



# The Tailbearer

Newsletter of the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley

*Celebrating 50 years!*

December 2020

## *District Attorney's Office Accepts HSSBV Cruelty Case*

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley (HSSBV) received a cruelty report, with the now viral video, of a man shooting a coyote with a pellet gun while the coyote was in a trap at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana. The video was recorded on March 6, 2020 and shows suspect, Lowell Miller, shooting the coyote repeatedly for over two minutes. The reporting party who captured the video stated that the shooting had begun before they took their phone out to record.

Miller had been contracted by the Sierra Lakes Golf Club, through his company Lowell Wildlife Removal, to remove coyotes from the property. Representatives from Sierra Lakes Golf Club stated they were not aware of the manner in which Miller was removing the coyotes and, once notified, terminated services with him immediately. They are not using any wildlife removal services moving forward, and are using recommendations from Fish and Wildlife to educate the community on measures to take to discourage coyotes from frequenting the area.

Miller was cited by the Fish and Wildlife warden at the time for use of an illegal trap.

The weapon used in shooting the coyote was a .22 air pistol. This gun is recommended for small game and paper targets, not for large prey or to be used as a means of humane euthanasia. Upon examination it was determined the coyote had been shot multiple times, primarily in the skull.

The only approved method of humane euthanasia for coyotes in San Bernardino County is by using C02 "kill box," fire arm, or lethal injection.

Miller is being charged with felony 597(a), which states "...every person who maliciously and intentionally maims, mutilates, tortures, or wounds a living animal, or maliciously and internationally kills an animal, is guilty of a crime..."

Miller is scheduled to be arraigned in December 2020.

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### **Saturday Shot Clinic Resumes- 1st & 3rd Saturday of Each Month**

Starting October 3rd, the HSSBV Saturday Shot Clinic will now be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00 am – noon. As a reminder, Saturdays are walk in only for vaccines (no appointments). We are also now offering a limited amount of basic care vet exam appointments on these Saturdays. Please call 909-386-1400 to inquire about a Saturday appointment.

Our low cost pricing is the same **everyday**, Monday - Saturday.

You are still also welcome to make an appointment for vaccines, vet exams, spay/neuter and more Monday – Friday! Just call 909-386-1400 and follow the prompts.

Saturday Shot Clinics for the remainder of the year:

Nov 21

Dec 5

Dec 19

We look forward to seeing you soon!



# A Look Back at 50 Years of Helping Animals- Guest Writer, Lynn Hildebrand

“Carry On!”

Those simple two words convey a great deal of encouragement during these somewhat thought provoking, puzzling, and perplexing times. The vision of Joyce Martin and her belief in not giving up has motivated many of us to keep moving forward so that we can serve our clients and help them with their companion animals.

As a teacher and speech therapist, Joyce Martin would encourage her students to “carry on.”  
As the co-founder of the Humane Society, she would have been here beside us, encouraging us to “carry on.”

Because of her background in education, and because of her concern for animals, Joyce thought it was important to educate our youth in more than just proper pet care. She nurtured kindness and compassion for all life. She wanted to create empathy within students that would cause them to critically examine the consequences of their words and actions. She wanted them to understand the helpful – or harmful - effect their choices and decisions could have upon our world.

Joyce’s life gave us many gifts. Her persistence and devotion has shown us to not give up, to keep trying. So when Covid came, we found a way to stay open and serve the public. As this newsletter goes to print, we are looking forward to reopening our shot clinic on two Saturdays a month.

Her creative talent has shown us how to “reinvent” so many fundraising projects! Her ability to “think outside of the box” has been instrumental to our veterinarians and technicians in designing ways to continue to serve our clients. And her determination to prevent animal suffering is an inspiration to our Humane Officers.

In following Joyce’s mission to “Carry On!” our Humane Education program will greatly change as we convert our program to online teaching. We are excited to have made several You Tube Videos with therapy animals that anyone will be able to access at anytime, anywhere in the world! Being online will give HSSBV the opportunity to promote kindness toward animals, people and our environment!

If you would like to add some joy to your day, please access these videos at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Ru9W3eN14G-sP0p-zRZhLA>

We are in the process of developing You Tube Videos about Careers Days, Dr. Seuss, rabbits, mini horses, and cats! We are also looking forward to meeting online with teachers and their students.

