

Spring 2007



PAWS FOR LOVE

Paws for Love Art and Auction Gala

- June 23 & June 30
Camp Bow Wow & MAC
Spay/Neuter Days
- September 8-9
Bay Area Pet Fair
- February 9, 2008
Paws for Love Auction
Gala



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*"We can't save every animal in the world...
but we can give the world to every animal we save."*

Art Paws—A Note from Ellyn

Art by animals and inspiring stories of survival and hope drew a record crowd to the eighth annual *Paws for Love* event at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in February. Our gallery wall never looked better, with 100 framed paintings on display ~ each accompanied by the artist's story. Dogs and cats from coast to coast have participated in our truly special *one-of-a-kind* exhibit and sale. We wish to thank all who attended, and for their commitment to our mission of expanding adoptions, supporting spay and neutering, and enhancing the lives of homeless pets with our funding. We also extend a heartfelt *thank you* to the many talented volunteers and generous donors who make this event possible every year! As our family of volunteers grows each year, this year we were proud to welcome Kristi Houghton of Kentucky, and Barbara Hunt and Alison Ashmore who

traveled all the way from South Carolina to volunteer at *Paws for Love*!

It does not seem possible that this action-packed evening zipped by so quickly! A year of preparations and countless hours of work by our committee volunteers resulted in a heart-warming evening of unsurpassed success. Guests viewed the art created by animals and made their purchases quickly, with all pieces being sold by the evening's end. Mark McDonald entertained the crowd with his blues guitar, while the silent auction crew ~ led by Donna and Steve Thibodeau ~ expertly guided the bidders along.

Auctioneer Skip Domingos kept the crowd on their toes for our Live Auction, welcoming special guests *Mr. & Mrs. Jack London* on the stage (Sandrew & Kat Montgomery) while he accepted bids for a special lot donated by



businesses in Glen Ellen ~ aptly called "Glen Ellen Gives."

The Montgomerys, also donors of a five-day trip to Kauai, presented the winner Joseph Maguire with a lei made of shells.

Auction highlights included a fly fishing trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming; a weekend in Vermont at the historic Danville Inn; a hot air balloon ride; a ski vacation to Telluride, Colorado ~ and much, much more!

The Foppiano Winery once again tended the

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Art Paws—continued

busy bar with offerings of their fine wines. An incredible feast of hors d'oeuvres was deliciously prepared and served by Willi's Seafood, Willi's Wine Bar, and Monti's Rotisserie. Special thanks to Ulrike Steinke, Suki Egger, the chefs and staff, and to Mark and Terri Stark!

A few of the artists were in attendance, and the famous MAC van introduced some special animals for adoption. Artist Colleen Caubin showcased her pastel portraits of some of the adoptable cats.

The evening came to a close as Sally Miller of the Sonoma County Animal Shelter Volunteers announced the winners of their raffle. Our lead cashier Carol Lum organized a topnotch team to coordinate the check-out of merchandise, as balloons came down and the art was carefully removed from the wall, bagged, and bound for new homes.

In this amazing community of animal lovers, *Paws for Love* is grateful for the support we receive from Sonoma County and beyond. Your

donations, attendance, and generous spirit makes a life or death difference *everyday*. Consider this: every \$100 will buy 50 cat or dog vaccinations; six large bags of food; two cat spays and one cat neuter; an adoption ad for one week in the Press Democrat. Simply by attending, you have made a difference in the life of a homeless and unwanted pet.

Some exciting changes are in the works for our organization! Soon to be known as the *Paws for Love Foundation*, we will be able to offer financial assistance and support to even more rescue groups and shelters. Watch our newsletters and website for updates and more information.

Plans are already underway for the 2008 *Paws for Love* gala to be held on February 9 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. We invite you to *pawty* with us again! Let us be your "Valentine Date in '08!"



