



Bringing the Community Together for the Animals

Press Release/Announcement

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The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM) is seeking volunteers for its partnership with the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) to begin programs to save more lives. Some of the areas with which we need help are as follows:

- HSSNM will be working with the ASCMV and PetSmart in the near future to provide an off-site adoption area for cats. HSSNM will be submitting the PetSmart Charities application for approval and hopefully the cat adoption program will be available within a week or two. Volunteers will be needed to assist with cat transportation, care, and adoption counseling.
- HSSNM will be holding weekly off-site adoption events, as part of our LifeSavers program, for ASCMV animals at various locations/venues. Volunteers will be needed to help at these events as animal handlers and adoption counselors. The next adoption counseling training session is scheduled for March 28th, 9 a.m.-noon, Mountain View Regional Medical Center, NSMU/DABCC Room on the 3rd floor. Please RSVP for this training if you are interested at the number/e-mail below.
- HSSNM wants to start building a large network of fosters to help rescue sick/treatable animals from the ASCMV and prepare them for adoption at our weekly off-site events; we also need help advertising these animals in news outlets; we are seeking help from veterinarians in the area to offer treatment, vaccinations, surgery, etc., to these fostered animals; and we'd also like to hear from area trainers who might be interested in rehabilitating animals with treatable behavior issues.
- HSSNM wants to hear from area breed and other rescue groups to form a partnership for rescuing ASCMV animals and placing them with these group or transferring animals out of state.

If you are interested in joining our lifesaving network, please call us at 644-0505 or e-mail at cheressemm@gmail.com. For more information on our organization, see our website: www.hssnm.org.