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### Monthly Report on Programs & Services - January 2012

#### Adoptions

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico adopted 7 cats and 3 dogs during the month of January. The adoption rate for January is the same as December, with 10 animals adopted.

#### Foster Care/Adoption Program & Related Information-

There were 37 animals in the HSSNM foster care program during January: 13 kittens, 15 cats, and 5 dogs cared for by authorized fosters, and 4 felines housed at the PetSmart Charities location.

Foster care volunteer hours are reported at 412 hours for the month of January for individual authorized fosters (6) in their homes based on number of animals (37) in their care. 112 hours are reported for volunteers (14) working the PetSmart Charities cat adoption program w/time spent socializing cats & for cleaning/maintenance of kitty condos.

#### Pet Help Call Line

- Want to adopt: 10
- Rehome pets: 8
- Lost pets: 9
- Found pets: 5
- Information requests: 19
- HSSNM free spay: 14
- Neglect: 7
- Strays: 6
- Veterinarian assistance: 4
- Volunteers: 4
- Abandoned animals: 0
- Humane education: 3
- Total: 89

The number of calls for January is higher than December, exceeding frequency by 7 calls.

The Pet Help Line was initiated in March 2009. Callers receive information and help locating resources to re-home animals or to assist lost/found animals, etc. Email notices are also sent by HSSNM to the pet network in efforts to help animals in need with information from callers. HSSNM provides a free website posting service for callers with photos and descriptions of animals in need, posted by the HSSNM webmaster. The volunteer working the pet help line reported 36.0 hours for January.

#### Pet Help Line Web Page

A listing of 28 animals in need of homes or fosters are reported for Nov.6- Jan.31 with outcomes known for 16 animals: 12 adopted and 4 placed in rescue. A listing of 13 lost/found animals with outcomes known for 5 (reunited with their owners), are reported for Nov.6- Jan. 31.

The pet help line web page is a service provided to callers, or those making requests by email who need assistance in finding homes/fosters for animals or help finding a lost animal or returning to owner. HSSNM's "Pet Help Line Page" is linked to ACTION Programs for Animals' website where a similar service is provided, helping people help animals.

## **Spay Only Fund**

One canine spay and 10 feline spays were performed during the month of January with reimbursement from the HSSNM fund reported at \$285.00. Owners of female cats and dogs who avail themselves of the low-cost spay surgery (\$25 cats, \$35 dogs) at the ASCMV are reimbursed by HSSNM with submission of receipt and while grant funds last.

## **Humane Education**

Four "Diggity Dog Reading" sessions (2.0 hours each) were held at Conlee Elementary in a second grade classroom during January. (See project outline on "Volunteer" page of website). Eleven "Critter Connection" sessions (1.5 hours each) on humane and environmental education themes were held at Boys & Girls Club sites (4 sessions), Mercer School (3 sessions) and at Conlee Elementary with "RESA" after-school students (4 sessions). Critter Connection sessions included focus on the Dogs Deserve Better "Have a Heart for Chained Dogs" campaign (see "Programs" page on website). Four volunteers providing these presentations, activities, and project work spent 42.5 hours during January.

HSSNM educator and 3 adult and 2 youth volunteers visited Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary during January for social time with animals (2.5 hours each), with consideration to organize a HSSNM volunteer team there as part of humane education & service learning work. The team spent a total of 15.0 hours volunteering.

HSSNM President authors and facilitates submission of articles for a weekly newspaper column "On the Positive Side" with space provided by the Las Cruces Sun News. (See archive on website "News" page.)

## **Events/Activities**

An adoption promotion event featuring HSSNM foster animals was held at PetSmart on January 21st with five volunteers providing 16.0 hours. A cat adoption feature/promotion was held at the Southwest Environmental Center on January 21st. with two volunteers providing 8.0 hours. (See reports on activities on website "Events" page.)

## **Board Work, Committee Work & Meetings-**

Board members attended a Community Coalition meeting ("Zero in Seven") with Billy Garrett, ASCMV chairman facilitating, on January 7th at the SNAP office, providing 10.0 hours of volunteer service. Members attended their respective 'work team' meetings during the month and an HSSNM board member elected to the council attended a council meeting on January 23rd providing an additional 10.0 hours of service during the month (see "Events" page on website). A HSSNM board of directors meeting was held on January 18th with members contributing 7.5 hours.

## **Volunteers & Hours**

There were 220 hours of volunteer time provided in programs/services by board members and volunteers, not accounted for elsewhere in report. This service time includes hours reported by board of directors and volunteers for additional meetings, time on the phone/computer related to animal welfare work and ASCMV accountability, content writing and coordination for weekly newspaper column, work for the website, etc.

## **Summary & Total Hours**

35 volunteers\* provided 873.0 cumulative hours in programs/services for animals during the month of January.

\*Volunteers serve in multiple roles and are counted once, with time reported per activity/event.

*Submitted by- Jean Gilbert, HSSNM secretary/board of directors (February 18, 2012)*