In retrospect, Joyce reminds me of Dr. Jane Goodall. On August 26, 2002, Time Magazine published an article written by Dr. Goodall titled, “The Power of One.” In the article Dr. Goodall states: “The greatest danger to our futures is apathy.” “You may be overcome, however, by feelings of helplessness. You are just one person in a world of six billion. How can your actions make a difference? Best, you say, to leave it to decision makers. And so you do nothing.”

“Can we overcome apathy? Yes, but only if we have hope.”

“I derive the most hope from the energy and hard work of young people.”

“Each of us must work as hard as we can now to heal the hurts and save what is left” of Planet Earth.

If Joyce were here, she might very well let us know, that WE are the power of one and to Carry On...

Respectfully,  
Lynn Hildebrand  
Certified Humane Education Specialist



## Cruelty Investigation Department: A Daring Kitten Rescue

In August our officers received a call from Platinum Security at the Metrolink Station in downtown San Bernardino. The security guards for Platinum heard kittens crying from a storm drain and asked us for help after they were unsuccessful finding them.

Our officers located the general area the cries were coming from and reached out to the San Bernardino City Water Department to open the manhole cover.

Once down in the sewer area, our officers crawled around until the kittens' cries led them to an enclosed area where they finally found four little kittens. No mom was around and it did not look like a nest area a momma cat would leave her babies. The kittens were extremely hungry, very cold despite the summer morning temperatures, and appeared malnourished. The kittens were immediately transported to the Humane Society for veterinary care.



Our veterinarians examined the kittens and thought they stood a good chance at recovery with the one little runt's condition guarded since she was so small and was very cold. Our staff got the kittens warmed up and began bottle feeding them.



In these times of COVID it was very difficult to find a foster family to care for the four kittens until they would be old enough to go to a waiting rescue. A family who has helped with kittens in the past stepped up to the challenge. The Tolman Family; mom, Anna and kids, Lori and Hunter, accepted the kittens into their family while dad, Dana, is serving in the Army (thank you for your service, sir!).

The kittens are currently doing very well but the little runt still demands more time from dedicated Lori than the other three. The Tolmans give lots of love and around the clock bottles, as well as heating pads and socialization to these kittens. We currently have a rescue waiting to take in the kittens when they are old enough.



We would like to thank the security guards at Platinum Security, the San Bernardino City Water Department, and HUGE THANKS to the Tolman Family for going above and beyond to help these kittens. You all rock!!!

Always remember to be a voice for those that don't have one.

If you suspect animal cruelty or neglect, please contact us at the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley:  
909-386-1400 ext 216 or 215  
[www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org)

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### HSSBV Welcomes Dr. Frank

We are excited to announce the addition of Dr. Frank to our staff!

Dr. Frank grew up in Old Bridge, New Jersey, where she worked with shelters and rescues in the area. She received her bachelors in Biology from Delaware Valley University in Pennsylvania. She then attended Mississippi State University and graduated with her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 2020. Dr. Frank moved to California in July to begin her work as an associate veterinarian at The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley.

She is excited to be a part of the team and we are excited to have her!



# Humane Education: Going Virtual for Distance Learning

Humane Education Presentations are now on The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley Humane Education YouTube page!

While we are offering live virtual presentations to classes via Zoom and Google meet, we are also offering a variety of prerecorded videos that are available to teachers, home school settings, parents and anyone else who would like to share in the fun!

Feeling a little sad? Need some inspiration? Then you might want to watch these Super Stars! Haylee Sue, Image, Herkules, and Maverick! They will lift your spirits, make you smile, and maybe even laugh out loud! They are HAPPY, HAPPY therapy dogs that are sharing a message of kindness and compassion! Visit us on our Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley Humane Education YouTube page!



Thank you to Miguel Cortez and Michael Cornejo for donating their time to make these videos happen! Thank you to Christina Bristol, longtime friend of the HSSBV for connecting us with Miguel and Michael!

