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Fall/Winter 2023 ISSUE

HUMANE EDUCATION & ADOPTION REFERRALS

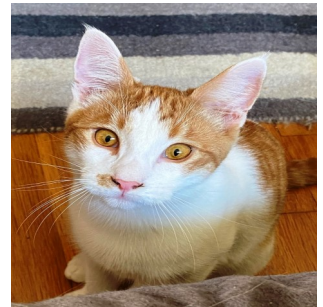
Adoption Advice

IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT

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GIVE THEM A CHANCE



Here's how to keep your pets safe and happy over the festive season.

If you're thinking of making a fuss of your pets with some extra food treats this Christmas here are some safe foods. Small amount of White Turkey, Pumpkin, Green beans, Peas, Carrots, Apples (never the core or seeds), Spinach, Winter squash, Melon, Berries, Bananas Some festive plants and flowers can be toxic to pets, including poinsettias, holly, ivy, mistletoe and lilies, so avoid buying these if you have pets. Tinsel and wrapping paper might be tempting for your pet to play with, but make sure they don't eat it! Christmas trees and pets: It's best to only allow your pets around the tree when you can keep a close eye on them, because the decorations are not safe for them to play with or eat. The water is also toxic.

Christmas can be busy and chaotic, but you can help your pet cope with the chaos by sticking to their normal routine as much as possible. That way your pets and you can enjoy the Holiday Season!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Our mission is to promote the human-animal bond and the humane treatment of animals through public education and pet adoptions.

"Not just an adoption - a perfect match"

Our Vision:

A no-kill community where every cat and dog has a permanent, loving home.

Dog and Cat Adoption Locations

Animal Friends Dog and Cat Sanctuary

933 S. Cherokee Ln, Lodi

Mon - Fri 12:00 - 7:00pm Weekends 11 - 4pm

Petco (Cats Only)

6112 Pacific Ave Stkn,

Daily and Every Sat 11-2

Petco Lodi (Cats on site)

2350 W Kettleman Ln Suite 120

Lodi, **Dogs Sat, 11 AM**

For more information call the Hotline 368-1761

Today & Tomorrow

We have an **endowment fund** to help cover our annual expenses in the future and a **building fund** to construct a new building to shelter and provide for our animal friends in our community.

You can help us *today* through gifts such as cash, stocks, or other property. You can help us *tomorrow*, by remembering us in a trust, bequest or even as the beneficiary of your life insurance!

Contact us today to learn more about how you can plan *now* to help care for our animal friends *forever*!
(209) 365-0535

Volunteer Opportunities

Immediate positions available!

All it takes is a few hours of spare time once a week to make a difference to the animals. Whether it's working with the public or on a computer, opening your home to a foster animal, spaying/neutering and supervising feral cats, or helping people over the phone, we have something for you! Students can also get credit for their volunteer hours!

Dog Walkers and Kennel Help

Adults or teenagers that enjoy walking and would like to walk our dogs one or more days a week year round. Join our "Walk n Wag" walking group. Mornings after 9 am or late afternoons during the fall and winter. Spend time socializing and playing with the dogs. Dog experience needed.

Mobile Adoption Site Counselors

Help with transport to adoption sites, set-up and breakdown of special adoptions. Interview prospective adopters. Coordinate pet deliveries to their new homes.

Cat Cuddlers

Youth or adults to brush, **pet and socialize cats and to help with cleaning**. Seven days a week 9am to 7pm.

Fundraising and Raffle Help

Help organize one or more events each year (such as the Fiesta Dinner and our Jog a Dog) and/or organize our Jog a Dog raffle.

It does take a commitment to help out. To receive a volunteer application e-mail Patricia Sherman at office@animalfriendsconnect.org

Sanctuary News

It's been a long hectic year - Grumble—Grumble

The owner of our property still wants us to move; however we have been unable to find a property locally that we can afford. They have increased our rent over $4\frac{1}{2}$ times the amount we used to pay. Needless to say this has been a hardship on us. The City of Lodi used to give non-profits a very nice discount on their electric bill, but that has also been taken away from us and the bill has increased three fold. Please bear with us as we continue...LOL We need to take all of this with a grain of humor.

