



THE TAILBEARER

NEWSLETTER OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY,
CELEBRATING OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVING ANIMALS.

January 2022

Night at the Reign RETURNS!



Hockey is back... and we are too! Get your tickets before they are gone to our annual Night at the Ontario Reign Hockey Game & Jersey Auction! Join us on Sunday, March 27th at 3:00 pm as the Ontario Reign take the ice against the Grand Rapids Griffins.

When you purchase your tickets directly from the HSSBV not only are you helping support our programs and services, you are also saving money! Tickets are on sale now for ONLY \$20, saving you \$11! Stop by our office to purchase tickets. You can also purchase over the phone by calling 909-386-1400 ext 218 or 224 and online at www.hssbv.org!

We also have our replica Ontario Reign jersey t-shirts and hoodies on sale now! Visit us at the HSSBV table at the game to purchase yours!

Don't forget to bid on a jersey while you are at the game! All proceeds from the auction benefit the HSSBV!

*** IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please visit the Toyota Arena website for up to date information on COVID protocols and documentation needed to attend the game: <https://www.toyota-arena.com/guest-services/code-of-conduct>



Santa Paws Returns and Raises Over \$5,000!



We were so excited to have Santa and all of you return to our Santa Paws event in November! We missed you last year.

Pups, kittens and snakes enjoyed a meet and greet with Santa, getting a photo and shopping! We handed out a 50/50 cash prize, as well as a ton of amazing raffles. Offering the new digital file of photos was a big hit this year and we look forward to offering it again next year.

Thanks to your generosity, this event raised over \$5,000 for the HSSBV!

Mark your calendar now, so you do not miss all the fun at Santa Paws 2022 on Saturday, November 19th!

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday Shot Clinic: February 5

HSSBV closed
February 19 - February 21

Paint Your Pet
Saturday, February 26

Saturday Shot Clinic March 5 & 19

Night at the Reign
Sunday, March 27

Saturday Shot Clinic: April 2 & 16

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training
Friday, April 15

Saturday Shot Clinic: May 7 & 21

Walk for the Animals
Saturday, May 7

HSSBV closed
May 28 - 30

HSSBV closed
July 4

HSSBV closed
September 3 - September 5

Blessing of the Animals
Tuesday, October 4

Casino Night
Saturday, October 15

Santa Paws
Saturday, November 19

HSSBV closed
November 24 - 27

HSSBV Closed
Dec 23, 2022 - Jan 2, 2023



HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAM



The HSSBV would like to say thank you to Brownie Girl Scout Troop 781! After visiting our facility for a tour and presentation as part of their Philanthropy Badge, the group got started on using their “fall product” proceeds to purchase over 200 pounds of dog food for homeless pet owners in our community. Once purchased, the troop repackaged the food into smaller, easier to carry bags.

Both our Humane Education and Cruelty Investigation departments will work on distributing these in the community, as well as keep some available in our Administration Office for those in need!

Thank you so much to troop leaders, Jeanie Nowak and Sarah Minor, and all of the members of Brownie Girl Scout Troop 781!

Paint Your Pet!!

Join us for another great Paint Your Pet event at Purple Easel on February 26th!

Visit www.hssbv.org for the Purple Easel link to register!

After registering for your seat you will receive a confirmation email. From this email attach and reply with a picture of your pet and tell Purple Easel your preferred background color (pick a color that will go best where you want to hang your painting). Before class they will sketch a basic outline of your pet as a guide. At check-in you will receive a color guide, your sketched canvas and a printout of your pet. Together the instructors and class will go step by step and create an original work of art, a masterpiece to cherish forever.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Wear clothing you're ok getting a little paint on (aprons are provided).
2. Bring your favorite beverages (alcohol ok), and/or snacks. Make it a party!
3. If you need plates, glasses or bottle openers, bring those too.
4. Doors open 30 minutes before the event's start time!
5. Large parties arrive early to save seats.
6. We start promptly on time.

REGISTRATION ENDS TUESDAY February 22nd @ 8PM

Price: \$68.00

Start Time: 5:00 pm End time: 8:00 PM





CRUELTY INVESTIGATION PROGRAM

How to Help Wildlife In Distress!



