

Kindred Spirits

Animal Sanctuary

Eldercare & Hospice for Dogs, Horses and Poultry

SUMMER NEWSLETTER
2013

Thank you to these and our many other recent supporters from the community!

How You Can Help

Volunteers for:
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Our Wish List

Dog food: California Natural, Wellness; Arthritis supplements; Equine Senior grain; Poultry scratch grain;
Building materials: railroad ties
Miscellaneous: Gift cards to San Marcos Feed Store and Critters & Me

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Two little angels enjoy some quality snuggle time at Kindred Spirits.

Dear Friends,

Treats, collars, bandanas and comfy beds were among the birthday presents visitors brought to Kindred Spirits' Spring Open House and Collective Birthday Party for all our senior dogs in May. The belle of the ball was Eskaya, who celebrated her 20th birthday! This occasion was especially sweet for the regal black Lab-mix, since it also marked the one year anniversary of emergency surgery for bloat that saved her life. This gentle, good-natured girl is happy to share her new bed with Oscar, a little pug who likes to sleep on her head. Thanks to everyone who came to wish the dogs a happy birthday, tour the Sanctuary, and attend educational sessions offered by our dedicated wellness care providers: Mary Anne Schadler, DVM, Nan Hack, DVM, Breck Breckenridge, and Leta Worthington.

Our Mission

Kindred Spirits is dedicated to providing end-of-life care for older, unwanted dogs, horses and poultry in a sanctuary setting. In addition, our educational programs focus on the beauty of animals as teachers of unconditional love. We believe this facilitates a better understanding and appreciation of our individual and collective aging processes where we feel privileged to return this love and care to these most vulnerable members in our community.



What a party! Eskaya and her guests had a great time at her birthday gathering.

Here at Kindred Spirits, all of our resident senior animals benefit from individualized wellness care to address their physical and emotional needs. This care, combined with good nutrition and lots of TLC from volunteers and staff, helps them feel safe and heal from their hard life's journeys. Meet our four newest dogs, who have all found love and refuge within the Kindred Spirits community:

Buffy is a big, shaggy orange dog who came to us in June. Her family was moving and asked a vet to euthanize her. Seeing the spark in the 13-year-old girl's eyes, he refused

and tried to find her a home instead. After a few weeks, volunteers from CARMA, an Albuquerque animal rescue group, stepped in and contacted Kindred Spirits. Although Buffy could barely get up or walk when she arrived, she soon began navigating steps and has settled in well, finding her way around the Sanctuary.

In April, Shan, a white-and-black Great Dane-mix with badly arthritic hips, came to the Sanctuary from Animal Protection New Mexico. After adjusting to his new environment, this very kind, old dog now serves as a mentor to newly arrived dogs. Doodles, a 12-year-old tricolored Shepherd-mix was mourning the loss of her person when she came to us from Las Cruces in February. Today, this inquisitive girl spends her days exploring the nooks and corners of the Sanctuary and making new friends.

Late in 2012, volunteers from Enchant-Mutts brought Dixie Belle, a 14-year-old black-and-white Border collie-mix rescued from the Valencia County Shelter, to Kindred Spirits. Despite some serious health issues, she enjoys running around the barns and stealing her favorite bed from her friend, Camille.

Fred and Ethel, a pair of Polish Buff chickens, also joined us in June. These gorgeous, exotic-looking birds with puffs of feathers on top of their heads wandered into someone's backyard. Efforts to find their family failed. Most likely hand-raised, Fred and Ethel are fitting in well with the other birds and people, too.

Our three resident horses — Jack, Ginger and Moon Spirit — have become a happy, little family. They enjoy each other's company and are thriving under the loving care of volunteers and staff. All three are in their



Dashing couple Fred and Ethel flash their fine feathers and strut their stuff in the poultry yard.

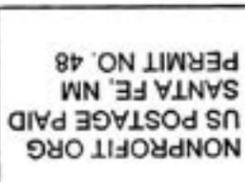
Oscar tried out some spiffy new hiking boots with good friend Jo-Anne while visiting Best Friends Animal Sanctuary.



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late-twenties and came to us from The Horse Shelter, creating space for the Shelter to rescue more adoptable horses.

We are so grateful for your support which provides senior animals like these with a safe haven. Thank you to everyone who contributes to Kindred Spirits. Your donations—no matter how big or small—make a difference in the lives of our resident animals. Special thanks also go to the Melville Hankins Family Foundation and their Program Director George Watson, as well as to the Frost Foundation, for their sincere caring about our old animals and ongoing generosity. We'd also like to thank Gregg Braden and Linda Tellington-Jones for choosing Kindred Spirits as the beneficiary of their 2012 conference. And, a big thank you to all of the volunteers who give our senior dogs, horses and poultry the same TLC they give their own pets. Your kindness and compassion are truly appreciated.

With hugs and best wishes,
Ulla & the Animals of Kindred Spirits



Jack and Ginger enjoy each other and some soothing pets from Ulla.