Special Thanks to:

*Foppiano Winery and
Susan Foppiano Valera – for 8 years of
incredible wine and support for
Paws for Love*

*Willi's Seafood & Raw Bar
Willi's Wine Bar & Monti's Rotisserie
Ulrike Steinke & Suki Egger
Costeaux French Bakery of Healdsburg
Dragonfly Cakes...
Who presented the fabulous feast!*

*Mark & Terri Stark
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Best Friends Magazine
Arnie Bishop
Fideaux
Kat & Sandrew Montgomery
Fido Friendly
Lakewood Pets
Hammerfriar Gallery
Ecco Coffee
ALSCO – American Linen Div.
Judy Blodow ~ flowers
Patty Malnick & MAC Volunteers
Glen Jaques & Lisa Holste
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Mark McDonald
Bennett Valley Pet Center
Western Farms & Larry Bertolini
Teri Gavazza
Tegan Egger
Kristi Houghton
Barb Hunt & Alison Ashmore
Carol Lum & Cashiers
Ray Lum
Betty Ann Sutton
Peggy Roberts
Cindy Goede
Steve & Donna Thibodeau
Atelier Biseau Gallery & Framing
Arrowood Vineyards & Winery*

Wine Tasting Benefits Paws for Love

A perfect spring day in the Valley of the Moon greeted guests to a benefit wine tasting for *Paws for Love*, hosted by **Atelier Biseau Gallery & Framing** at their Grand Opening on May 12. Paw-and-tail paintings by our furry shelter and rescue artists were displayed on the gallery walls, and an outdoor garden

provided a shady backdrop for a variety of wonderful wines offered by **Arrowood Vineyards & Winery**.

Paintings will remain on view at **Atelier Biseau** for a limited time, and they are available for purchase.

Atelier Biseau is located at 13885

Sonoma Highway, Glen Ellen – next to Bouverie Preserve. For information, please call (707) 933-0257.

*Thank you **Atelier Biseau and Arrowood Vineyards & Winery** for supporting Paws for Love with this fine event!*



A dog hath true love,
A dog hath right good understanding,
A wise dog knoweth all things.
~ *Gace de la Vigne*



Seen on the Nova Scotia SPCA website ~

*"They may be seconds,
but they're not irregulars!"*

A Very Special Donation to Paws for Love

Kat and Sandrew Montgomery of the SandKat Team at K.W. Realty, www.SandKatTeam.com has offered to donate 10% of their commissions to Paws for Love for the close of escrows over \$500K. Just be sure to mention the Paws for Love benefit when doing business with Kat and Sandrew at Keller Williams Realty. The SandKat Team builds relationships with their clients and delivers an unparalleled level of professional service. Their phone number is (800) 338 0270 ext 202. Kat has done rescue work her entire life as the CA. Reporter for the international internet magazine, www.dogsinthenews.com and is the Northern CA. representative for 4 legged victims of the war in Beirut. Their late, great dog Simba, adopted from Second Chance Rescue, spent his long life as the constant companion of Kat and Sandrew.



Postal Paws!
PAWS FOR LOVE has a New Address!



Please use the following address for all post-mailed correspondence:

Paws for Love

P.O Box 9004
 Santa Rosa, CA 95405



**Second Annual
 BAY AREA PET FAIR!**



Paws for Love will once again be on hand to paint with your pooch at the Bay Area Pet fair, sponsored by **Fetch!** This two-day Adoptathon and gathering of pet lovers features pet food, exhibits, products and information, education and entertainment – all within the beautiful grounds of the Marin Center on the banks of the lagoon. Many regional adoption and rescue organizations will bring their adoptable pets for attendees to meet.

Your well-behaved dog friend (on a leash) is

welcome, too, for a small donation at the gate – one dollar or a can of pet food for animals in need.

The Bay Area Pet Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 8 & 9, at the Marin Center in San Rafael. The hours will be 10 am – 6 pm Saturday, and 10 am – 5 pm Sunday. For more information, visit www.bayareapetfair.com

When the man waked up he said, "What is Wild Dog doing here?" And the woman said, "His name is not Wild Dog any more, but the First Friend, because he will be our friend for always and always and always...." ~ Rudyard Kipling

Fun at Camp!

Camp Bow Wow and "Top Dogs" Mike and Sue Campbell welcomed canine guests and their human friends for a gala open house on April 21. The parking lot and camp facility at 2120 Bluebell Drive, Santa Rosa, was overflowing with a crowd eager to tour the "camp site" and enjoy refreshments of all kinds. Although a chilly drizzle blew by, spirits were not dampened and there was plenty to keep the crowd busy. A pet psychic was on hand, and a variety of information booths were available for services

and pet food samples. The MAC van was on hand, as well.

