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PACA/AAR'S SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM IS IN FOR ANOTHER BUSY YEAR

When PACA/AAR started rescuing dogs and cats in the early 1970's, there was an overflowing amount of abused and abandoned animals that needed help. Although awareness and city ordinances have helped the overpopulation problem, it is far from resolved. Attacking the root problem, affordable spay and neuter, is essential for New Mexico to make headway in the dog and cat overpopulation.

A few years ago we started FIX the 505! our low-income spay/neuter program which targeted low income areas of town and other rural areas such as Los Lunas and most recently, Moriarty. We feel the dogs and cats benefit more than their owners do. Being spayed/neutered greatly reduces the chances of dogs and cats being displaced, roaming, marking, and dog to dog aggression. Spaying greatly reduces the incidence of mammary cancer. The biggest plus is a reduction in unwanted kittens and puppies.

Rummy is just one of many dogs that received neutering as part of the FIX the 505! program. He was chained when his owners left town and abandoned him. Luckily the landlord of the house found him and called us. She wanted to help Rummy, but did not have the money to spend on a neuter for this large, handsome pit bull. As is often the case, we did not have room in our foster homes to take Rummy in, but we did neuter and vaccinate Rummy. The landlord agreed to foster Rummy. They taught him house manners. They discovered that this rough-looking, scroungy boy cleaned up pretty nicely...and had the most sweet and wonderful disposition. The happy ending is he was adopted by a loving family.



Rummy enjoying a bone in his new home.

Any dog or cat adopted from Moriarty Animal Control qualifies for a free spay/neuter voucher at Western Trails Veterinary Hospital. Moriarty Animal Control Officer, Christopher Costa, also hands out vouchers in the field. Vouchers are also available at the Country Critters Pet Store in Edgewood, NM owned by Brianna Jurek, a long time foster/volunteer with PACA. To date 33 dogs and 3 cats have been spayed and neutered through the program thanks to Brianna and Officer Costa.

Moriarty dogs and cats are benefiting from the FIX the 505!



Honey was trapped and spayed in our Fix the 505! Program



OUR TRAILER WAS STOLEN ON MAY 5 PLEASE HELP.

PACA's trailer was stolen from the parking lot on Academy Blvd. The trailer was moved there Friday evening in preparation for our dog adoption event, located next to Sprouts Market, on Saturday. It contained all of our dog adoption supplies such as dog crates, blankets, towels, dog beds, leashes, collars, paperwork, dog bowls, and more. The most costly item stolen is the trailer itself. We had a hitch lock on it, but that didn't stop the heartless thieves. Due to the loss of our trailer and its contents, worth between \$7000 to \$8000, we are in need of wire crates of all sizes, and money to replace the other items. If you wish to donate towards this cause, please donate online or mail in the form on the back of this newsletter. Thank you for your support.





Alia MacFarlane is a 10-year old animal-lover who “has had pets my whole life” and “feels that animals bring special things to our lives.” We couldn’t agree with her more! Alia adopted two kittens from a litter of five that a friend was fostering for PACA.. She says, “I fell in love with Luke because of his special paws. I researched what a cat with six claws was called and learned they are called polydactyl cats. I loved him because of this and his sweet personality. Soon after adopting Luke aka Charlie, we adopted his brother Han aka Toby. Now seeing how fun and important fostering kittens is, I am hoping to foster from PACA in the future and help others to do so.”

Alia’s mother, Barbara, reached out to PACA to help Alia find a way to make PACA her service project for earning her Bronze Award in her Girl Scout troop, the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can be awarded. Alia featured PACA at World Thinking Day on February 11, 2018, at Albuquerque Academy. With the goal of giving back to the community and helping a worthy cause, Alia set up a booth to share information about PACA with the hundreds of other Girl Scouts attending, and collected donations for the cats at PACA.

Alia did a beautiful job with her booth display and we greatly appreciate the attention she brought to PACA and the donations she collected. The cats and kittens of PACA thank you very much, Alia!



