AFW Welcomes Neil Trent as New Executive Director

After conducting a national search for a new executive director, AFW welcomes Neil Trent as the new leader of AFW.

Neil has over 30 years of experience in animal welfare. He began his career in London with the British Royal Society for the Protection of Animals (RSPCA) in the law-enforcement division and, subsequently, as regional director of the Animal Welfare League of America (AWLA) of Virginia, where he was instrumental in implementing anti-animal cruelty legislation in Taiwan.

In his role at AWLA, Neil oversighted numerous animal welfare programs, including trap-neuter-release programs (TNR), in-house veterinary services, and obedience and enrichment programs. He oversaw the development of numerous programs that include: a spay/neuter clinic, a low-cost/high-quality spay/neuter clinic, and a spay/neuter clinic.

Neil has received numerous awards for his work in animal welfare. He has served on many boards of prestigious organizations, including the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the National Animal Welfare Association (NAWA), and the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA).

Neil’s experience in developing and implementing animal welfare programs has led to his appointment as Executive Director of AFW. His commitment to animal welfare and his proven track record make him an ideal fit for this position.

Mission Statement:
Animal Friends of the Valleys is dedicated to promoting humane care of animals through education and a humane, proactive animal services program. We are committed to preventing the suffering of animals and to ending pet overpopulation in the cities we serve.

Neil’s background and experience have prepared him to lead AFW in achieving its mission. He will work closely with the Board of Directors to develop and implement programs that will help achieve our goals.

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Summer 2017
Message from Animal Friends of the Valleys

Meet Beth Soltysiak, AFV’s New Director of Donor Development

We are happy to announce that Beth Soltysiak is AFV’s new Director of Donor Development! Beth has been in the sales and marketing field for over 25 years, starting as advertising sales manager at the Chicago Tribune after obtaining her Communications Degree from the University of Kansas.

Beth has lived in the Temecula Valley for over 30 years and has worked with the Temecula Chamber of Commerce, The Californian newspaper, and was Director of Development for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest County where she raised significant funds through the support of charity-minded businesses in the valley. She also has worked with various nonprofits in the city as an independent contractor. Beth specializes in raising money and organizing large charity events. Her sales and marketing background, along with her love of the valley, have been instrumental to her successful career. Beth also is part of local Rotary clubs as well as Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, and Temecula Chambers of Commerce and with other civic groups. She has a heart for giving back to the community she serves.

Beth will be working with the community to obtain the needed sponsorships to help AFV become the leading community nonprofit shelter, providing a safe haven for all animals along with quality and affordable care. Through community education and involvement, Beth will help AFV in its goal to end pet overpopulation and for finding a loving home for every adoptable pet in AFV’s shelter.

We are excited that Beth has joined the AFV shelter team!

You can reach Beth at 951-674-0618, ext. or beth@animalfriendsofthevalleys.com.

Joel Silverman, Animal Trainer Extraordinaire, Partners with AFV

AFV is proud to announce that Joel Silverman is partnering with AFV to help shelter animals get adopted. He will be conducting a free dog training seminar on Thursday, July 13, to promote his world-renowned dog certification course at the AFV shelter which will begin the week of August 14. This course is different from any other dog training certification course because he will select 5-7 AFV shelter dogs to go through a week-long course on behavior modification. Dogs selected will be in need of extra training in order to be adopted. With each class held at AFV, two staff members will be certified, free of charge, enabling AFV to have professionally trained certified animal behavior specialists on staff which will increase successful dog adoptions and reduce the chance of them being returned to the shelter after being adopted.

Joel has trained many different species of animals for Hollywood films, TV, and amusement parks. He is best known for Good Dog U, his top-rated Animal Planet series that ran from 1999 to 2009. He trained Bear, the lovable St. Bernard/retriever mix who played the part of Dreyfuss on the TV series Empty Nest and trained dolphins, killer whales and sea lions for Sea World, Magic Mountain and Knott’s Berry Farm. Now, he uses all that professional experience helping pet owners train their own dogs. Thousands of dogs have benefited from his training.

Contact us...
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animalcontrol@animalfriendsofthevalleys.com
volunteers@animalfriendsofthevalleys.com

Brittany King, Tristan Drown, Mary Bullard (former office manager), Derrick Passow, María Terris, Jasmine Champagne, and Laura Paris, D.V.M., are our friendly staff waiting to serve you at our low cost spay/neuter clinic. Make your pet’s appointment today! Call 951-674-7729
Officer Tucker recently received a call regarding a cat that was potentially in distress. When he arrived, he made contact with the cat’s guardian who said her cat accidentally got out about seven days prior and was trapped in her neighbor’s locked garage. On top of that, it was thought that the neighbor was away and had been gone for as many days!

