

World Rabies Awareness Day- September 28th

Community support was tremendous for "World Rabies Awareness Day", held September 28th at the Dona Ana County Government Center, with citizens and their pets coming out in large numbers for the event. More than 170 people attended with their pets! Over 260 rabies vaccines were administered to pets by Dr. Elizabeth Carver with the Mesquite Vaccination Clinic. The vaccines were free of charge to pet owners, made possible through a grant from the World Rabies Day Campaign (www.worldrabiesday.org). The grant was awarded to our organization (HSSNM), ACTION Programs for Animals (APA), and the Spay-Neuter Action Program (SNAP).

HSSNM initiated the rabies day event, with Vice-President Maryln Zahler and Animal Services Center board member Jess Williams planning the observance in conjunction with the Dona Ana County Special Projects Office. Representatives from HSSNM, APA, and SNAP finalized arrangements through committee work and planning to bring about the event.

In addition to the large number of rabies vaccines administered, other vaccinations were offered at low cost and SNAP issued over 30 vouchers for low cost spay-neuter surgeries for pets. Included in the event were dogs from the Animal Services Center, featured for adoption. The Animal Services Center also issued pet licenses and provided micro-chipping for individual pets