Decorated in an Adirondack style reminiscent of days gone by, the **Camp Bow Wow** lobby and office features framed art by many of our *Paws for Love* artists. In a gentle and relaxing atmosphere, your camper may enjoy an overnight stay – or even "day camp!"

For more information on **Camp Bow Wow**, please visit their website at www.campbowwowusa.com, or call (707)546-CAMP. Stop by and see for yourself – and be sure to check out the *Paws for Love* works of art!



Looking Back at Paws for Love 2007 Looking Forward to Paws for Love 2008—Peggy Roberts

The night of Paws for Love 2007 was raining “cats and dogs” and what better way to get out of the wet weather than a fun event benefiting animals in need. Guests were entertained with music while bidding on unique items, enjoying fine wine and scrumptious food, seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

The beautifully displayed art, accompanied by the artist’s biography and photo, immediately attracted guests and pieces were selected and spoken for quickly. Shortly after the doors opened, people inspected the auction tables and the crowd kicked into high gear as bidding become increasing spirited. The live auction was the highlight of the evening. Guests vied



Live auction excitement!!

for auction packages that are exclusive to Paws for Love ~ or simply sat back and watched the show as auctioneer and bidders raised money for the animals.

As guests left Finley Hall with their new found treasures, they left with items to enjoy knowing their money would be used to help animals in desperate need. I successfully bid on a Vergie Lightfoot cat sculpture and thrilled to add it to

my collection of “all things with catitude.” It serves as a reminder of the fun I had at Paws for Love, as well as the generosity and hard work of so many who came together to benefit the animals needing our help so much. We are already underway organizing Paws for Love 2008. With the ever important need for items to auction, it is not too early to start thinking about what you can offer. Many Paws for

Love items are one-a-kind treasures, useful animal-related items, and opportunities to enjoy some of California’s best food, wine and relaxation spots. We need your help to guarantee there is something for everyone at Paws for Love. And Volunteers are the heart of the event and cannot happen without them. Please think about how you can help make Paws for Love a continued success in 2008. With exciting changes in the works, Paws for Love expands ways to reach out and help more and more animals needing our support. We look forward to having you join us in our efforts!



Furry Guest at Paws for Love 2007



*Long time Paws for Love supporters
Susan & Tony Valera*



*Blues Guitar Entertainer
Mark McDonald*



*Painting by
Bailey Baywatch.*

Paws in the Kitchen!

Plans for the *Paws for Love* cookbook are underway. As we collect recipes and ideas, we are slowly seeing this special edition take shape.

We are still reviewing recipes of all kinds ~ there will be traditional “human” recipes, as well as a section for pets. With the recent pet food recall, we are allowing more time to enable us to expand the pet food chapter and will extend the

submission deadline until fall.

Our supporters would also like us to feature *celebrity chefs!* So if you have a favorite recipe, or a favorite celebrity chef that you have contact with, please submit the information to PAWS FOR LOVE COOKBOOK, P.O. Box 9004, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Or email it to Ellyn at boonedogs@sonic.net.

*It is in their eyes
that their **MAGIC** resides.*

~ Arthur Symons, British poet
(1865-1945)



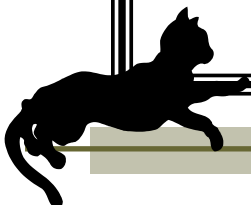
Life is doggone good for super cat MAX now that he has a new home with his two adoring girls, Sara and Kristin Meyer. Proof that adopting an adult animal is a win win situation for people and pets.

MAC is Back!

Paws for Love has partnered with the **Sonoma County Animal Shelter Volunteers** nonprofit group to sponsor and fund two spay and neuter dates in June, just in time for kitten season! The MAC Van will handle free surgeries for cats only. Microchipping, as well as rabies and FVRCP vaccinations, are also available.