Animal Control conducted an exhaustive search attempting to contact the residents; however, no contact was made. Officer Tucker, after speaking to his supervisor, determined that the cat was suffering and decided to cut a small hole in a vent on the side of the house, allowing the cat to be removed. She was found to be severely dehydrated and had quite the appetite! As can be seen from the photo, she was very happy to be reunited with her guardian and is expected to make a full recovery.

As a side note, this kitty had flown all the way from Ireland when her owners moved to our community!

If You See Something, Say Something!

Our officers are the first ones to call to rescue injured and abused animals. When AFV was notified of a resident hoarding 13 Yorkshire terriers last summer, our animal control officers wasted no time getting there to help them.

The dogs were rescued and kept at AFV for nine months until the wheels of justice finally convicted the dog owner of animal cruelty. She was placed on formal probation for a term of 5 years. While on active probation she is not to own, possess, care for, or interact with any animals.

Please, if you see or suspect an animal being abused, let us know! You need not identify yourself. We are the eyes and ears for these helpless creatures and never want them to suffer due to residents looking the other way.

It’s Not Just Cats and Dogs...

When most people think about the duties of animal control officers, they probably think of them picking up stray cats and dogs. While that may be a big part of their job, they also must play the part of cowboy, snake charmer, bird of prey rescuer, environmentalist, buffalo hunter and more.

Officer Dossett, right, is giving a helping hand to a barn owl.

This gorgeous hawk also was rescued by AFV. If wildlife is seriously injured and can’t be returned to the wild right away, they are taken to a local wildlife rescue.
Dear Animal Friends...

I just wanted to give an update on my two precious rescue angels, Molly and Oliver.

I rescued Molly in November 2002, the day after Thanksgiving. She was 6 months of age, a small little heart with gorgeous markings. She kept growing, right into a healthy 16 lbs. "mountain lion"! She’s all muscle! She turned 15 years on May 5.

On May 4, 2004, I chose another feline companion (actually, my mum picked him) — a classic red tabby (white with red tabby patches) with a personality to match. He’s half British short hair and half "?". He turned 14 in April; yet he acts like he’s still 14 months!

Thanks much for everything!

John Hughes

I adopted Odin from AFV last year and couldn’t ask for a better companion!

Candice Lackey

Your business has given my family the two greatest dogs in the world. I appreciate what you do for the animals that you save. All of the staff are superheroes!

Thanks to your company, my family gets to own our golden retriever Riley and our Chiweenie Pepe.

You save and take care of lives. Keep up what you’re doing!

Kylie Newman

Let’s go surfin’ now. All the dogs are learnin’ how...

Temecula’s very own “sur fur” dog, Kaylee Owen, became a TV star this past November when the SoCalSurf Dog group did a TV shoot with Andre Millan (son of Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan) and his dog Sugar (a pug).

It’s a story about Surf Dogs and it aired in April on Nat Geo WILD on the Pet Talk program. Watch for reruns, and look for Kaylee and parents Scott and Joanne Owen!

Let’s go surfin’!

Love Us. Microchip Us.

Residents of Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore and Wildomar: We still have funding available for you to get $5 microchips for your pets. This offer is only available at the shelter. No appointment necessary, while supplies last! Other cities, only $20.
Help the Animals Every Time You Shop!

Almost everybody who shops online shops on Amazon. Did you know that Amazon will make a donation to AFV every time you shop? Simply go to [www.smile.amazon](http://www.smile.amazon) and choose Animal Friends of the Valleys as your charity of choice.

If you shop at Ralphs, they will make a contribution to the shelter every time you shop. Sign up at [www.ralphs.com/topic/community-contribution-2#](http://www.ralphs.com/topic/community-contribution-2#).

Still Need to Spay or Neuter Your Pet?

We’ve got you covered. Our low cost spay and neuter clinic is just a phone call away.

Do your part to help stop the pet overpopulation crisis! Your animal will be happier and healthier; most importantly, he or she will not contribute more litters to a world that does not have homes for them.