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## Jason Debus Heigl Foundation and The Coalition for Pets and Public Safety \$20 Pit Bull/Chihuahua Program Comes to an End

The HSSBV would like to extend the most sincere and grateful ‘thank you’ to both the Jason Debus Heigl Foundation and the Coalition for Pets and Public Safety for their generous partnership since 2016. Over the course of the last 5 years the two organizations have donated \$200,000 to our \$20 Pit Bull & Chihuahua spay/neuter program.

This generous donation enabled us to assist 3,132 pets, performing 1,102 Pit Bull and Pit Bull mix spay and neuter surgeries, as well as 2,030 Chihuahua and Chihuahua mix spay and neuter surgeries.

This program stayed active, with the phones ringing off the hook for all 5 years, only slowing down when we briefly paused spay/neuter surgeries during the pandemic.

On behalf not only of ourselves, but also our entire community in the Inland Empire, we would like to thank everyone at both The Jason Debus Heigl Foundation and the Coalition for Pets and Public Safety!

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## Santa Paws Cancelled



We are so sad to announce that Santa Paws 2020 has been canceled due to restrictions from COVID-19.

We look forward to celebrating with you all in 2021!

You can still start your holiday shopping with us virtually! Please visit our facebook page, under the event tab, to see the awesome deals and sales we are offering with our regular vendors. All purchases from these virtual sales will donate a portion back to the HSSBV!

Happy Holidays!



# From The Desk of Dr. Joyce & “Dogtor” Apollo



## Keeping Your Pet Safe From Pancreatitis

Black Friday is normally known for sales, mayhem, crowds, and good deals. In the veterinary world, black Friday is known for something else entirely. It is known as “pancreatitis Friday” and is full of projectile vomiting, diarrhea, bloody poop, and sick pups. Keep reading to find out how to protect your pet from visiting the vet on this day!

### *What is pancreatitis?*

Pancreatitis is inflammation of the pancreas, an organ that is a part of the digestive system. The pancreas is located near the stomach and normally produces digestive enzymes. With pancreatitis, these digestive enzymes start to work in the pancreas, rather than the intestines. This causes pain and gastrointestinal distress.

### *What happens to pets with pancreatitis?*

Pets with pancreatitis can get very ill. They can have vomiting, diarrhea (sometimes bloody), belly pain, fever, lethargy, and usually do not want to eat. In severe cases, acute shock can develop and pets can get critically ill. Some pets need to be hospitalized on IV fluids and medications to treat this disease.

### *What causes pancreatitis?*

While there is no specific reason that we can pinpoint, there seems to be some strong evidence of a link between eating fatty foods and pancreatitis. Examples of high-fat foods include turkey skin, fat, buttery food, gravy, cheese, and other fried creamy, or seasoned food.

### *How do I prevent my pet from getting this disease?*

To help prevent your pet from getting this disease, ensure that your pet does not get any table scraps or human food during Thanksgiving. Consider placing a barrier so that your pet cannot enter the kitchen or dining area. If you are having guests over, remind the guests to not give the pet any food. And finally, consider taking the garbage outside with all of the yummy leftover food immediately after dinner to prevent your pet from getting into the garbage.

*Hopefully your pet and you will enjoy a festive, happy holiday season!*

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## 2021 Events To Look Forward To!

We are looking forward to celebrating with you IN PERSON again next year. We are still planning the calendar of events for 2021, but here is what you have to look forward to:

**Rattlesnake Avoidance Training-** April 16, 2021

**Walk for the Animals –** Spring 2021

**HSSBV 50th Anniversary Golden Paws Gala-** Saturday, September 25, 2021

**Santa Paws-** November 20, 2021

**Night at the Ontario Reign** - This event will be back in 2022 with our special 50th Anniversary jersey and replica shirts. Stay tuned for the date of the game and auction!



# HSSBV Appreciate Our Awesome Volunteers!

## Volunteer of the Quarter- 1st Quarter: ALL Our Volunteers!

The First Quarter Volunteer of the Quarter Honoree is.... YOU!



We have to name all of our volunteers and supporters with this honor for this first quarter of 2020. The start of the year was immensely challenging, including a brief suspension of our in person volunteer program. However, we still felt love and support from all of you via phone call, email, social media, etc.

Thank you for sticking with us during that tough time! We could not do what we do with you.