Camp Bow Wow in Santa Rosa is hosting the event on two consecutive Saturdays, June 23 and June 30, at their convenient location: 2120 Bluebell Drive in Santa Rosa. Check-in time for the surgery is at approximately 7:30 am. For more details and added attractions please visit our website at www.pawsforlove.info for updates, and check local advertising.

*What sort of philosophers are we who know
absolutely nothing of the origin and destiny of cats?*
~ Henry David Thoreau American philosopher (1817-1862)



Mandy's Valentine—Ellyn Jaques Boone

Mandy came into the animal shelter as a stray. A soft brown Shepherd mix, she languished at the shelter for weeks in spite of her sweet nature. She caught the eye of Mary Ann Weber, a *Paws for Love* supporter who was dropping off a donation one day. Mary Ann wanted to be sure Mandy would be painting for the February exhibit, because she looked so lost and in desperate need of a home.

As the weeks went on, Mandy became depressed and lonely. Our own inquiries indicated a bleak prognosis for her future. Mary Ann expressed continual concern, and even offered to provide a foster home. But she had to be “trained” first before she would be approved by the shelter. While Mary Ann viewed faulty training videos and received little feedback, Mandy's situation grew even more desperate – Mary Ann was told that the dog was scheduled to



be euthanized in just a few days and that in Mandy's case, euthanasia would be a better alternative than putting her through more stress at being kept any longer in the shelter situation. Although Mary Ann asked to foster her, she was told she would not be a suitable foster home in which Mandy could be “saved” because she had other pets and Mandy was “aggressive”.

We received an urgent call and a request that *Paws for Love* might possibly help in some way. Although an off-site behavioral assessment was requested, but never done, Mandy's assessment at the shelter determined she was “aggressive.” Under a great deal of stress, Mandy was chewing at her kennel – she was also ill, which was not reported, but more than likely affected her behavior toward the end.

Paws for Love offered any help we could give financially to save this wonderful dog – and Mary Ann Weber gave her time and determination to remove Mandy from the

shelter and get her into a rescue site, Noah's Bark. From there, Mandy went home with Mary Ann to be fostered in a safe and protected environment.

The work was just beginning – Mandy suffered from severe giardia and was underweight. Her dental health was dismal after gnawing on the kennel for weeks, with one of her canines worn to the pulp and a molar broken off at the gum line, resulting in the extraction of five teeth. Immediate veterinary care cured the giardia, and with a new diet she was thriving!

Guidance was provided by trainer Patty Malnick to assist with Mandy's adjustment to life in a home with additional pets. With some very simple techniques, Mandy quickly blended in with Mary Ann's animal family without missing a beat.

In spite of being declared “aggressive” – particularly “cat aggressive” – the geriatric cat in the household often sleeps on Mandy's back, the little brown dog providing comfort to her new cat “sister.” Mandy



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also loves her dog “brother” Spencer Herman, a one year old Doberman – they are constant companions and playmates. And she adores her dog sister Sophia Athena, a German Shepherd rescued from Greece.

As time went on, it was obvious to many of us – if not to Mary Ann – that Mandy was *already* “home.” Soon, the happy announcement was made: Mandy was in her *forever* home. It's official!

Today, Mary Ann tells us that Mandy is the *perfect* dog. She is gentle and sweet, a love to all who meet her. This year, the Weber house celebrated the arrival of a very special Valentine!



Fetch 'n' Find us!

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PAWS FOR LOVE was created by artist Ellyn Jaques Boone of Northern California. This annual event, held in early February, raises funds for the animals of Sonoma County.

You can see and print this newsletter
in color on our website!

Paw Prints on the Calendar!

Check out our upcoming events:

Camp Bow Wow & MAC Spay/Neuter Days

Saturday, June 23rd & June 30th, 7:30am

2120 Bluebell Dr, Santa Rosa

Spay & neuter for *cats only*...microchips for all!

Bay Area Pet Fair

Bring your dog to paint with us!

September 8 - 9

Marin Center Exhibit Hall & Fairgrounds,

San Rafael



PAWS for Love



The Big Night!

Saturday, February 9, 2008, 6 - 10 PM

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Plan to attend our PAWS FOR LOVE gala in February to benefit the animals of Sonoma County. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, CA.

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