Call for an appointment today: 951-674-SPAY (7729)

For more information, log on to our website: [http://animalfriendsofthevalleys.com/spay-neuter/](http://animalfriendsofthevalleys.com/spay-neuter/).

Need vaccinations? Our clinic is open Monday—Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (no appointment necessary). For more information, log on to our website: [http://animalfriendsofthevalleys.com/services-licensing/](http://animalfriendsofthevalleys.com/services-licensing/).

YOUR SUPPORT CAN CONTINUE TO HELP THE ANIMALS

Over the years AFV has been named in several trusts. Those generous trusts have given AFV the opportunity to offer spay/neuter grants, microchip grants, start-up costs for the spay/neuter clinic, and help the public with medical expenses for their pets. By including AFV as a beneficiary in your estate, your kindness will live on through the many pets we are able to care for from your bequest.

If you want to ensure that your love of animals continues in the future, we encourage you to include Animal Friends of the Valleys in your estate plans. This is one of the easiest, most meaningful ways to perpetuate your support of the thousands of dogs and cats we save each year. If you have already named AFV in your will, please let us know so that we may thank you, acknowledge you, and welcome you.
Lake Elsinore Pet Walk
AFV was invited to participate in this year’s Lake Elsinore Pet Walk. We had a blast talking to all of the animal-friendly participants. We were even visited by some AFV dog alums whose guardians didn’t hesitate to tell us how much they love their pets.

Lots of raffles were held at the event and some of the winners donated their food winnings to the shelter. We thank them for making us feel like winners!

We shared a booth with Grant Manley whose Eagle Scout Project will help us update some items at the shelter.

Grant’s plan is to make a new Rainbow Bridge and to add a laser-engraved plaque with the Rainbow Bridge Poem for our Comfort Room.

He wants to paint new trashcans for our outdoor kennel area and make a cover for an exposed pipe. He’s even recruited his grandmother to work on photo curtains for our health check room!

If you’d like to help Grant help us, please contact Boy Scout Troop 2011 at https://www.facebook.com/troop.twentyeleven.

Have You Heard?
Now you can license your pet online! Simply go to our home page at www.animalfriendsofthevalleys.com, click on “Licensing”, and you’re on your way!

Did you know that we keep some of our adoptable cats at local Petco stores? Stop by to visit them at Temecula, Menifee and Lake Elsinore stores. You can adopt them directly from the stores!

Lost or found a pet? Fill out a report on our website at http://animalfriendsofthevalleys.com/lost-found-reports-2/. We will post it on our Lost Found Reports page.

We need foster homes! Give an animal a little more time to find a home by bringing him into your home and then taking him to our Saturday adoption shows at the Temecula Petco. Contact our foster coordinator at foster@animalfriendsofthevalleys.com for information about how to foster.

Huey’s Heroes
Participants of all ages are invited to join us every Wednesday, 3:00-4:30 p.m., to read to the shelter animals.

Readers can earn credit toward Barnes & Noble gift cards as well as other prizes. They also might receive a free Huey’s Heroes Reading Program t-shirt (kids sizes only) when they bring in a food or litter donation for the animals. (Please take into the registration classroom on your right upon entry to the shelter.)

We hope you consider joining us every week. Readers can improve their skills while making a positive difference in the life of a shelter animal. They love the attention!

Pit Bulls, Chihuahuas & Cats Only $5
With approved application—spay/neuter fees may apply.
Keep Your Pets **COOL** When the Weather is **HOT**  
(And hints about other dangers laying in wait for our pets)

Every summer, our animal control officers receive calls about animals suffering in the heat. Whether it’s a dog in a hot car or a pet left outside without adequate water and shade, the calls come in. So, it’s time for us all to take a moment to remind ourselves about the hazards that await our pets during our long hot summers.

You may have seen the video made by Ernie Ward, DVM, in which he showed how fast a car heats up on a warm summer’s day (he did the experiment on himself, by the way.) Within 30 minutes, it was 117 degrees inside the car—way too hot for man or beast.

A lucky dog is one that is allowed to stay in air conditioned comfort when his family is not at home. We all know that running the air conditioner is expensive, but leaving it set to turn on less frequently than when the family is at home will make it more comfortable for your pets. If you must leave your pets outside, at least make sure they have plenty of water and shade. Many would appreciate a kiddie pool in which to cool off. We at AFV still remember the horrific fate of a pit bull several years ago that was tied up outside, got his leash tangled, and was unable to reach water or shade. (Remember, too, that keeping a dog tied up for more than three hours is illegal in California.)

