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Nani
1-year-old female Chiweenie
Just a baby herself, Nani came in with nursing newborn puppies. She was an amazing and patient mommy. A little shy, this lapdog needs a family that will show HER what it’s like to be the baby!

Xena
7-month-old female Shepherd mix
Can you imagine the sweet puppy breath on this tripawd?? Xena is a loving baby, playful, and well-behaved for her age. She is in foster with kids, cats, and dogs.

Missy
11-month-old female DSH
Missy is a diva and a princess... but that’s normal for a kitty who is so perfectly imperfect! She has the most beautiful, mismatching eyes you’ve ever seen. She loves to be admired and petted on her terms, and is looking for the purrfect home to call her own.

Sylvia
5-year-old female DSH
Sylvia is an elegant lady who loves back rubs and laptime. She enjoys being gently carried and finds comfort in being held by those she loves. She is an excellent listener, and has the cutest "mew."

Batman
5-month-old male Superhero is a mild-mannered millionaire by day, caped crusader by night.

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WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

From my heart to yours...

The “season of giving” is upon us. It’s time to reflect on what we have received, as well as what we have given. Although this is in most of our minds, I’d like to point out that our volunteers and donors seem to be perpetually in the “season of giving!” Without them, we would not be able to save and medically treat the most vulnerable of pets, the pets who literally are at the end of their lives.

This year, with the help of donors, shoppers, and volunteers, Foster Army Animal Rescue (FAAR) has received and treated over 130 pets. The financial donations we receive are used to buy food, medications and medical supplies, pay for lifesaving surgeries, vaccinations, spay and neuter surgeries, and foster supplies. This year we were able to hire our first employee, Kimberlee Powell, Pet Care Manager, who oversees the entire foster and adoption programs.

We appreciate and value the businesses that give so much to our organization, including Teresa Rhyne Law Group, Dos Velas Images, Kahoots Pet Store (Chino Hills), MADE., San Antonio Winery, Elliotts’ For Pets, and Arlington Animal Hospital. These organizations and many more, give support and assistance that enable FAAR to carry out its mission.

We could not do what we do without the many volunteers who foster, transport, work at the Thrift Store, manage events, and provide advice and guidance to this young organization. They are a successful Army of Volunteers who work together, often sacrificing their time and money, with unpretentious comradery.

I invite you to continue the “season of giving” by donating your time, services or money to Foster Army Animal Rescue. We will “receive” your donations with grateful hearts. With your assistance, FAAR will continue to “give” hope and health to many more pets in need.

Humbly yours,

Leslie Holzrichter
Executive Director

ON THE COVER
Sage - 14-year-old Shepherd mix
Loyal and adventurous with a heart of gold. Sage lost his battle with nasal cancer on November 17, 2017. He was Foster Army Animal Rescue’s CEO who was passionate about saving his millions of friends stuck in shelters. Sage lived a great life with humans who gave him a lifetime commitment. May he rest in peace as we continue to save animals in his name.
People commonly say, “I’m a cat person.” Or, “I’m a dog person.” If he could, this six-month-old gray tabby known simply as “Mr.” would say, “I’m a person cat!” Mr.’s foster, Jean Clement, points out, “He has to be in the mix of everything. He purrs loudly and wants his person!” We will never know how he came to Riverside County’s San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus (SJVAC), but thankfully his personality worked its magic on the staff, saving him from euthanasia.

Mr. appeared to be born with ocular dermoids. According to wagwalking.com, “Ocular dermoids in cats are usually characterized by the growth of hair on or near the cornea, or in the conjunctiva, the white of the eye. They may also appear on the upper eyelid. This condition is a rare congenital defect and will typically become apparent early on in a cat’s life.” We’re only able to theorize if Mr. was dropped off at the shelter by an owner that did not want to be involved with a medically different cat or if Mr., indeed, was a stray.

Typically, shelters do not have the money or resources to help animals in medical need and move them to the top of the euthanasia list. Mr. won over the staff at SJVAC so enthusiastically that thankfully kept him moving to the bottom of the “list.” At his young age, he utilized a few of those “nine lives.”

Thankfully, Foster Army Animal Rescue (FAAR) was contacted and able to take him with Clement agreeing to be his foster. This is what FAAR specializes in – taking in those that have medical needs and would otherwise be euthanized.

