level of support her role requires, she has chosen to step down. We will miss working with Cindy and the Board wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors.



Welcome

Paws In Need is pleased to welcome our new CFO, Gail Requa. Some of you may recognize her as the face of Alexander Chiropractic in Livermore. As Gail gets up to speed, and with proper training and direction, we know that she will be successful in skillfully lending her expertise to the demands of this role.



See's CANDIES®

Thank you to all who participated in our Easter See's Candies fundraiser to support Paws In Need.



Beautiful Betsy



This gorgeous Siamese senior is in a fantastic forever home. Her owner contacted us for consideration for financial assistance [Read more...](#)



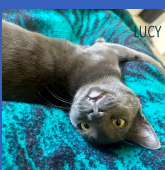
Buddy



Meet Buddy. This sweet boy was found in an industrial park in Hayward along with his siblings. [Read more...](#)



Lucy



This kitten hit the life jackpot when found on the streets of Oakland by a Paws in Need supporter [Read more...](#)



Maisy

Little teen Maisy found herself in a situation where her owners didn't want her anymore. [Read more...](#)



Merlin



Sweet 3 year old Merlin was suffering from a cartilage abnormality, which to correct needed a very complex surgery called UAP (united anconeal process*). [Read more...](#)

** An ununited anconeal process (UAP) is a developmental condition in dogs where the anconeal process, a part of the ulna bone at the elbow, fails to fuse properly, leading to pain, lameness, and potential elbow joint damage.*



For more than 35 years, the [East Bay Times](#) has hosted its annual “Share the Spirit” holiday fund drive to help some of the most vulnerable people in the East Bay. The drive brings attention to the needs of these people and raises funds for the organizations that help them. Economic uncertainties and changing spending patterns, may have affected giving nationally during 2024, but in the East Bay, generous readers of the East Bay Times continued to show their support for area non-profits and the important work that they do every day. For the second consecutive year, Paws In Need was selected as a grant recipient of this news organization’s campaign,” which benefits non-profits in Contra Costa and Alameda counties that provide critical services to those less fortunate in their time of need.

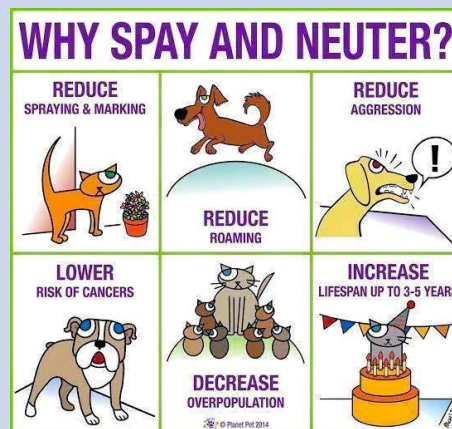
As Paws in Need has grown, so has its mission. The organization helps rehome abandoned and neglected animals, answering direct calls from the public – something rare in the bureaucracy of the animal-welfare world – and wrangling personal connections with low-cost veterinarians, animal-control officers and managers of rescues and sanctuaries. This year, for instance, Paws in Need helped remove a sweet, two-year-old bulldog named Crystal from an overcrowded backyard kennel in Contra Costa County. The Paws In Need volunteer team first had to address treating this poor pup’s severe ear infections, then had to make sure that her fleas were under control, and finally, that she received all of her inoculations. Crystal wound up as the happy resident of the [Coyote](#)

[Crossing Ranch Animal Rescue and Sanctuary](#) in Byron, before she was eventually adopted by the owners of this non-profit who fell in love with Crystal.



"Giving is our mission, kindness is our passion, and creating joy is our reward"

The Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation (PNRF) has raised and distributed over \$2.2 million in grants to non-profits in the Tri-Valley community to help improve the lives of those in need. Paws In Need once again has been awarded a generous grant from the PNRF, funds which will be invaluable in supporting crucial programs for animals and pet owners in our local community.



We have approached this subject on several occasions in prior newsletters, but we can not emphasize enough how important spaying/neutering your pet is. Notwithstanding that it is the law in California*, the benefits are well illustrated above but above all, it can also alleviate future expenses and improve your pet's health.