Many times in life we as caring human beings with the best of intentions, try to lend a helping hand only to end up making a difficult situation even more difficult. This is usually the case where animals, especially wildlife, are concerned. Far too many times we see animals in situations and assume the worse.

Three raccoon kits (babies) were turned in to a local business because a Good Samaritan saw them on his property and thought the mom had abandoned them. In reality, they were probably very safe where mom left them while she was out foraging. Fearing the worse, they were then collected and brought to a local veterinary facility. This person had only the kits welfare in mind but made the wrong decision by choosing to pick them up and remove them right away.

The best strategy in a situation like this is to keep an eye on them over the next few hours and see if mom returns, as long as they aren't in any immediate danger or posing a direct threat to someone's safety. Leaving them alone and giving the mom a chance to take care of her kits is the best thing to do. In most situations, wild animals will take care of their own.

This person put himself and the kits at risk. He possibly exposed himself to zoonotic health issues such as risking getting bit by the kits and facing rabies inoculations, and he took the kits away from mom and out of their habitat. It was very fortunate a wildlife rehabber was available to take the kits, but what would have happened to these kits if a rehabber wasn't available or able to help out?

We are always thankful when someone cares about animals and their welfare and tries to help. We were happy to step in and get these guys to a rehabber, but it would have been in everyone's best interest if we or other animal welfare agencies were contacted before any actions were taken by the Good Samaritan to ensure that no laws were broken, nobody was at risk, and appropriate help was available. In cases like this, patience and proper guidance is needed.

If you see any animal, especially wildlife, in a situation that poses immediate health/safety problems for either the animal or the public, please contact us at the Humane Society or your local animal services/ police agency immediately. You should never approach or try to handle any possible sick or injured animal either domestic or wild. By getting the animal help you will be a voice for those that don't have one.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley will be hosting Rattlesnake Avoidance Training on Friday, April 15th at their facility starting at 9:00 a.m. Training is provided by High on Kennels from Santa Ysabel, CA. Appointment registration for the training is open now. The cost when you preregister is \$75 (\$80 the day of without an appointment, based on availability). Masks and social distancing will be enforced during appointments.

In recent years "rattlesnake season" has been starting earlier than usual. In addition to training, a rattlesnake vaccination is recommended and only costs \$30 at the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley.

It is recommended that all dogs be trained to avoid rattlesnakes. The dangers of rattlesnakes not only exist on hikes in the country or on trails, but in our backyards as well. Annual training is recommended as some dogs seem to forget over a period of time.

High on Kennels has found the best way to teach a dog to avoid rattlesnakes is to use live rattlesnake specimens that have been neutralized so they cannot bite. Rattlesnakes have a distinctive odor that a dog can discern from other snakes. The snakes are placed in a field setting and the dogs are fitted with training collars. Dogs are then led through the field and allowed to encounter the rattlesnakes at which point the dog is stimulated using the electronic collar.

For more information or to register your pet for training please call 909-386-1400 ext 218 or 224 or stop by the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley during normal business hours.



FROM THE VET'S DESK- DR. JOYCE & DOGTOR APOLLO



For this quarter's newsletter, we hear from Dr. Shiraki while Dr. Joyce is out on maternity leave!

Can you prevent cancer in your pet?

Worrying about our health has become increasingly prevalent in the last few years as we have been dealing with the pandemic. Preventative medicine has been instrumental in fighting against COVID and keeping our families healthy. Our pets are family too, and there are several ways to keep them healthy as well! A cancer diagnosis is something we never want to hear about our pets. Although there is no way to completely prevent cancer, there are some cancers which can be avoided by planning ahead.

Spaying your dog or cat at a young age will prevent ovarian cancer because the ovaries are removed during the procedure. But the more common cancer we see when pets are not spayed, is cancer of the mammary glands. In female dogs who are not spayed, over 50% of all masses anywhere in the body, are mammary tumors. These tumors can be malignant and spread to other areas of the body. In cats one-third of all cancers involve the mammary glands and 90% of mammary gland tumors are malignant.