Kindred Spirits Welcomes First Interns

This summer, Molly Kunkel and Danny Mathieson became Kindred Spirits' first official interns. Interns donate their time in exchange for learning about all aspects of running the Sanctuary. Molly, who plans to become a vet tech, is spending 12 weeks at KSAS. Danny, who teaches in Shiprock during the school year, is developing a curriculum for future interns during his intensive five-week internship.



Danny and Ulla help Annie cool off and clean up with a bath on a hot summer day!



Beautiful Buffy, one of our newest residents, finds a comfortable spot in cool shade of the trees.

Save the Date!

Kindred Spirits
10th Anniversary

**Annual Art
Show Benefit**

Saturday,
August 10th
10 am - 4 pm.

We greatly appreciate
your donations!

"By learning to practice Wellness Care, the interns experience the difference and bring a focus on healing and quality of life for senior animals into the community," Ulla says. "They're helping to change the paradigm from one of sadness and denial to a positive model of quality of senior life and wagging tails." Danny adds, "The smiles on these old guys' faces are proof that a total wellness approach to animal care can really rejuvenate the spirit that moves in all things."

Applications for internships will be available on the Kindred Spirits website. Candidates interested in working in animal welfare are encouraged to apply.

Introducing...Joy!

The animals at Kindred Spirits benefit from the love, attention and care of many wonderful volunteers. Meet Joy Hardy, who has been a youth volunteer at KSAS for four years. "The reason I volunteer is because I know that I can help," she says. "I hate knowing that there are animals out there that are suffering, so I come to Kindred Spirits to make a difference." Joy adds that she volunteers here at KSAS because she believes you should "Be the change you want to see in the world." (Interested in volunteering? Please contact Ulla at 505-471-5366 or kindredspiritsnm@earthlink.net.)



Doodles loves when her friend and sponsor, Cecilia, comes to Kindred Spirits for some special one-on-one time.

Give the Gift of Sponsorship

Sponsoring one of our senior animals is a wonderful way to support the mission of Kindred Spirits; just ask Doodles and her sponsor Cecilia! Sponsoring allows you to develop a special relationship with one of our animals as you also help provide for their needs. Please call Ulla to find out more about our sponsorship program.

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In Loving Memory...

Four beloved dogs recently crossed over the Rainbow Bridge after long lives. They all spent the end of their lives at Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary, where they were surrounded by loving friends.



Harvey was a joyful Beagle/Basset Hound-mix who passed away in November at the age of 13 or 14. He loved to dig and follow his nose all day long, and enjoyed the last two months of his life at the Sanctuary.

Shao-Shone, which means "Big Bear" in Chinese, was a very dear 14-year-old Newfie who succumbed to complications from arthritis in December. During his eight months at Kindred Spirits, he made many human and canine friends.



Babette, a 15-year-old, yellow Shepherd-mix, was a happy girl who never missed a meal. We called her our stargazer because she seemed to live in her own world. Complications from arthritis also led to her passing in December.

Anna Lisa was at least 20 years old when she passed away in May, healthy and in good spirits until the end. She spent about ten years at the Sanctuary and appreciated the comfort of her soft bed, treats and being part of the whole community of dogs and caring people. She especially enjoyed visits from her devoted friends and sponsors, Joel and Kelly. Anna Lisa, and all of the dogs who are no longer with us, were loved and will be missed.



Upcoming Events!

Please mark your calendars and join us at our upcoming events! On Saturday, August 10, we will be holding our Tenth Anniversary Annual Art Show Benefit. Visit the Sanctuary and choose from among a wide variety of art donated by animal-loving artists. With paintings, ceramics, carvings, jewelry, wearable art and more, you're sure to find something you love. Every penny benefits our resident senior animals!



Mr. Jack Levan, a supporter of Kindred Spirits, enjoys visiting with our seniors.

Save the Date!

Kindred Spirits
Fall Open

House

Saturday & Sunday

September
28th - 29th

10 am - 4 pm.

Come visit and learn
with us!

Our Annual Fall Open House will be held at the Sanctuary on Saturday and Sunday, September 28th and 29th. Please join us for refreshments, visits with our senior animals, tours of the grounds, and Wellness Care workshops.

This year, we have one more very special event to add: the Kindred Spirits 10th Anniversary Celebration and Benefit! This celebration will take place at a private estate in Corrales, NM, on Saturday, Oct. 5th.

Enjoy a silent auction, live band, refreshments, mingle with some of our seniors, and more!

Please visit our website: www.kindredspiritsnm.org or visit our new Facebook page closer to the dates of these events for updated information and details.

Oscar and Ulla thank Linda Tellington-Jones and Gregg Braden for their dedication to our senior animal companions.



Another one of our annual events is our trip to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah. Oscar and Ulla spent many days learning from friends and mentors at their beautiful sanctuary. Here's Oscar taking a break at Zion National Park with good friend Sharon St. Joan.

Kindred Spirits is now partnered with GoodSearch! Use www.goodsearch.com for your online searching and shopping needs and designate Kindred Spirits as your beneficiary - we receive funds from every use!