It’s kitten season again! Although the PACA/AAR TNR Team trapped and sterilized almost 600 cats that were either returned to their families or returned to their outdoor communities, an additional 324 were adopted out in 2017. Currently we have 80 kittens in 7 foster homes. Most of the Moms and kittens were living outdoors before they came to us. If we can catch a Momma and her kittens, the Momma cat will stay with her kittens until they are weaned. If she is too feral for adoption, she is spayed and released after weaning her kittens. Fortunately, a large number of these adult females are socialized and friendly, so they are adopted to wonderful families. PACA requires that adopters keep their adopted PACA cats indoors for safety.



Sometimes kittens are recovered even as young as a few days without their Moms. One of our foster moms is an expert in bottle feeding these babies. She has this to say about the responsibilities:

“Only a crazy, stay-at-home person would choose to bottle feed kittens. Newborns need to be fed at least six times a day around the clock. A few days into that 3 am feeding and your alarm clock becomes your enemy. If you’re very lucky the kittens will eat and gain weight. Bath time again. Watching their little ears wiggle while they suck on the bottle makes it all worthwhile. A burp, a purr, and a sleepy kitten...”

Fostering kittens is a very rewarding experience. You watch them mature into adorable little kittens with all kinds of personalities. Sometimes the kittens arrive sick with upper respiratory infections or bacteria infections. PACA/AAR pays for any required treatment and medication. When the kittens are over two pounds and healthy they are fixed, microchipped and given FVRCP shots prior to attending adoption clinic at PetSmart (Academy at Wyoming) or Clark’s Pet Store (Menaul at Juan Tabo). It is sometimes hard to say goodbye to them but we know they will shortly find great homes and there will be another litter ready for the care of a foster.

FOUR LITTLE SENIORS

by Gloria Graeber



PACA answered a frantic call from a family member whose father passed away and left behind four little dogs. PACA was the last hope on her list of rescues to call, and PACA answered. Two PACA volunteers went to check out the situation. Amidst the trash and filth inside (and outside) they found four small senior dogs that had been left behind. Three Chiweenies and a Pomeranian mix had survived almost two weeks in the house without any humans taking care of them. All were in desperate need of vet care and rescue!

Complete check-ups revealed they all had severe dental issues, a few tumors, plus eye and skin issues. After treatment and recuperation at their foster homes, their sweet, wonderful personalities blossomed making them irresistible!

The quadruple became a hit at our Saturday adoption clinics. Cowgirl, now Coco, met her new family. She lovingly crawled into her new momma's lap to kiss her, and it was love at first sight. Ashlee is overcoming some health issues but is making wonderful progress and doing very well in her foster home.

Silver and Ringo are still looking for their forever home. They enjoy each other's company and are very people and dog oriented. They would do well in a quiet home, love to cuddle, and are low energy boys. They would make excellent companions.

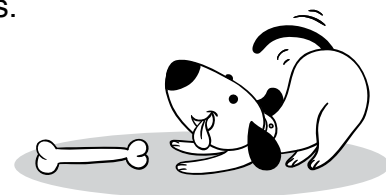
London & Hope

by Brianna Jurek

When London and Hope were picked up from their temporary holding place they were very skinny. Hope came from a shelter in Texas. London was surrendered by her owner: so skinny you could see every bone in her body. London had severe diarrhea and her foster mom was very concerned it could be parvo. It turned out to be Coccidia, a treatable intestinal disease. London had to be quarantined so she would not infect other



dogs. London was so skinny and weak that she just laid down most of the time and wasn't playful like a puppy should be. Hope had a bit more energy but was still underweight and lethargic. The foster family started them on a high fat puppy diet with added powdered enzymes. London was treated for Coccidia and has turned from a sad, sick, sleepy girl to a normal active puppy. Hope has gained weight and is an adorable, outgoing girl. Once she and London were able to be together, they played for hours. London still hasn't stopped wanting to play. Although they still have a way to go regarding their weight and health, a happy future is guaranteed. They both deserve a good home where they will be spoiled, loved, and have a friend to play with. Hope is the sweetest girl who loves to cuddle. London loves everyone and loves, loves, loves to play. These pups were on the brink of death but are now two very lucky pups.



Happy Tails

Marco: He is doing great. He has really come out of his shell. He is still shy with strangers, but very attached to me and Eric. He gets so excited when we come home, he bounces! He's such a great dog.



Megan/Patty: Excellent, Patty & her new sister (Marcie) are getting along great! Patty knows her new name, sits on command--most of the time. Learns quickly & behaves really well unless she is playing. Such a good dog!