Clement took Mr. for vet evaluations. The fear was that if the hair follicles were not completely removed, the hair would grow back. This would have to be divulged to potential adopters and could serve as a deterrent. For a time, it was considered to simply remove his eye to eliminate any potential issue of regrowth of hair.

Thankfully, Dr. Roy Saldanha of Arlington Animal Hospital in Riverside, evaluated Mr.’s condition and performed a delicate surgical procedure removing tissue with hair growing on Mr.’s cornea and a piece of tissue with hair under his inner eyelid. It is believed that this procedure will eliminate future hair growth and give Mr. the comfort and sight he deserves.

Upon picking up Mr. after surgery, his foster was pleasantly surprised how seamlessly Mr. went from not being able to open his eye completely to it being wide open. Mr.’s only complaint was the “cone of shame” required.

This is not just a story about “Mr. Personality.” This is truly a story about what FAAR does at its best. This kitty that has so much to offer his future “person” is here because FAAR gives animals with medical needs second chances.

Thankfully, Dr. Saldanha is amazing and works generously with FAAR, but there are still medical needs to be paid. There are fosters who need to be thanked and appreciated. Without raising money and building the Foster Army one soldier at a time, the mission of FAAR would be lost and so would have Mr. Thank you to the entire army.

Please consider volunteering, donating and fostering in the future. Happy Holidays!
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Bennington, a Special Cat Looking for a Special Forever Family

By Jean Clement, Volunteer

Male feral stray. Estimated age 3 years. That was all that was known about a gray-and-white cat impounded at Riverside County Department of Animal Services’s shelter in Riverside. Oh, and he had a broken tail which the shelter’s vet staff amputated. They also neutered and ear tipped him, figuring he’d go into a working cat program somewhere.

But wait! The story doesn’t end here. The staff discovered during his recovery from the surgeries that he was very friendly, a sweet cat…not feral after all. It was obvious this cat had been someone’s pet, but he didn’t have a microchip or ID tag, and no one came looking for him. Had he been a pet who was allowed outdoors? Had he been abandoned? We’ll never know what his past life had been like, whether he had humans and other cats as playmates or whether he once slept in a cozy warm bed.

Also, during his recovery it became apparent that he’s incontinent. This poor boy needed a rescue group to step up and take him. None did…until Foster Army Animal Rescue learned of him.

First, a name. Bennington was named in honor of Chester Bennington, lead singer of Linkin Park, who passed away the day before Foster Army rescued him. Bennington is Anglo-Saxon, derived from the Latin name Benedictus meaning blessed. And that he is, to have been rescued by Foster Army.

Next, a vet exam. X-rays determined the cause of the incontinence. Sadly, he had a fractured spine! What with the broken tail and spinal fracture, he likely had been hit by a vehicle or suffered some other traumatic event and couldn’t make it back home, or had been abandoned before or after the injuries.

However, the break was farther up the spine than typically causes incontinence. This discovery presents a ray of hope – though certainly not a guarantee. The incontinence may be caused by nerve damage and if the nerves can regenerate fully, the incontinence could one day be a thing of the past.

Bennington is ready for adoption. He’s considered a ‘special needs’ cat and requires a home with patient, loving humans who either have experience with incontinent cats or who are willing to learn how to care for him. Foster Army will provide instruction. Yes, cats can wear diapers. And they can be taught to eliminate and defecate on a schedule….house-trained, in other words.

Bennington will need to be an indoor cat. He can be outside in a catio, but must not be allowed to run free outdoors. But Bennington is even more special. He walks on a leash! He can stroll his neighborhood with his humans and become the talk of the town!

Twelve Camacho and Kimberlee Powell, co-founders of Foster Army, are fostering Bennington. They report that he is the sweetest, most loving cat who craves human interaction. He follows them everywhere, and comes when he’s called. (Is he a dog in cat’s fur?) He’s a love bug who’s playful and happy in spite of all he’s been through.

The world is just going to have to manage with one less working cat out hunting vermin. Bennington is a survivor. He has other plans.