This is where spaying your pet at a young age is so important. Dogs spayed prior to their first heat cycle only have a 0.5% risk of developing mammary tumors. If spayed after their first heat, the risk increases to 8%. After the second heat it jumps to 26% chance of developing mammary tumors. Cats spayed prior to 6 months of age had a 91% reduction in risk. You can see what a difference it makes to spay early! In 15 years of practicing veterinary medicine, I have never seen a case of a mammary gland tumor in a pet spayed before their first heat cycle.

Neutering male dogs and cats at a young age prevents testicular cancer as well as issues with their prostate. Many older intact male dogs develop problems defecating because their prostate enlarges and needs to be neutered as a senior pet, which inherently has more risks than being neutered as a puppy. Also, dogs and cats who are cryptorchid (where one or more of the testicles do not descend into the scrotum) are at increased risk for developing testicular tumors.

I have had so many owners tell me, "I wish I would have known that spaying/neutering could have prevented this." So even if your pets are already spayed and neutered, please pass on this information to others!

Volunteer to Help Animals- The PURRfect New Years Resolution

Looking for a meaningful way to spend extra time this year? Want to give back to your community? Love animals? Or maybe you are in school and thinking about going into the veterinary field?

Join us as a HSSBV Volunteer!

We are currently accepting volunteer applications from community members who are 18 years of age and older. You do not need any training or experience, we will train you!

We have a variety of positions available including working with the animals in our Surgical Recovery Department, helping pet parents check in and out for appointments at our Reception Desk, assisting our Appointment Center, laundry and so much more. Visit www.hssbv.org for more information on volunteering and to fill out an application. You can also apply in person at the HSSBV Administration Office Monday - Friday from 8 am - 5 pm.

Have questions about volunteering? Give us a call at 909-386-1400 ext 224.



Interested in dog training?

Contact our friends at Dances with Dogs Training Center!

They use humane training techniques and classes are held at our facility. For more information visit danceswithdogstc.com or call 909-496-5356.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Thank you so much for your continued support of the HSSBV! We are honored each time you choose to help us help animals.

The past few years have been very challenging for us, as well as local businesses, families and other non-profits. Please know that your support is needed now more than ever.

Please consider these ways to help support the HSSBV:

- Tax deductible donation- in person, over the phone, or on our website www.hssbv.org
- Gift card donation- The HSSBV can always use all kinds of gift cards for a variety of purposes, whether to purchase supplies or use in raffles. We know following the holidays, our supporters may have gift cards they do not need, or small balances on Visa/Mastercard gift cards. Please consider donating a gift card or bringing a Visa/Mastercard in to donate the balance!
- Gift giving all year- Did you know you can make a donation in honor or memory of a friend or family member at any time? We will send a donation notification letter on your behalf! A donation of \$100 or more can also be used to create a beautiful wall tile in our Education Center. For donations of \$250 or \$500 you can have a custom brick placed in our memorial garden at the entrance of our building!
- Support our events- The HSSBV has four main fundraising events each year: Night at the Ontario Reign hockey game and jersey auction, Walk for the Animals, Casino Night, and Santa Paws. In addition to supporting these events by attending, you can also donate raffle prizes, or become an official event sponsor!
- In-kind donation- Please see the back of this newsletter for a list of our most needed items! Wish List items are always appreciated.
- Volunteer- If you love working with animals, or even love working with people, we have the perfect position for you! Visit our website to learn more about volunteer opportunities at the HSSBV. We train as you volunteer and you make your own schedule!



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

Volunteer of the 4th Quarter- Nora Benoit!

Nora Benoit joined the HSSBV as a volunteer in May of 2021. She has donated over 50 hours of her time in both recovery and reception, including our Saturday Shot Clinics!

Nora was initially interested in volunteering because of her love for animals. “I want to make a difference, big or small, looking after the pups in recovery or assisting at the front desk,” she says. “Everyone has made me feel welcomed. I can’t thank them enough for their help and teaching me so patiently. They made me feel like part of the team from day one!”

Nora has two dogs, Bentley, a two year old Pomeranian mix; and Lucky, a six year old Chihuahua mix. She also had a Catahoula Pit Bull mix, who passed away three years ago. In her spare time, Nora enjoys reading, meditation and making jewelry.

