



High Desert Humane Society

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Richard Rogers Friend and Supporter passes away

In September the High Desert Humane Society lost yet another good friend.

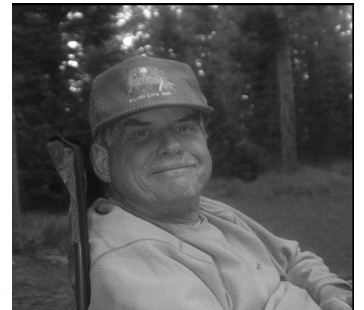
Richard Rogers will be missed in so many ways by board members and employees. It was over ten years ago that Richard was approached to be a board member. He declined but suggested his wife Linda. As it turned out we got two incredibly hard working and helpful people out of that deal!

Richard's expertise on construction proved invaluable on many projects from design of the dog runs, work on the memorial wall and, most all the work on the Cattery outside.

Donating time and money seemed to be Richard and Linda's specialty

Trained by Noah's Wish to help with animals in disasters, they even spent a week in Slidel, LA., after hurricane Katrina. This gave them the knowledge to put together our current disaster plan, and see it in action.

However, my favorite memory of Richard was watching him help with our yearly pet photo project. He took great pleasure in being the one who used a squeaky toy to get the dog's attention for the photographer. This always insured the perfect pose and



Richard Rogers

expression from the dogs. Richard, because of you and all that you did, your memory will live on here forever. Thank you so much. Victoria York.

Yard Sale Update

A big thank you to all the folks that made this year's High Desert Humane Society yard sale a great success.

Debbie Eggleston and her crew priced and sorted for weeks and then gathered with extra volunteers to help get everything out of the storage containers and ready to sell.

On the day of the sale shop-

pers began lining up outside the gates in anticipation of finding a great deal. Volunteers from here in town and from as far away as Gila and the Mimbres Valley gathered with coffee cups and donuts provide by Day Light Donuts for a final debriefing before the gates opened.

Shoppers roamed the grounds

gathering items, stopping to visit with old friends, and wheeling and dealing with the sales representatives before heading home with cars loaded down with great finds.

Many thanks to all who donated their items for resale and to those who always come to shop.



Girl Scout Troop #278 and Jack-O-Lanterns

Girl scout troop # 278 made a group project of decorating the shelter with jack-o-lanterns for Halloween. The troop came out after school one afternoon and had a great time carving funny faces into pumpkins.

Shown to the left are Jor-

Halloween Fun

dyn Terrazas, Matthew Terrazas, Brianna Kaynez, Aniya Abeyta, Chryssa Ford and Justine Spears with their creations that they displayed through out the building.

Once they were done with the pumpkins, the

troop took a tour of the shelter and played with some of the animals that are up for adoption. What a great job!

A big "Thank you" to Troop 278, our shelter looked great for the holidays.

Board member retires.

Frank Ogas hit the ground running when he accepted a position on our Board of Directors. Busy from day one he helped with vaccination clinics, hauled items for

the annual yard sale, helped with the Thrift Store, repaired walls and doors and even slept in his camp trailer in the parking lot during the Quail Ridge Fire so as to be here

for people in need of a safe haven for their pets. He is retiring to dedicate more time to Corazones Unidos - *Cardiac Support Group* . Thanks, Frank

Continued support from KATS TV



Ed Conley
of KATS TV

Ed Conley and KATS TV have long been supporters of the animal shelter.

Ed is the photographer and editor for Animal Care and Control 101 with board member Victoria York and Silver City ACO Sherwood Nance.

Ed also does the filming of the shelter's adoptable pets that have been shown on KATS TV for many years.

Thanks, Ed!

Cotton City 4 H Club Dog Project

Shown to the right, Hailee Cruz, Heather Klump with leaders Glenada Mahan and Michelle Armbruster delivered a wonderful donation of dog food and treats along with monies to help out here at the shelter. Not pictured were Boris Karp, Yana Karp and Zoe Jarrott .



After the photo shoot club members took a tour of the shelter and visited with some of the animals before heading home.