If you are that special person who wants a special kitty in your life, Bennington may be just the one for you. To learn more about Bennington or where you can meet him, send an email to info@fosterarmy.org. Or complete an adoption application on Foster Army’s website (https://fosterarmy.org/adopt-dog-cat-riverside/) and you will be contacted.
A Chat With Dr. Saldanha

By Kimberlee Powell, Pet Care Manager

As a rescue that focuses on special needs animals, it is imperative that we have a good relationship with local vets. We use several different vet hospitals and specialists throughout the Inland Empire. When deciding on what vet to use, we look at a variety of factors, including expertise, quality of care, compassion, ability to think outside the box, and of course, willingness to work within our means. One such vet is Dr. Roy Saldanha of Arlington Animal Hospital. We recently partnered up for Love Riverside’s Serve Day, providing free vaccinations, microchips, and nail trims to a local senior mobile home park. We had the opportunity to chat with the good doctor, and he shared some insight about himself and his practice.

FAAR: What made you decide to help with rescuing?
Dr. S: Helping rescued animals is my small part of giving back to the community and to animals. There was never a time that I “decided” to help with rescue and animals, I have been helping with animal rescue since my early teens. Animals have always been a part of my life since I can remember and I try my best in the ways that I can to help as many animals as possible.

FAAR: What do you do when someone brings in a healthy animal and asks for it to be put to sleep?
Dr. S: This type of euthanasia is known as "convenience euthanasia" and I refuse these euthanasias. I will gladly help the person with their pet as best as possible but I can’t compromise my ethics in this manner.

FAAR: What do you love most about your job?
Dr. S: Undoubtedly it’s helping the injured animals, especially the really hard cases like fractures, open chest traumas, severe injuries, etc.

FAAR: What do you wish pet owners would stop doing?
Dr. S: Stop asking the local pet store stock boy for veterinary advice and stop using Dr. Google to diagnose your pet.

FAAR: What advice would you offer someone considering this career?
Dr. S: Make your choice of career very carefully. This career has very high debt, poor income, high burnout, high suicide rates and less thanks than ever. Be very sure of what you want because your sacrifice will be great and will affect most of your younger years.

FAAR: According to a 2014 study, one in six veterinarians seriously contemplates suicide, and the suicide rate of veterinarians is much higher than many other medical practices. What inspires you to stay strong? What advice would you give vets struggling with psychological distress?
Dr. S: My family inspires me to stay strong and they are the reason I do what I do. For those with psychological distress, all I can do is to tell them they are not alone and they should seek help as soon as possible. Waiting only makes things harder.

FAAR: How do you react to criticism via Yelp, Facebook, and other social media?
Dr. S: I pay no attention to social media. Media in general is depressing and pessimistic and it’s easy to be a keyboard warrior pandering out criticism at will. I focus on doing my best and if I do less than that, I am more than willing to take my criticism face to face.

FAAR: How do you feel about the growing trend of less-traditional treatments, such as acupuncture, aromatherapy, cannabis, and traditional Chinese medicine?
Dr. S: I am sure these alternative treatments have their place. However, I am a person of science and as such I believe in the scientific method as the gold standard. Alternative methods of treatment should be held to the same standards as traditional methods.

FAAR: Do you have any future plans to drastically change or improve your practice?
Dr. S: I would some day like to build a new and modern veterinary hospital.

FAAR: What are your honest thoughts about Foster Army Animal Rescue? (The good, the bad, the ugly)
Dr. S: I think FAAR does the best it can with the resources it has and as such, I am grateful for all the animals that have been helped.
Rescue organizations like Foster Army Animal Rescue do incredible work to help all animals, but many of us never know how a rescue happens. It is very seldom that one person or one organization actually rescues an animal; sometimes it takes the effort of many people.

Rimshot got loose one day, and was running down Mission Boulevard when he was picked up by Riverside County Animal Control. With no license or ID tag, the people at the shelter scanned him for a microchip and found one. But when they called the phone number, it was disconnected.

What they did not know was that the owner had become home- less and while moving to different locations, he and Rimshot had become separated. So this six-year-old Dachshund-Jack Russell mix was now in a kennel and wondering if his owner would ever find him. Things did not look good for Rimshot.

