



Animal Protective Association of Socorro

Barks and Mews

October 2022 Newsletter

Carroll Petrie Foundation Provides Vital Funding in 2022

The pandemic and associated economic woes put pressure on households everywhere, and private giving to APAS reflected this in 2021. Added to this, the APAS yard sale remains suspended while we search for a new venue (see the related item in this issue). So we were thrilled and relieved when the Carroll Petrie Foundation contacted us early this year with an invitation to apply for funding. The Carroll Petrie Foundation, based in Santa Fe, “invests in the care and protection of animals and the natural world,” supporting organizations working on behalf of dogs, cats, and other animals in New Mexico. APAS came to their attention through our application for funds from the pet food manufacturer fee, Senate Bill 57. (Click this link to visit a very good article on the current state of Senate Bill 57: <https://apvnm.org/breaking-news-on-sb-57-and-the-fight-to-bring-spay-neuter-funding-to-new-mexico/>)

In April, the Carroll Petrie Foundation awarded us a grant of \$35,000 for spay and neuter surgeries. APAS provides \$150 toward the cost of surgery for qualifying residents of Socorro County, and the grant will allow us to support surgeries for 233 dogs and cats. That translates into a lot fewer unplanned puppies and kittens!

The Foundation has been a great partner, with program officer Laura Bonar visiting us in Socorro to share insights about the Foundation’s bright vision for the future of animal welfare in New Mexico. We hope to continue working with the Carroll Petrie Foundation in the future and encourage you to share your ideas and dreams for the welfare of companion animals in our community.

Beginning this year, and with the funding from the Carroll Petrie Foundation grant, we have expanded our assistance program to Catron County. This expansion is something we have long wanted to do. APAS Treasurer Norene Boykin and her husband Doug have been posting flyers as they cruise around Catron County. We get the word out about our spay/neuter initiative through flyers, word-of-mouth, and our wonderful vets and staff at The Ark of Socorro and Animal Haven Veterinary Clinic. You can also help APAS by spreading word of our work among your contacts around both Socorro and Catron counties.

—Connie Robnett



These two unrelated adult male cats enjoying a quiet nap together exhibit the less territorial, competitive, and aggressive behavior of neutered males, compared to intact male cats. Photo courtesy of Jane Love.

Socorro Pets Find New Beginnings

The Socorro Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, APAS, and Socorro Rotary have teamed up on a new series of pet ads in the *Defensor Chieftain* titled “Pet of the Month.” Socorro Rotary has paid for the first 12 months, APAS has designed and produces the monthly ads for the *Chieftain*, and the shelter selects each month’s pet and provides a photo and description of the animal. Our team work is published the third Thursday of each month.

Our first ad was printed last March 17, and the team has had six more printed since then. The seven dogs featured so far have been medium to large adult dogs, typically more difficult animals to place in new homes and more likely to remain in the shelter longer than the small dogs and cats.

Homie, pictured to the right, was the June Pet of the Month. Homie and a dog called Sunday, Pet of the Month in April, were adopted locally. Three dogs featured have been transported to a rescue and adoption organization in a neighboring state, and two dogs are still at the shelter. Representing October is a beautiful young cat named Tabitha.

—Jane Love

Pet of the Month

Socorro Animal Shelter and Adoption Center introduces Homie



Homie is a 1-year-old, neutered male Labrador X. He weighs 59 lbs., and his ID no. is 4-39. Homie is a very friendly, laid-back, sweet dog. He gets along great with everyone he meets, and he loves to show off his handsome smile. He does pretty well on a leash and sometimes listens to the command “sit.” He is a very good dog and would make a great new member to your family. If you are interested in meeting or adopting Homie, please contact us at (575) 838-3103 to schedule an appointment.



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New Mexico Tech Animal Protection Club

The Animal Protection Club (APC) is a group of Tech students working toward creating a safe and healthy environment for the stray and feral animals of Socorro County by educating and equipping community members with the tools and resources to help tackle this problem. We aim to educate people in the Tech and Socorro community on humane animal welfare through educational speakers and training events and to gain community engagement through adoption, fostering, rehoming, transport of animals, trap-neuter-return (TNR), animal food drives, and various other fundraising events. We work on solutions for problems, from what to do when a dog is found on campus to trapping, sterilizing, and rehoming colonies of feral cats. APC at Tech works closely with the Animal Protective Association of Socorro (APAS) and the Socorro County

Animal Shelter. Our current goals are to solidify our TNR team and build our inventory of TNR supplies for loan to members participating in TNR and fostering.

We will be hosting TNR training every other month on the first Saturday of the month. Our first training was held on October 1 in the green space in front of the Skeen Library on Tech’s campus. We went over step-by-step how to: 1) trap feral cats, 2) traps, 3) vet appointments and APAS payment assistance, and 4) aftercare.

We also sold dog and cat toys and treats at the Saturday, October 1, Socorro farmer’s market (*see photo on facing page*). All proceeds will support the APC and our community outreach events.

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APAS's Yard Sale is Looking for a New Home

Since 2004 the annual APAS yard sale has been an important fundraising event supporting the low-fee spay and neuter program available to low-income pet owners. Our last yard sale was July 31–August 1, 2021, after a hiatus of 27 months because of safety concerns with large gatherings during the Covid pandemic. After 18 years in the familiar setting of Dorothy Brook's spacious yard, garage, and storage building, APAS is searching for a new home, and we're inviting our members and friends to participate in the search.

Dorothy provided us with space to store unsold items from year to year as well as to accumulate new donations during the months between sales. Finding a new location with similar accommodations is a tall order, and we've been making inquiries around town for many months. At the very least APAS needs a space where we would be allowed perhaps 2 weeks to accumulate, sort, and price merchandise before the sale, 2 days for the sale, and about 1 week for moving unsold items to a more permanent storage area after the sale. In addition to needing flexibility for the event schedule and security for our merchandise for 3 to 4 weeks, we must remember that the money we may have to pay as a rental fee is money



APAS yard sale, 2021. Photo courtesy of Jean Eilek.

we won't have to help local pet owners.

This is the challenge. We have been investigating some possible future localities; they include Zim-merly Elementary School, Garcia Opera House, Socorro County Fair Grounds, Socorro Convention Center, and Socorro Masonic Lodge. If you have any ideas, please pass them along to an APAS officer or board member.

—Jane Love



Photo courtesy of Janstonez.

The Animal Protection Club has traps and crates available to borrow. Please get in touch with nmtanimalprotection@npe.nmt.edu. If you are interested in joining our mailing list, please email nmtanimalprotection@npe.nmt.edu.

—Leah Tevis



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