Thank you,
Cotton City 4 H'ers!

Our Paws' Cause –New Expanded Hours



Extended store hours

Our Paws' Cause Thrift Shop has expanded their hours to include Thursdays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Donations of good used household items, tools, DVD and kitchen ware are now being accepted.

Sorry, no clothing is being accepted at this time.

Donations may be dropped off at the store any time during regular business hours.

Come on down and shop

at the neatest little thrift shop in town.

Open Wednesday 10 to 2, Thursday 11 to 3 and Friday and Saturday 10 to 2. Located just north of College St. at 910 Pope.



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A Night of Fun to help Support Your Local Animal Shelter

Arby's Benefit Night

Wednesday February 15th

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Arby's of Silver City 1940 E US Hwy 180

A portion of the inside sales goes to benefit

The High Desert Humane Society

**Bring the whole family out for an evening of
family fun and great food.**

Try your luck at :

The Curly Fry eating contest — no hands allowed

Join in the Shake Chugging Contest— Brain Freeze Warning

Buy a \$1:00 raffle ticket and win great food prizes.

Bring the kids and your neighbors kids to help support your local animal shelter's Halt A Litter Today, spay and neuter program.

Craft Fair

It was a cold and snowy day when folks all around town began to gather for the Christmas Boutique Craft Fair.

Bundled in heavy coats and armed with steaming cups of coffee they set to the task of preparing their booth for the crowds they hoped would come.

Well come they did as the

day began to warm and the streets became easier to navigate. Shoppers crowded the aisles at the convention center to check out all the wonderful goodies on display.

Once again the humane society's booth boasted a wide variety of items thanks to many caring folks who donated their valuable time to

fill the tables to the brim with manner of items from afghans, candy, handmade Christmas ornaments and doggie cookies to wooden sleighs and painted gourds.

We thank all the hard working folks who donated items to help make this sale a success. Thank you also to the people who came to shop.



Christmas for the animals



Ginger Masoner's class from Harrison Schmitt arrived Friday the 16th at the shelter bearing gifts galore for the animals. They took a walking tour of the facility and the grounds plus did lots of puppy petting. Thank you for all the goodies!

Surprise Visitor



Ringtails are kin to raccoons and just as destructive.

You never know what might come thru the door here at the shelter. This past month a weary citizen brought us this little ringtail. She had spent four hours sitting quietly by the trap waiting so that she could shut the door on this little fuzzy, adorable, cute home wrecker. It had made a hole in her wall and then proceeded to tear its way through the insulation, wiring and a water pipe. Dennis Miller of Gila Biological came and transported it to a safer environment.

Bag -O- Bedding

Cold weather is upon us and with a donation from the Elks Club the shelter has been able to provide needy pet owners with straw bedding for their outside dog houses.

With the Elks help and a special arrangement with Ace Hardware, the shelter has also purchased some dog houses that we are able to sell at a reduced rate to needy pet owners. Please call for availability. 575-538-9261

Ed Conley, Victoria York and ACO Sherwood Nance show off the dog houses and straw bedding that are available at the shelter.



Christmas Float

Once again the High Desert Humane Society placed a entry in the Lighted Christmas Parade held November 26th in downtown Silver City.

This year's theme "Christmas in the Greater New Mexico Territory" inspired visions of the great railroads that helped to settle this part of the country.

Board member Jerry Howell and companion Pierre Nichols made the cactus for the sides as well as the signs. Many of the other board members came out on a rainy Friday to decorate. Sherwood Nance our Silver City ACO, once again volunteered to ride on the float.

All their hard work paid off as the float received third

place in this year's parade.

Many thanks to Don Beem for the loan of one of his great little trains. He will be taking it down to the "Railroad and Transportation Museum of El Paso" where it will be on display. And thank you to all the board members and volunteers who teamed up and helped get this float on the road.



**2011 Christmas
Float
"On Track to a
New Home"**

With Appreciation

Thank you for your monetary and in-kind donations to the High Desert Humane Society. With your support we can continue to feed, house and care for the animals in our shelter. Thank you also to the many volunteers who give their time to help support events, socialize animals, work around the shelter and assist with public awareness and education. Many thanks to those special folks who come to the shelter to search for and adopt a special furry friend to share in their life.