Donations still have not gone back to where they were before COVID. Facebook put new regulations on raising money via PAYPAL, This has prevented us from raising money on Facebook; to help with the on-going emergencies that arise We have been working for the past year on trying to figure out what they want us to do. We understand that other non-profits are also having difficulty with trying to figure out what they want. With all of that, donations are down by at least \$30,000. The owner of Jeremy wine Company (Jeremy) is helping us try to get it back up. He was able to create a link that we can add to our Facebook posts that will take a donor straight to PayPal to make a donation. We are forever grateful.

We've had air conditioning problems this year and were able to barely make it out of the hot weather with it working on again off again. It is too difficult for the animals and the staff when we have weather in the 90's and above. We will have to replace the air conditioner next spring, which is around \$13,000 to \$15,000.

We are not able to fundraise as much as we used to since we are down from three major fundraisers to two.

We have had so many kittens, cats, puppies and dogs dumped at our door step. Many are injured kittens, cats and dogs (with injuries too terrible to describe). We make it our mission to provide the medical care that they need. The cost of spays and neuters for both cats and dogs have more than tripled this year and our adoption fees do not cover them. At this time we still have about 50 kittens that need loving families. In addition to that, we are the only shelter open 7 days a week in our area. Thank you to our Wonderful Staff!

In mid-November we had 8 beautiful puppy and dog adoptions all in one day. We had 6 cat/kittens adopted in one weekend also. Fortunately we have also gotten quite a few of our young adult cats out this year and we are working on getting the kittens adopted too. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for all these adoptions.

It takes a lot of time to interview and send people the adoption information, but the joy in creating new loving families is worth it... Our success stories are beautiful and it is so worth our energy, time and money. The staff, volunteers and board members all love what we do even though it is exhausting.

With all of this joy to spread.

We are wishing you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday!
We wish that we all have a Prosperous New Year!



Animal Friends Connection Humane Society is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit that is dedicated to Humane Education and the promotion of spaying and neutering.
Donations can be sent to

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All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law.

You can designate your United Way contribution to our organization. EIN # 68-0315789

Happy Tails

Hi! I just wanted to give a quick update on the wonderful spunky and hilarious dog I adopted from you guys on July 20th 2023. I named her Pippa and she learned it within an hour. She's so smart and has been SUCH a joy. She has adapted to her life in the city very well! She loves playing with other dogs, taking walks on the beach or in the park, going in the car and most of all she loves being held like a baby by anyone she meets. Thanks so much for letting me adopt her, she is an absolute angel! Kelsie



Batman is a 3 year old cat who was surrendered to AFC by an elderly lady who could no longer care for him. He is a very sweet and loving cat, but was shy around strangers who came to see him in his foster home. His new parents Sam and Pamela found him on our website and fell in love, so they came to see him. He let them pet him and give him treats. He has settled into their home and made friends with his new

brother Sheldon.

Thanks to Sam and Pamela for giving this sweet boy a new furrever home!



Mr. Toby was adopted as a kitten, and when he was 11 years old, he was returned to us with no explanation from his adoptive father. After some time at the sanctuary, he was adopted by Patti, one of our volunteers who takes in the older kitties to give them forever homes. He has settled in to his new home

and is getting along with the other cats. He loves to be petted and sleep snuggled up against his new mom on the loveseat and on the bed.

Thanks so much Patti for giving this handsome boy a loving and purrmanent home!

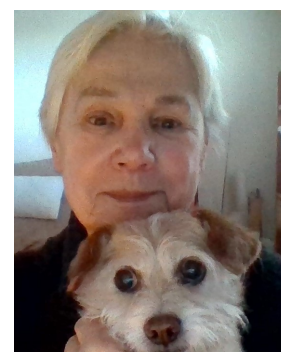
Hello! Well, its been two and a half years!

Dilly is just wonderful. All infections of bladder and bowel are resolved. All tissue damage issues are resolved. All pain issues are resolved. She's had regular tests and exams for her health issues and had dental care. She's at the weight goal I set for her of 15 pounds. And about 75% of all behavioral issues are resolved.

I adore her. She's happy.