Of course, we should never walk our dogs in the heat of the day. And be very careful when walking with him on hot pavement. It can literally burn through the pads of his feet. If you are not sure if the pavement is too hot, try this simple test: place the back of your hand on the pavement. If you can’t keep it there for five seconds, it’s too hot for your dog!

Did you know that certain dog breeds are more susceptible to the heat than others? Older, obese, and short-nosed dogs such as pugs, bulldogs, Boston terriers, boxers, French bulldogs, Shih Tzus and Pekingese are less tolerant of heat.

 Mostly, pet safety boils down to simple common sense. If it’s too hot for you, it’s too hot for your pet!

**The Ubiquitous Foxtail**

Another summer danger awaiting our pets is the ubiquitous foxtail. More prevalent in the western U.S. than in the east, they can be a real nightmare for our pets.

Foxtails have sharp points at one end and microscopic barbs, so that they easily move in the direction of the point, but not the other way. In other words, they “work in”, but they don’t “work out”. They can become imbedded in the hair, especially the paws and ears, and in nostrils and even eyes.

If your dog has been running in a field or other location that is not landscaped, he more than likely will come home with a foxtail. Common symptoms are shaking his head or licking at a foot. If they are not noticed right away, foxtails can become too far imbedded for owners to get them out and a trip to the vet will be in order. Sometimes, they get embedded so far in, for example, an ear, that the pet will need to be anesthetized in order for them to be removed.

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**More pets get lost on July 4th than any other day of the year.**

Keep your dog safe this Independence Day. Share these eight tips for enjoying the Fourth of July with your dog.

1. Be sure your dog is wearing an up-to-date and visible ID tag on her collar at all times.
2. Take a current photo of your dog, just in case.
3. Exercise your dog early in the day before parties begin.
4. During cookouts, ask guests to play with your dog away from the flames.
5. Keep charcoal, fireworks, sparklers and glow sticks far from curious canines.
6. Keep dog treats on hand for those who want to give your dog food.
7. Leave your dog at home with a frozen stuffed treat during the fireworks.
8. If your dog is afraid of loud noises, leave gentle music playing to cover the fireworks.

Learn more at [www.petfinder.com/SummerPetSafety](http://www.petfinder.com/SummerPetSafety)
What’s cuter than a Daisy? A Daisy who brings gifts to the animals! These cutie patooties used $500 of their cookie money to buy food and supplies for the shelter animals. Awesome! Thanks, girls, for thinking of the shelter pets!

We’re looking forward to the day when they’re old enough to come in and volunteer!

Samantha Twinning is one of AFV’s kids campers and a regular visitor to the shelter. She recently had a birthday party and asked her friends to bring donations for the shelter instead of birthday presents for her. Isn’t it great to see kids being so selfless? Thanks, Samantha, for helping the homeless animals!

And a big thanks to Andi and Grace who made and donated homemade treats for the animals. They donated toys, too. The animals loved the gifts!

Paris Swett collected 81 dog and cat toys as her community service project. She brought them to the shelter and witnessed our kennel staff’s excitement as they chose toys for their respective areas. She also talked to Jennifer Glover, our registered veterinary technician, to gain more insight into the career. Thanks, Paris, whatever you do you’re well on your way to be a success!

The Junior Ambassadors at Vintage Hills Elementary School look for community service needs and projects for the students at their school. Junior Ambassador Sean visited AFV to drop off some donations. Before he left he came up with the idea to host a donation drive for the shelter and asked the other ambassadors to help get the entire school involved. The school didn’t hesitate to help because they love animals. How could they not? Their school mascot is a husky!

We also want to give a shout out to Adam Swick from Santa Rosa Academy. He collected monetary donations from students, faculty members and neighbors, for a total of $103. Wow! The animals say, “thank you”, Adam!

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**Honoring Special People and a Special Dog**

Congratulations to Julian Lujan, our Volunteer of the Quarter. Julian has volunteered a whopping 1000 hours at the shelter!

Thank you, Julian, for being such a loyal volunteer!

We also want to make special mention of volunteer Bill Mcgruder, who has been our greeter for many years. He currently is having some health concerns and has been unable to volunteer recently.

We miss you, Bill, and hope you make a speedy recovery!

We were sorry to learn of the death of Huey, a special dog who beat the odds and whose story affected many lives.