Skye/Skylar: We love our baby we adopted from PACA!! Best. Dog. Ever. She is such a cuddler, we LOOOOVE her!!



Squirt/Gia: She is adorable, healthy, and has a great disposition!



Knuckles: He just loves stretching out on the sofa!



Alia is holding Luke, a foster kitty that she then adopted.



Penny is so happy in her home that has dog buddies, kids, and cats.



George/Maximus: Puppy Love!!

Mini Moose: He is doing great. He is really smart and learning the ways very fast. He is good at making new friends.



Kate is a long-time supporter of PACA's and she is always happy to show off her two PACA-adopted dogs Sally (left) and P.J. (right).



Buddy and Prin were both adopted from PACA. Their owner is so happy with both of them and they get along so well together.

We adopted Oscar (was Roy) in March of 2010! He is a super sweet boy & loves his brother Walter!" **-The Cocco Family**



Callie and Max were adopted from PACA by Nancy. She tells us "They are wonderful cats who bring joy to our household every day. Thank you for all you do to help animals."



Pepsi/Rosie & Fanta/Dakota: We are over the moon and so happy!!! We love them so much and they have been so good.



Payday: Payday & his new sister (Twila) in his new forever home.



It's been a while since Herb and Barbara adopted Ju Ju Bee. Her transition to their house was not very smooth because she had separation anxiety. The adopters diligently helped her work through it. She eventually grew to trust the situation, and the three of them have been living happily together since.



Shmigals: From rescued kitty to beautiful beauty She is so special, definitely mommy's girl.



It Took A Village... For Little D

Little D was the feisty puppy in his litter. D didn't want to listen to his mom's lessons. He was aggressive to his seven-week-old siblings. PACA decided to separate Little D from his litter one week early to keep him from picking on his brothers and sisters, a decision that was weighed heavily. Many people wanted to adopt Little D, but PACA wanted to rehabilitate him first. PACA is committed to placing dogs in the right home, not the first home. PACA's president, Lanya, stepped up to foster Little D. We knew Lanya's dogs are experienced puppy raisers and would help Little D.



Little D came to adoption events weekly. He was great with people, but he could act aggressively towards other dogs, especially males. PACA's trainer, Julie, worked with Little D at the adoption events. Little D's stiff, straight up tail was his "tell," meaning his tail would tell us when he was going to be aggressive with another dog. (See picture left). D had to be stopped before he reacted to other dogs. Julie would touch him firmly and use leash pressure to stop him, then release the pressure when he relaxed. When D was polite while interacting with other dogs we rewarded him. We exposed D to lots of stable dogs, which is key to proper socialization.

Another component to D's training was Julie's foster dog Chardonnay. The first time D was at Julie's house, he was lunging and barking at Chardonnay. Chardonnay taught D that he would be ignored if he acted naughty. When D calmed down, Chardonnay would play with him. Chardonnay and D are now fast friends, getting together for play dates occasionally.

D was under Julie's watchful eye at the adoption events. His behavior continuously improved towards other dogs. His tail went up less. Several people applied to adopt Little D, but the homes did not match D's need for a home that could continue his progress. In February, Julie and Little D went to a workshop in Tucson to learn about Large Field Socialization, which allows dogs to interact off-leash in a large space with watchful guidance. At the workshop he was in a field with about twenty-five other dogs. He was insecure at the start. Little D stiffened up a couple times at other dogs, but he made good choices and relaxed after a short amount of time. This workshop happened at the perfect time in D's development. He was still young enough to be influenced by training and old enough to participate.



Turns out Lanya fell in love with Little D and her home is exactly what he needs, so she adopted him. He comes to visit Julie's house occasionally for a social time. Little D even started helping other dogs learn social skills by avoiding conflict.



It takes a village of volunteers to help a dog like D. If dogs are given consistent and proper socialization and training, they can evolve. For D this process took about six months. Little D's story could have ended quite differently if PACA would not have invested the time and training into his development. A combination of boundaries on his aggressive behavior plus giving him positive experiences around other dogs changed his attitude. We will keep an eye on him through maturity around his 2nd birthday, but he is on his way to a dog-friendly life.

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