My only regret is that I didn't adopt her when I first saw her on Petfinder but waited a few months. But, as always, thank you and all good wishes for each of you and the work you do.

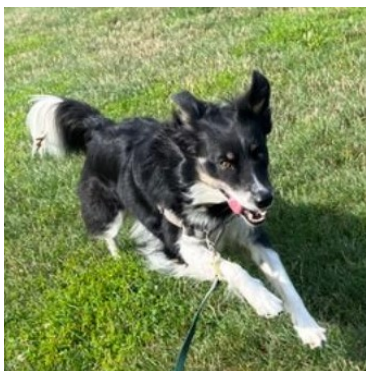
Gratitude and love - Catherine



Holly was adopted about 4 years ago and now lives in New York. Here's an update.

Dear Paula, I hope you had a great summer! Things are going well on our end — Holly still absolutely loves going herding, swimming in the pond at the neighborhood park, and snuggling with us on the couch. Hope you, Jon, and all your dogs and fosters are doing well!!!

Laura



A sweet Happy Tail for a very special girl! Our beautiful Rose has been adopted!! Rose was abandoned at our sanctuary with a newborn litter of 4 kittens. She was very shy, and when visitors came to the cat room, she always hid.

Angela saw her biography online, came to the sanctuary, and Rose responded to her! It didn't take long for Rose to feel at home with Angela. Angela says she gets the zoomies every morning, wants pets and cuddles all the time now and will lay next to her for naps. She has made her home a whole lot happier.

Thanks so much Angela for giving this beautiful girl a loving and purrmanent home!



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We accept donations online !



WISH LIST

Animal Friends Connection Humane Society has many wishes. These wishes are things that can help us do a better job at helping the animals in our adoption/foster network. Also, these wishes can improve or expand our organization to be able to help more homeless animals. Below is a list of our current wishes:

Dog food - Canidae "All Stages"

Dry dog food, Kirkland Chicken & Rice dry dog food (red bag)

Kirkland rom Costco Natures Domain canned dog food

Kirkland dry cat food, or Blue Buffalo

Friskies canned cat food and other higher quality canned cat foods

Treats for Cats and Dogs (please made in the USA only) – Nutro
Greenies are also a good treat for cats (not for dogs)

Cat litter – "Litter Perfect" from Costco, or other high quality litter

Cleaning products such as bleach (we go through at least 24 two
gallon bottles of bleach every month)

Laundry detergent, Pine-sol - mops, brooms- squeegee

Paper towels and toilet paper

Toys for Cats and Dogs (toy's that have a squeaker in them for the
Dogs but no stuffing)

Four foot leashes for the Dogs

Collars that are for small Dogs (size's 7-11 and 11-14) we have
plenty of large dog collars

Blow dryer to dry dogs after bathing

Postage stamps

COT style cat and dog beds, or gently used beds and cots

Smaller twin-size blankets for the dogs that sleep inside

Small blankets for the cat beds (baby blankets work well)

A handy-person willing to donate time. We need repairs inside and
outside, as well as Plumbing.

Van to transport our dogs and cats

Land or a house with a little property, located (if possible) between
Stockton and Lodi for a permanent adoption center/shelter. We
have outgrown our location. ***

SPECIAL HOLIDAY WISH LIST

For our Cats: Our kittens eat Wellness canned food and the dry food is Blue Buffalo, for adult cats too. We mix in Kirkland Costco adult food for our adult cats. Cats enjoy greenie dental treats in various flavors or various temptation treats or other Made in America treats. Cats love the crinkle balls, catnip and the wands bring them endless joy.

For our Dogs: Our Dogs eat Canidae dry mixed with Kirkland dry and Costco Natures Domain canned food. Puppies eat the Natures Domain dry food mixed with Canidae dry. For a special food treat our dogs love the rolls of Fresh Pet especially the Bison and Made in America treats of all kind especially salmon treats. Our dogs love the Stuffed crinkle toys, Toys without squeakers or they just tear them apart.

We always have a need for blankets for the Dogs 52"x 52" and Cats 46"x 46" to use for adoptions.

Animal Friends Connection Humane Society

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June 2023 - November 2023

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