Maureen Acevedo, AKS Architecture PC, Albertson's, Christopher Alexander PhD, Judy Alfred, Animal Medical Center, Arenas Valley Animal Clinic, Jose/Gloria Barraza, CH Bates, Evelyn Blisard, Gregory Bond, Barbara Burdick, George/Sue Burfiend, Burgertime, Don Burton, Deirdre Campbell, Alejandro R Candelaria, Dana Carlson, Charlie's Pets, Judith Coleman, Ed Conley, Allan B/Betty Jo Davis, Shelly Day, Daylight Donuts, Mrs Dees, Desert Reef, DRI Metals, Elks Club, Charles/Cynthia Elliott, Patrician Ericson, Lydia Espinoza, Pat Esser, Cara Foster, Judy Getwiller, Gila Animal Clinic, Lola Gomez, Cheryl/Charles Gose, Jean/Richard Graham, Griffins Propane, Terrell, Gurnicz, CJ Hall, Bobby/Karen Harlan, Marjorie Harren, Kay/Ron Henderson, Hildago 4-H Club, Judge Norman Hodges, Dr Hal/Florence Hopson, H&S Feed, Renny Hutton, Lyla/RW Howell, KATS TV, Linda Keith, Russ Kleinman and Karen Blizard, Michelle Landry, Leslie Joan Leavitt, Legacy Lighting, VD Long, Alton Looney, Currie Maben, Manzanita Ridge, Lurra Marquez, Kelly Marshall, Celina Martinez, Diana Mason, Daniel/Alivia McBride, Patricia McGinnis, Nichole Milligan, Molzen-corbin, Dorothy Navarro, Maxine Nicholson, Todd/Theresa North, Thomas/Dana Nupp, Armando/Debbie Ortiz, Ronald Ott, Ellen Paul, William/Edna Powers, Bobbie Quinn, Shirley Raphun, Razors Edge, Susan Redfern, Lori Reed, Carl Reid, Clyde Richmond, Rotary Club of Boerne, Helen Salaiz, Lyle Sedlacek, Sandra Shoon, Silver City Food Co-Op, Silver Stone Traders, Winifred Stern, Nelda Tallman, Clifford/Wynona Taverinier, Lloyd/Donna Taylor, Joy Tindall, Chris Torres, Town and Country Vet Clinic, Town and Country Garden Club, Leslie Trich, Silver Stone Traders, Jean Uli, United Way of the SW, Elizabeth Wright, Peggy Wright, Martin/Vicky Wright, Victoria York, Dave Young, Thaddeus Zbiciak,



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Victoria is a board member & produces the cable TV show Animal Care and Control 101

Dear Animal Shelter;

It is hard for me to believe that it has been two years since I lived in that top cage by the window in the girls cat room.

My life has changed so much since that lucky day Victoria, the cat

The Cat Lady Column by Victoria York

Lady came in and chose me.

I can still remember how my roommates talked so excitedly about her and how she would come into kiss, brush and play with them.

Well she did more than that; she told me I was perfect for her daughter and that it would be my job to ease the heartache her daughter felt after the loss of her cat "Plush" the month before. I would need to be soft, sweet and playful, plus

sleep in bed with her. These are all talents I had so it would be easy!

The first week I stayed at Victoria's house with all of her pets. They loved and accepted me right away. Fabio even showed me where all the action was ... chipmunks and birds everywhere just outside the sliding door.

Then, Jessica came home for Christmas and found me on her bed with all of my gorgeous long fur brushed out and shiny. It was love at first sight.

Now, I live in Arizona

with my own cat condo and toys. My new mom is beautiful just like me! We keep each other company and even talk about her loss of Plush, the cat she had for twelve years. She still misses him, but is so happy to have me as her new friend and companion.

I think I am doing my job well, and so does Victoria.

Thank you all for my second chance.

Love Furgie York
XOXOX