Did you know that a female cat can become pregnant as early as four months old and the pregnancy takes only about nine weeks from fertilization to birth, so that means that a female can have multiple pregnancies a year contributing to the overpopulation issue. The conservative estimate is that one female cat can have approximately 25 kittens in a single year! In contrast, a female dog can become pregnant as early as six months old. Pregnancy in dogs, also called the gestation period, normally ranges from 57-65 days, with an average of 63 days.

Unwanted litters can be avoided by simply spaying the female as soon as possible.

The benefits of the procedure include reduced risk of some reproductive illnesses. Neutered dogs and cats have a decrease risk of prostate disease and spayed dogs and cats have a decrease risk of uterine infections and mammary cancer. (See article on Pyometra in our Spring 2024 Newsletter).

As a side note, if you adopt from a shelter or a rescue, it will be fixed already and the adoption fee that you may be asked to pay, will be much less than what you would have paid for the procedure at the vets.

* In California, spaying or neutering dogs and cats is generally required, with some exceptions, and local ordinances may vary.

Here's a breakdown of the California law regarding spaying and neutering:

General Requirement:

- California law requires owners of unaltered dogs and cats to spay or neuter them, or obtain a certificate of sterility, or obtain an unaltered exempt license.
- This law aims to reduce unwanted litters and the number of animals in shelters.



BYTETAG

Ever wonder what you would do if your pet was lost? Beside relying on a good samaritan to make a trip to the vet to check if your pet is microchipped, you can equip your pet with a ByteTag (<https://shop.bytag.co/>) similar to luggage air tags. I found that it is an easy solution, not expensive and one that can give you peace of mind knowing that you are prepared. I am sure that there are other companies out there offering a similar solution but today I am sharing this particular one.

Here are some questions and answers that come immediately to mind (there are more on their website):

What is ByteTag? ByteTag is a scannable pet tag containing all of your pet's important information conveniently in one profile. The profile can be viewed using a QR code located on the back of the pet tag or typing in the unique URL link associated with the QR code.

How does ByteTag work? ByteTags utilize QR codes & unique URL links to efficiently and easily share your pet's information. To open your profile you can scan the QR code, or manually search using the URL link associated with your individual tag.

Can I track my pet's GPS location? Yes, If someone scans your pet's ByteTag, they can share their current location with the click of a button.



eBay

Don't know what to do with all the unwanted stuff? No worries, you can contact our volunteer, Linda Gray, if you have any items you would like to part with, such as jewelry that you no longer wear, gift cards that you just cannot use, that figurine just collecting dust, or anything that can be sold on EBay to generate proceeds for PIN.

Please contact Linda at 925-243-1225 or e-mail her at lgmmattner@sbcglobal.net to arrange for pick up or drop off of items. Your donation will help us cover the costs of our vital programs to keep pets healthy and together with their loving families.



Facebook Fundraiser.

If you would like to set up a fundraiser for your birthday or any occasion, simply choose Paws In Need as the recipient, it is as easy as 1-2-3. When on Facebook, search for Fundraisers and follow the simple instructions



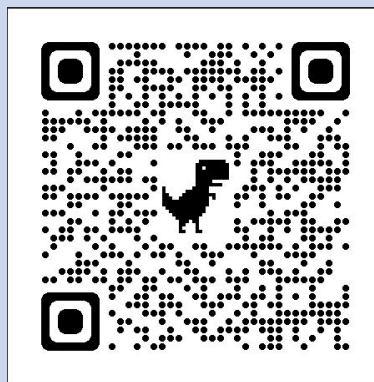
In Memory of People

In Memory of Sue Marshall, DVM from Catherine Tonne



Ways to Donate to Paws In Need

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Scan the QR code to quickly connect to our website.

Employer Giving Campaigns: If you are an employee of a company that has a giving campaign, please consider giving to Paws In Need. Most companies allow a change to your allocation throughout the year - you don't have to wait for the annual enrollment period.

Network for Good: Use this site to contribute to Paws In Need - <https://www.nfggive.org/home>. Network for Good makes giving to charity easy and convenient, anywhere online through their trusted charitable fund.

[Click here to see all the choices!](#)



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