

Reflection: 2011 brought many challenges, changes and opportunities.

1st for Calaveras Humane Society:

- . Duck Races. Murphys Friends of the Library passed this traditional race to us in January. It was held in July. Fun, fun event and we have big plans for 2012.
- . CHS now has a Correspondence Secretary. Joanne Elliott took on the position, which is to make sure donors receive "Thank You" letters pronto.
- . CHS established a Bird Unit. They are dealing with Companion Birds, most commonly parrots. Much like the Cat and Dog Team they advise, foster, and adopt companion birds.
- . Organization Charts were established to clearly define our organizations structure and who is responsible for what.
- . Goals are now established setting our course of action for the fiscal year.
- . Multiple Awards were given to volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Barbara Brooks Volunteer of the Year – Cynthia Pino; Lifetime Achievement – Debby Beaufort; Top Trooper – Mary Pons; Special Achievement – Brenda Jennings; Outstanding Thrift Store Volunteer – Pat Sciotto; Outstanding Performance Dolores Ransom. .

New for Calaveras Humane Society:

- . New Board Officers were elected. Bob Seiler leads the pack.
- . New location. September our operation moved to San Andreas centralizing our operations and increasing our visibility and service to the community.
- . New Retail Store opens in the San Andreas Office Complex.
- . New Adoption Center opens in the San Andreas Office Complex
- . Wintercreek and Bully Dog Grants offering significant spay/neuter assistance to our community
- . Reached agreement with County for new animals Shelter land designation (while still investigating centralized location option).
- . Completed preliminary needs assessment for New Animals Shelter.

Events:

- . Appreciation Dinner
- . Represented at the Grape Stomp, Irish Days and Snyders Pow Wow
- . 2nd Place Award in Arnold July 4th Parade.
- . Duck Races
- . Puppy Love and Dog Days Copperopolis Towne Square
- . Home for the Holidays - A One Day County Wide Three Location Adopt-a-pet in November.
- . Calaveras Humane Society Thrift Store named #1 in the County!
- . Horse Rescue
- . 1 KM Dog Walk at the Shelter build by volunteers.
- . Wine and Art Festival
- . Paws and Claus
- . Funded over \$11,000 to Animal Services for interim funding of Animal Control and

replenishment of Gypsy Fund to pay spay/neuter cost and lower adoption fees.

Take a bow:

- . Dog Team Adoptions: ***85 CHS Foster Dogs Adopted or placed!*** This is one seriously dedicated team.
- . Cat Team Adoptions: ***264 CHS Foster Cats placed...***and that was the end of November! More than 100 from the Arnold Thrift Store Adoption Center.
- . Bird Team Adoptions: ***No adoptions, but two are in Foster Care.*** Very good start for a brand new Team.
- . Bank Donations: ***\$14,468.56, our second best year in six years, 94% of last year's all time high***
- . Spay and Neuter Certificates: CHS assisted in the spaying and neutering of ***1,051 Calaveras County cats and dogs***, thus preventing the birth of thousands of puppies and kittens.
- . CHS Thrift Store: ***Awarded Best Thrift Store and Best Children's Clothing in the County by Calaveras Enterprise.*** Profits for the year exceeded \$80,000.

Resolution: Like every one your Board of Directors we will start the new year with a few resolutions:

- . To do what they need to to support our volunteers, teams, and members.
- . To keep the lines of communications open and clear.
- . To continue servicing as the voice of the animals of this county.

Prediction: 2012 will be an exciting year with many opportunities. Just a few we see coming in this New Year are:

- . A new CHS website, robust in design, function and content
- . New events, including the renewal of Wag & Walk
- . More adoptions
- . More sick and injured animal assistance
- . Increased visibility with our new "rolling billboard" truck design
- . Final decision on new shelter location
- . Beginning serious fundraising for new shelter