Now enters Lori Rich from Taking It To The Streets With Lori And Shira rescue organization. One day she was checking the website of Riverside County Animal Shelter looking for another dog who was missing when she discovered Rimshot was there. Lori knew he was a great dog and it would be terrible if he was euthanized. She placed calls to other rescue organizations to see if anyone could rescue Rimshot from the animal shelter.

Kimberlee Powell from Foster Army Animal Rescue saw the message; she gets Rimshot out of the shelter and locates a foster home to take care of him. He was happy to be out of the shelter and enjoyed playing with the other animals in his new home. FAAR then placed his photo on their social media venues and told everyone what a sweet dog Rimshot was.

Now enters Denise Tomlinson who was looking at Facebook one day when she saw the posting for Rimshot which someone had shared with her. At that time she was not looking for a dog, but once she saw his beautiful face, she knew that he was the dog for her and her husband. She contacted FAAR and they informed her that Rimshot would be at their next adoption event.

What Rimshot went through is the same thing that other rescue animals, like Einstein and Kingston, went through. All these animals want is a warm and loving home. But too many people have a special criteria when they are looking for a dog; like they want a young dog so they will not look at an older dog. They want a particular breed of dog, so they will ignore the other breeds. They want a light-color dog, so they will not consider a dog who has darker hair.

But what all of these people are looking for is a pet who will make them laugh, someone they can share their affection with, and companionship. Animals with these traits come in all sizes, ages and breeds. This is why adoption events are so crucial for rescue organizations because it is where you make a genuine connection with your next companion.

Rimshot loves his forever home. Every Sunday he sits on the sofa enjoying his lap time and watching football games with his new family. He also listens to all the music his family plays and enjoys going on his many walks. At first, the resident cat and Rimshot didn’t like each other’s company, but now they play together.

All of this love and happiness entered Denise’s home because of so many hardworking people. It began with the people who got Rimshot off the streets before he got hurt in traffic. Then there was the person who found him in the shelter and got the word out about him. Next, the people who rescued him located a foster home, and organized the adoption events. Denise, her husband, and Rimshot are very thankful for these people and organizations because they were able to find their perfect companion.

It took a village for Rimshot to score big!
Finally, after an endlessly hot summer, cooler temps have arrived!! Time to bring out the warm, cozy clothes. There they are! Those comfy sweaters that you love so much! But wait, the stores, including our very own Pet Rescue Thrift Store, are teeming with beautiful sweaters that are calling your name. Should you really get more when you already have a closet full? Of course, because now you can upcycle your old sweaters into a cozy, comfy bed for the four-legged love of your life!

This is an easy, quick project. All you need is a sweater or sweatshirt (long-sleeved, crew or turtle neck), pillow stuffing, and a needle and thread or yarn. If a picture is worth a thousand words, a video is worth a million. So in the interest of saving space here and because visual is so much better, go to YouTube and do a search for “upcycled sweater beds for dogs.” There are several good videos with detailed instructions.

It should be noted that these beds work equally well for cats, bunnies and other critters. For the smaller guys you can use children’s sweaters. For stuffing, use old pillows or visit our thrift store for bargains on gently used pillows. You can even use old towels or fabric remnants from previous sewing projects (you know, all those scraps of fabric that you have been saving for years because you just knew they would come in handy some day).

These make great gifts for the furballs on your list and if you really get into this project and want to change out your sweater wardrobe, remember, there are several rescues and shelters that would appreciate these beds for their homeless babies.

Our Foster Army Animal Rescue sewing club has made these and given them to Taking It To The Streets With Lori And Shira for homeless people’s dogs, some of whom have never before had a bed to call their own, and Daisy’s Hope Foundation which provides food and supplies to keep pets in their homes.
Thank You for Reading

By Twelve Camacho, President

If you are reading this, congratulations. You are reading Foster Army Animal Rescue’s anniversary issue of “The Wet Nose News.” When FAAR decided to produce a newsletter, we wanted to create something important with different perspectives of animal rescue from a pet foster’s experience to important interviews. We hope you find “The Wet Nose News” to be informative and enjoyable to read.

FAAR strives to make Riverside a safe place for pets and have saved over 500 pets through our foster program. Together we can save all of Riverside’s pets by helping keep pets in their homes and out of the shelter. In order to do it we must create interest in animal welfare, raise awareness, and provide solutions. The best fight against any problem is through education and that’s what “The Wet Nose News” team hopes to provide in the years to come.