Huey was found wandering the Moreno Valley hills on a cold, rainy Christmas Day in 2014 by a Good Samaritan. She saved his life by taking him in for the night. He was taken to a vet the next day; his medical prognosis was grim as he had extensive injuries to his face as well as internal injuries, including a damaged liver from lack of nutrition. The vet suspected multiple past breaks to his jaw; in fact his bottom jaw was beyond repair, with pieces of his bottom lip missing.

It appeared as if Huey had been used as a bait dog and even had what the vet suspected was a gunshot wound to the top of his head.

He was adopted by Tracy Lystra and her family of Winchester shortly after. Huey was very ill, but he had a will to live. He eventually became the face of the Huey’s Reading Program, which was designed to help readers of all ages improve their reading skills while sharing those skills with animals in a shelter. The program is a weekly event at AFV and has given many children the opportunity to read to a dog while increasing their own reading skills. Animals, as well as the readers, enjoy the companionship of their time together.

Unfortunately, dog fighting is a cruel reality even in our local communities. It’s hard to believe that there are people among us who actually enjoy witnessing the suffering of animals. Of course, it is an illegal activity but one that our animal control officers see way too often.

If you even suspect that dog fighting or any other animal cruelty is occurring, please call AFV so our officers can investigate. These poor animals cannot call themselves; we are their only link to help.

Rest in Peace, Huey.

Saving Huey Foundation

You can help keep Huey’s memory alive by participating in Huey’s Heroes Reading Program every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the shelter. See page 6 of this newsletter for more information.

In Memory

Of

Dixie Schleiger

We were saddened to learn of the death of Dixie Schleiger, former AFV board member and volunteer.

Dixie was instrumental in getting the new shelter built, and spent many hours volunteering for the shelter.

Many of you will remember having your yard inspected by her prior to adopting a dog.

Dixie was a true animal lover and will be deeply missed. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends.
THANKS FROM THE ANIMALS...

Without the help of our many supporters we would not be able to continue helping the animals in need. Thanks to these and all the other friends who contributed to AFV the first quarter of 2017.

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RAZOO FOUNDATION
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ROSS FRANCES
RUBY JOE
RUIGEL WILLIAM
RUSSELL NANCY
RUSSELL IRENE
SCHMIDT LORI
SCHROCK DEBBIE
SCOTT WILLIAM
SHAWKI EZZELDIN
SHEEHAN MICHAEL
SHOP FOR A CAUSE
SLAGLE MARYLOU/CHARLES
SLATOR AGGIE
SMITH MENYARD
SMITH SHIRLEY
SOLIS AUSTIN & TARA
SPARKMAN BONNIE
STALLINGS MARK & SUE
STANGO JOE & IRENE
STANLEY SHIRLEYANN
STODDARD COREY
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SUITS JAIME
SUTTON SHARVA
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**Did You Know...**

- Dogs have been in combat with US soldiers during every major conflict, but they were not officially recognized until World War I.
- They are trained in bomb, weapon and drug detection, tracking, and to attack the enemy.
- There are about 2500 dogs in active service today and about 700 of them are deployed overseas.
- 85% of military working dogs are purchased from Germany and the Netherlands. The blood lines of these dogs go back hundreds of years, so they are literally born for the job.
- A fully trained bomb detection dog is worth over $150,000. (To the soldiers they are protecting, they are priceless!)
- They aren’t all German Shepherds. Many branches use Labrador retrievers. The US Navy SEALS use the Belgian Malinois, which was the breed that accompanied the SEALS during their raid on Osama Bin Laden in 2013.
- They can get PTSD, just like their human brothers and sisters in arms.
- They mourn the loss of their handler and vice versa.
- Sadly, until November 2000, military dogs were euthanized or abandoned after retirement.

Treo worked many tours in Afghanistan detecting explosives. He was so good at his job that he earned the name of “the black dog” with the Taliban. He retired in 2009 and lived out the rest of his days with his family. He died at the ripe old age of 14, surrounded by those he loved, but his passing left his family heartbroken. Dave, his owner, who served with him, decided to honor him by tattooing a paw onto his arm along with the following words:

“I will lay down my life for you and expect nothing but love in return. I protect my Dad with my life, and would gladly take a bullet in his place. I find weapons and bombs. I am the first sent in and sometimes the last to leave. I am the nose and ears of my Dad. I protect and serve him. I would die for him and for you. I only ask for compassion and a kind word.”

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