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## Volunteer of the Quarter- 2nd Quarter: Vickie Painter



Vickie joined us as a volunteer in December 2019. She shares her motivation for volunteering as inspired by her late pet, Foxy. “She was a long hair apple head Chihuahua that my husband and I rescued in 2013. At the time she was already nine years old. She quickly became my closest companion and comfort dog. Foxy passed away in May of 2018 following a battle with pancreatitis. It broke my heart and to this day I cry when I think about her. I do not currently have any other animals, as cannot bring myself to replace her. Volunteering at the HSSBV provides me with the ‘fix’ to be around animals!”

Vickie currently volunteers in the Administration Office helping with our confirming calls. She is reliable and always brightens our day!

In her spare time, Vickie enjoys jeeping with her family and going on cruises. In the past twenty years she and her husband have taken eighteen cruises!

Congratulations, Vickie! Thank you so much for all you do to help us, pet parents and animals in our community!

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## HSSBV Employees Celebrate Anniversaries!

Please join us in celebrating these HSSBV employees celebrating anniversaries:



Bernice Robertson- 15 years!!

Jill Henderson- 10 years!

Zachary Seymour- 3 years

Denise Ayala- 3 years

Marlene Godoy- 1 year

# Thank you to all those who support the mission of the Humane Society.

Donations from June 16, 2020 - October 31, 2020

## Donations given in loving Memory of:

Rocky by Julie Ortiz	Tyson & Allison by Therese Marie Dieringer	Fiona by Monica Diaz	Jenny Ruiz by Mike Ruiz
Paul Minert by Carriage Isla Mobile Home Park	Cynthia McClanahan by NASCA, LLC	Tinkerbelle by Zen Olson	Boe by Kim Perez

## Donations given in loving Honor of:

Matilda  
by  
Jeanne Hoskins

## Make A Difference Club Members

Diane Anderson ~ Val Cornwell ~ Tim & Diane Henderson ~ Christine Marquez ~ Lynda K. Munemitsu  
Julie Von Pertz

*A special thank you to all of our in-kind and Wish List donors!*

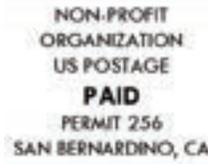
We would also like to thank the following supporters who generously donated \$100 or more from June 16, 2020 - October 31, 2020

Blythe Anderson	Sharon Hart	Judy Rosales
Diane Anderson	David Heggenberger	Karen Ruiz
Sonia Aranda	Patricia Henricks	Mike Ruiz
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... And to so many other friends and steadfast contributors, past and present, you make a difference. Thank you.



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## HSSBV Hours & More

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8 AM - 5:00 PM

### Clinic Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
PLEASE call 909-386-1400 to make an appointment.

### Saturday Shot Clinic

Saturday Shot Clinic is held on the first and third Saturday each month. This is WALK IN ONLY from 8 AM- NOON.

### Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

Spay and neuter surgeries are offered Monday - Friday BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call 909-386-1400 to make an appointment.

### Vaccination Service

While we do offer limited walk ins, we strongly encourage you make an appointment for vaccines by calling 909-386-1400.

### Monthly News/Other Info

Visit our website at [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org)  
or [www.facebook.com/hssbv](http://www.facebook.com/hssbv)

## WISHES & WAGS

- Dog houses (new or in good condition)
- Laundry detergent HE (unscented)
- Towels (new & used)
- Dog, Cat, Puppy & Kitten food
- Dog sweaters, size small
- Kitty litter (scoopable)
- Dog & Cat beds
- Dog & Cat toys
- Gift cards
- Office supplies, colored paper
- Pillowcases

... And we always need **people** like you!  
We have opportunities for volunteers 18 and over in several areas!

Call us today at 909-386-1400 ext. 224  
or **apply online at [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org)**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Holiday Closures

November 26 - 29

December 18th from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

December 24, 2020 - January 2, 2021

### Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

Friday, April 16th

Call 909-386-1400 ext 218 or 224 to book your appointment

### HSSBV 50th Anniversary Golden Paws Gala

Saturday, September 25, 2021

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Bernardino

### Santa Paws Pet Photos & Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 20th

### Dances with Dogs Training Center

909-496-5356 ~ [www.danceswithdogstc.com](http://www.danceswithdogstc.com)

Contact us for your dog training needs!

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