If you enjoyed reading any of our issues, or found any article helpful, please help us continue our work by donating at:

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It Was You

It was you who taught me kindness in your time of need.
it was you who stayed loyal to me through hard times.
It was you who stayed by my side through love.
It was you who shared every adventure with me.
it was you who was always happy see me no matter my mood.
it was you who taught me forgiveness when at my worst.
It was you who never made me feel alone.
It was you who helped me start a family.
It was you who never judged me.
It was you who never blamed me.
It was you who taught me love.
It was you who taught me commitment.
It was you who showed me patience when you were sick.
It was you who comforted me when I was sad.
It was you who layed next to me when I was in pain.
It was you who was there to pick me up.
It was you who kept me warm.
It was you who filled my boredom.
It was you who filled my days with happiness.
It was you who I am grateful for saving my life.

When you couldn’t eat, when you couldn’t stand, when you couldn’t breath... it was you who was by my side.

Even as you took your last breath...
It was you who taught me how to say goodbye.

~ Twelve Camacho
This quote is applicable to running a successful nonprofit 501(c)(3) rescue organization. It is one thing to know in your heart the passion and desire to save animals but it is another to put that passion into action saving one furry life at a time.

After establishing a clear mission, “Financial stability of the foundation has to be the backbone,” as stated by executive director of Foster Army Animal Rescue (FAAR), Leslie Holzrichter. FAAR’s main source of income is its Pet Rescue Thrift Store in Riverside. Operation of the store is guided by a strategic planning committee that looks at goals of having a successful and pleasant atmosphere within the store for volunteers and customers. Success in this establishes faith for all sides.

Volunteers of all capacities are the greatest asset to any rescue and those working with FAAR take no exception. Each nonprofit organization offers many opportunities.

At this time Pet Rescue Thrift Store is run by an “Army” of volunteers. These volunteers are so exceptional in that they have the enthusiasm and serve as ambassadors for the mission to the public. Interest and availability of the volunteer are explored during the initial volunteer orientation. Holzrichter notes that, “As each individual donates his or her time, it is not uncommon for the initial dynamics to change when talents and interests evolve.”

It is worthy to note that in the business world today many college graduates find difficulty entering the work force after graduation because of lack of experience. Volunteering within nonprofit organizations can help this dilemma. Building college internships in areas of retail, marketing, customer service, fostering, animal welfare and social-skill building are excellent intern opportunities, thus giving the potential applicant the experience employers are looking for in new graduates.

Certainly as an animal rescue, fostering animals is the backbone of the entire FAAR organization. While FAAR has established a “Foster Protocol,” a board member has recently been tasked with developing an official “Mentor Program,” said Holzrichter.

FAAR provides supplies for all of the animal’s basic and medical needs. At this time, fosters typically help out with either bringing the animal to adoption events or coordinating drop-offs at specific rendezvous points.

Further, the big picture for FAAR is to grow through a “grass roots” movement the size and strength of the “Foster Army.” The more fosters equates to the more animals saved.

In the aforementioned there are numerous reasons to be involved with a nonprofit, but it is not selfish to also take the advantages offered under FAAR’s nonprofit umbrella. Monetary and merchandise donations, non-reimbursed expenses, and vehicle mileage on behalf of FAAR are all tax deductions. It is what is offered under the protection of a nonprofit and there is no need to feel guilty in utilizing those tax benefits.

This article was to be about what it takes to run a successful organization and save animals. It is hopeful that the reader sees the advantages and that on any level of participation it takes one commonality . . . It takes you.
UPCOMING EVENTS

December
- Winter Wonderland
- Riverside Artswalk
- Rialto Holiday Parade & Vendor Fair
- San Antonio Winery’s Holiday Boutique

January
- Riverside Artswalk
- Asian Pacific Lunar New Year Festival
- SoCal Pet Expo

February
- Riverside Artswalk
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Foster Army Animal Rescue’s mission is to save vulnerable at-risk companion animals from animal control facilities and place them in caring foster homes until they can be adopted into forever homes. A key requirement is raising funds to support medical and behavioral treatment, vaccinations, microchips, food, supplies, and spay/neuter surgeries.

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