Congratulations, Nora! Thank you so much for all you do!



In Memory of Jennifer McZeal



The HSSBV is deeply saddened to share that former employee, Jennifer McZeal, passed away in December 2021.

Jennifer worked in the HSSBV Call Center, as well as at our Reception Desk, from April 30, 2012 thru December 13, 2016. In this time, Jennifer was especially close to our confirming call volunteers, developing a close friendship with each one, eventually taking over coordinating the calls and scripts for volunteers. She was also very close to her coworkers in the Call Center.

We are reminded of Jennifer each season as we unpack the decorations she collected for various holidays and hang them up each year in our offices. She especially enjoyed decorating for Christmas and was always ready to craft something special for a coworker.

HSSBV Employees Celebrate Anniversaries!

Please join us in celebrating these HSSBV employee anniversaries January - April:



Elyssia Garza- 1 year
Donna Hibbard- 8 years
Lynn Hildebrand- 31 years!
Dr. Joyce- 2 years
Rubi Nevarez- 7 years
Shannon Nolin- 1 year
Sheryl Perez- 4 years
Alexia Rangel-Chavez- 2 years
Teri Seymour- 17 years!
Pam Singhavong- 6 years
Karina Spendlove- 5 years
Janice Spires- 10 years!

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE HSSBV!

Donations from October 1, 2021 - January 3, 2022

Donations given in loving Memory of:

Cookie, Mini, Luhco & Bandit by Aurora Cuevas	Drako Garcia by Lesa Garcia	Jimmy Goda by Therese Marie Dieringer	Chelsa by Barry Robinson	Bartley by Janice Lynn Rutherford
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Make A Difference Club Members

Diane Anderson ~ Val Cornwell ~ Christine Marquez ~ Lynda K. Munemitsu
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A special thank you to all of our in-kind and Wish List donors not included in this list!

We would also like to thank the following supporters who generously donated \$100 or more from October 1, 2021 - January 3, 2022

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... And to so many other friends and steadfast contributors, past and present. We appreciate you. Thank you.



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HSSBV HOURS OF OPERATION

Administration Office Hours
Monday-Friday 8 AM - 5:00 PM

Veterinary Clinic Hours-
spay/neuter, vaccination, exams, etc.
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
PLEASE call 909-386-1400 to make
an appointment.

Saturday Shot Clinic
Held on the first and third Saturday
each month from 8 AM- NOON.

*NEW- we are taking a limited number of Saturday
appointments. Please call 909-386-1400.

*Please check our website, as some SSC dates are closed
due to observation of holidays.

Appointment Phone Lines
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Please keep in mind when contacting the HSSBV by
phone, our call volume is extremely high, especially on
Mondays, Fridays and before/after holidays. Our normal
call volume, combined with effects of the current pan-
demic can lead to extended hold times. You also have the
option to leave a voicemail. On average, a return call can
take up to three business days.

We appreciate your understanding and patience.

WISHES & WAGS

- **Dog houses** (new or in good condition)
- **Laundry detergent** HE (unscented)
- **Towels** (new & used)
- **Dog, Cat, Puppy & Kitten food**
- **Dog sweaters, especially holiday themed**
- **Kitty litter** (scoopable)
- **Dog & Cat beds and toys**
- **Blankets and towels** (new or gently used)
- **Office supplies, colored paper**
- **Pillowcases**
- **Newspapers**

... 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.**

DONATION INFO

The HSSBV is a private non-profit organization. We are not part of
HSUS, the ASPCA, or city/state/county government. We are able to
offer our programs and services through our own independent fund-
raising efforts including events, individual donor gifts and grants.
Please consider supporting in one or more of the following ways.

We need this support now more than ever.

Thank you!

- **Donate-** use the enclosed envelope to donate, or visit our
website www.hssbv.org to donate online!
- Support our fundraising events!
- Choose HSSBV when you shop on Amazon Smile!
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Florist in San Bernardino and mention us! We will get
a percent of your purchase donated back!
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- Donate gift cards

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