

LAS CRUCES SUN-NEWS

On the Positive Side: For the Love of Animals Talent Show

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The musical/artistic talents of volunteer community members come together Friday, November 11 at 7 p.m. to support the animal welfare efforts of the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM). This eclectic ensemble of energetic talent should positively offer something for just about everyone's enjoyment. Anchored with dance routines by the student run NMSU Dancers Unlimited Company, community members will provide piano, flute, guitar, steel drum renditions along with gospel, jazz, folk, and rock songs and story-telling performances. This means enjoying the performers dancing in the spotlight, baying at the moon, and touching our hearts with their tales. Some of the performers have appeared professionally and have extensive experience in their respective fields.

This is a valuable contribution by our volunteers to the animal welfare and residents of our community. The companion animals of these folks have made a difference in their lives to be shared with others. This is the second year for the talent show to host local talent and be supported by the NMSU Dancers Unlimited.

The program will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church (2000 South Solano). Tickets are available for \$5.00 by calling 522-2529 or 541-8106 and by e-mail to jigilbert@zianet.com to reserve tickets or at the door. Proceeds will go to operate the Pet Help Line, Spay Fund, Dog and Cat Vaccination Clinics, Foster and Adoption Programs and Humane Education Services. Jean Gilbert, the HSSNM Humane Educator, has been instrumental in providing outreach throughout the community and local school systems. She has been the primary event coordinator for this talent show.

The next big event supported by HSSNM Fund Raisers is a FREE Rabies Clinic in Hatch, NM on Saturday, November 12th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is hosted by HSSNM and Action Programs for Animals (APA) and offers free rabies vaccination along with low cost cat and dog combo health vaccinations and heartworm preventative. There will be free de-worming for puppies and kittens. Laura Henckel, DVM, will provide the veterinary services for the rabies clinic. For more information, call HSSNM at 575-523-8020 or APA at 575-644-0505.

HSSNM hopes you will join us at the talent show and continue to support the animal welfare organizations contributing so much hard work and effort.

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