



Paws for Thought

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Keep Me Safe



On July 4th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I was walking up my driveway, May 25 to unlock the gate, I was thinking about what to write for my message for the newsletter. I didn't have to think long because it was right in front of me! I saw a puff of smoke from a fire not far from where I was. I called 911 and explained what streets the fire was near. I thought the fire was down in the canyon but as I left to do errands I looked down Sycamore and there were flames right at the street.

I turned down Sycamore and stopped my truck. There were a couple of neighbors out and I told them I was with the Tehachapi Humane Society and asked, if they had to evacuate, did they have space for all their animals. They said they did but the house across from them where the flames were had a couple of dogs inside and the owners weren't home and none of the neighbors knew a phone number for them. When the first fire engines came I told them about that house. They put a fire truck in the driveway. I went along Sycamore and made contact with the houses on both sides. At the height of the fire there were probably 15 fire vehicles and a helicopter was doing drops. The wind was blowing and the fire seemed to be moving around. So I told one of the firemen that I was with THS and did he need me to go down to the next street and notify them and check for animals. He said that would be good. So I drove over there and the first house had a sticker on the glass of the front door saying 'Jack Russell on guard' but there was nobody home. Had that sticker not been on the window that little dog would not have had a chance if it came to the fire heading that way, because the firemen would be trying to help the pets that they were aware of. As I went along to the other houses I was able to find a neighbor who had the Jack Russell's house owner's number so I asked them to call and let them know that there was a fire close to their house and if they could come home they should. My motto 'Better Safe Than Sorry'. There was also a woman with 2 horses and no horse trailer so I called my friend and let him know that I gave her his number just in case she needed help removing the horses.

Thankfully no homes were burned but it looked like the fires burned right up to them. This is why we are supposed to clear at least 100 feet from house and buildings.

This shows the importance of getting some kind of window/door stickers to alert officials that there may be animals in a house with no one home. So that is my message for this newsletter!

I also want to give a big high 5 to all the great firefighters that did such a great job and got to the fire very quickly. Unfortunately the fire was started by one of the owners on Sycamore that was just trying to get their property weed wacked and probably hit a rock that made a spark and this is what happens.

Be sure to watch for our new website www.tehachapihumanesociety.com, currently under construction, and thanks to all of you who support us in so many ways.

Kate

FERAL CAT UPDATE

The Feral cat program was very busy from January to March. We received a request for help from the Tehachapi Parks and Recreations regarding a colony of cats in their maintenance shed at West Park. My neighbor, Christine MalleoSmith, volunteered to trap them and Bea Saldana, Roberta Cometa, Cathy Guerra, John Mikkelsen, Patty Sommerville, and Anne-Marie Novinger volunteered to drive the cats to and from the Vet, Dr Billingsley, who agreed to fix them. This required Bea, John, Cathy and Roberta driving several times to and from Dr. Billingsley . At first we were getting 2 cats in the same trap and then they got smart and a 2 month endeavor became 3. In the end we fixed 25 cats, and it seems that we got all of them because so far no new kittens. We also caught 8 cats between the senior housing and the Kmart bushes.

The Tehachapi Parks and Recreation Department presented us with a lovely award in appreciation which was very nice of them. THS is providing the food and I'm feeding the cats at the park. We have spent \$2354 on this program and it costs \$80 a month to feed them.

Surprisingly the feral cat line has been very quiet, with very few requests and the majority are from people that we are already working with. I hope that is a sign that we have succeeded in reducing the stray/feral cat population.

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Feral Cat Award

TIME TO RENEW



**YOUR MEMBERSHIP
IF 2016 IS ON
YOUR ADDRESS LABEL**

COMING EVENTS

June 10th, Saturday,	Shot Clinic 10-12	Dr. Billingsley
June 14th, Wed.	Fix Your Pet Clinic	Dr. Billingsley
June 15th, Thursday	Fix Your Pet Clinic	Tehachapi Vet Hospital
July 3rd, Monday	Office Closed	
July 8th, Saturday	Shot Clinic 10-12	Dr. Billingsley
July 12th, Wednesday	FYP	Dr. Billingsley
August, NO SHOT CLINIC, Vacation		
August 9th, Wednesday	FYP	Dr. Billingsley
September 4th, Monday, Office Closed, Labor Day		
September 9th, Saturday	Shot Clinic 10-12	Dr. Billingsley
September 13th, Wednesday	FYP	Dr. Billingsley
October 9th, Monday, Office Closed, Columbus Day		
October 11th, Wednesday	FYP	Dr. Billingsley
October 14th, Saturday	Shot Clinic 10-12	Dr. Billingsley
October 28th, Saturday, Tentative Halloween Bake Sale at KMART		
November 8th, Wednesday	FYP	Dr. Billingsley
November 11th, Saturday	Shot Clinic 10-12	Dr. Billingsley

Open on Monday, 11 to 1, except for holidays, 21600 Golden Star Blvd., Unit 3, (corner of Golden Hills and Golden Star). Voice Mail, 661-823-0699, Menu 1 Vouchers, Menu 2 Feral cats, Menu 3, Lost & Found & Misc., Menu 4, Fix Your Pet.

Check The Loop or Facebook or our new Web page, under calendar, for upcoming 2017 FYP clinic dates for Tehachapi Vet Clinic (had not received dates as of NL printing) or for any changes to Dr Beverly Billingsley's FYP clinics.

BAKE SALES A BIG HIT!

I will never cease to be amazed by the warm community response to our bake sales. They love our baked goods and unique craft items.

Once again our May bake sale was a big success! Our table was packed with goodies, thanks to you our dedicated volunteers. We could not do it without you!

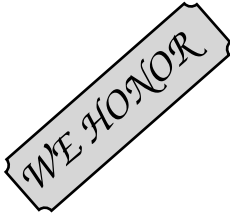
Our next sale will be in the fall. Watch your email for the date and please consider donating some items to sell. The more items we have to sell, the more we can help the animals!

Thanks again and have a great summer!

Amy Burke



IN HONOR



Barbara & Bobby Margolis
Eugene Suksi, CEO, Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District

IN MEMORY



Dave Nelson
Tommy Trouble
Miss Skizzy
Django
Krista Levy
Jay Sussell
Sharon Churchill
Lisa Robert's Dad
Lynette Gross

OTHER WAYS TO HELP!

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That's all! Thanks so much. We receive a much welcomed EFT deposit each month through this program.

AMAZON SMILES

Are you an Amazon shopper? Please go through Amazon Smile and select us as your non-profit to support. Thank you to those of you who have been supporting us this way. Every little bit counts!

CRITTER PARTNERS

We have an ongoing program called Critter Partner Pledge that many of you have contributed to on a monthly basis and we thank you. This helps us keep to our budget and meet our monthly expenses. Contributions to THS are always tax deductible and are gratefully excepted.



Your Shot Clinic At Work

