

A Reminder

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to remind ourselves how lucky we are to have pets that comfort us, entertain us, and love us.

Annual Meeting

SAVE the DATE - Jan. 21

Civic Center from 1-3PM

Year end review, goals, and board elections.

Our programs provide a great service to our community and have grown tremendously over the past 40+ years. We are seeking a number of new board members. Please notify our Nominating Committee Chair, Alia DiRe (via our hotline, in advance) if you'd like to be considered.

See you there!

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My Name is Piggy and This is My TNR Story

There are sixteen of us in our tiny piece of the world. We live in and under abandoned vehicles and are

all between 6 months old and 1-1/2. I'm female, the smallest, the hungriest, and the most curious of all. Possibly the bravest.

When that kind woman moved in next door, I went looking for food and I got closer than the others would. I began sitting on her porch from time to time. One time, she made noises about learning about mass trapping on uTube, and TNR through San Juan Animal League. What is that?? [pg. 3]

She saw how skinny we all were and she began feeding us regularly, morning and evening, every day. We are still a little skittish when she and her friends walk too close, or make loud noises, but she makes a quiet noise at me every time she sees me - Piggy. She gave us each a quiet noise.

We all really liked getting fed regularly, and then one night she left a mackerel juice trail (yum). We followed it, one at a time, and found ourselves locked in cages. Some people took us away, gave us all shots, and put us to sleep, put stitches in us and when we woke up, we all had notches in our ears and were sore for awhile. We were scared, yet cared for the whole time. When they brought us all back to our same spot in the same neighborhood and let us go, we were surprised, and happy to be home.

We've all gotten fatter and healthier. Our colony is still being fed regularly, and there are no new cats cruising through our territory. Now when people come around, we come out and look to see if it's her.



<http://sanjuananimalleague.org/cat-programs/>



Photo: Michelle Alvarez

Melissa Salyers

President's Message

We find ourselves at the end of another year of successful programs for helping the animals of San Juan County and their people. In his Novel "A Christmas Carol" Charles Dickens said:

"This time of year is a time when want is keenly felt and abundance rejoices." He wrote this over a century ago and it remains true today.

There is always more to be done. Those of us that can give, do so. Even if we do not have money to give, we can give our time and that can be even more valuable.

WE NEED YOU

- **In 2017 we want more board members** to run our operations. We are a working board. See descriptions in the next column, showing our length of time on the board and how we each take part in our programs to help them run smoothly and effectively. The board meets once a month to discuss ongoing projects and programs as well as how to make them run better and smoother.
- **We can also always use more volunteers for our programs.** If you love to work with dogs and cats we have a program that you would enjoy.

This coming year we are hoping to increase our spay/neuter efforts as well as TNR. We cannot do this without a full board and lots of volunteers.

Melissa

We are the SJAL Board Members

Come and put faces to our names at our Annual Board Meeting!

Melissa Salyers, President 4 yrs on the Board: 1 yr VP, 2 yrs Pres. In addition to her duties as President, attends vaccination clinics where she engraves pet ids, sells harness and leashes, and sends out reminder post cards. Troy Salyers brings and returns equipment and supplies to clinic sites, and has cleaned too many cages and traps to count.

Regina Brixner, Vice President 2 yrs on the Board. Spay/Neuter and TNR Clinics Coordinator. Gets volunteers to assist with intake monitoring, clinic clean up, trap and carrier clean up, trapping, transporting and returning. Monitors O'Hearn Fund. Facebook Admin.

Alia DiRe, Treasurer 3 yrs officially on the Board. In 2012 volunteered to set up supplies for spay neuter clinics first held at Dugan Productions then took over scheduling for owned cats spay/neuter. Took over the Treasurer's job a year and a half ago.

Trudy Farrell, Secretary 3 yrs previously on the Board, currently 1 yr. Previously served on the SJAL board as secretary a decade ago. Keeps minutes and correspondence for the board. Membership Chairman. Has prepared vac clinic certificates with tags since 2007. Prepares mailings for bulk mail and distributes the newsletter.

Andrea Landon, Volunteer Coordinator, Vaccination Clinic Assistant 2016, Hotline Supervisor 6 yrs on the Board, 6 years as a volunteer at the Vaccination Clinics, Vaccination Supervisor 2017, 5 years as Secretary, 6 years as Hotline Supervisor (8 volunteers), Oversees 25-30 Vac Clinic volunteers, and 8 poster distributors.

Marcy Eckhardt, Vaccination Clinic Coordinator & Website Admin Brings online services, experience and wisdom to SJAL. Instituted Clinic HQ system for records and data maintenance for Spay/Neuter and TNR. Streamlined SJAL forms.

Kathy Hogan, Board Member 1 yr on the Board. Working on ideas for ongoing TNR spay/neuters.



A reminder: feeding our pets leftover turkey bones or letting them eat Poinsettia leaves can be deadly.

Here is a link to a Pet Safe DIY De-Icer and includes Ground Rules for Protecting Your Pet's Paws : To avoid dangerous falls, you can de-ice the steps and paths outside your homes. But traditional products on the market aren't safe for our pets' paws. Some ingredients are toxic and can burn a dog's or cat's sensitive paw pads.

http://www.pet360.com/dog/health/how-to-create-a-diy-pet-safe-de-icer-to-protect-your-pets-paws/nKbB6d_9oUSInrS9beshvA



Piggy's TNR Story in Pictures



Volunteers in Action: Top, Jaemus VanKieran (L) and Mary Winkley (R), Transport, Veterinary Services

There are many links on you tube that are very educational regarding feral cat trapping.

YouTube Search: [Feral Cat Trapping](#)

Here is one heartwarming link showing the trapping of one feral cat—with a wonderful ending (read the notes below the video).

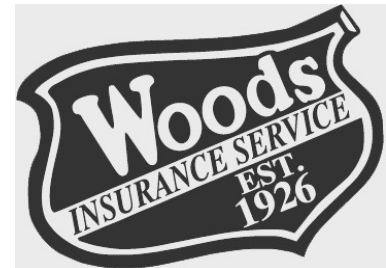
[What this trapped feral cat does at 8:05](#)

"There is no doubt in my mind that they can read us early on. The question as to how fast they acclimate to us lies entirely in our own behavior with them over time and the degree of patience we are willing to dedicate to them."—the Man from Arkansas

Thank you!

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- Dr. Shayna Whitaker, DVM
- Dogsters
- Animal Haven



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- \$ 20 Vaccinates a Litter of Kittens
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- \$ 60 Alters a Cat
- \$ 80 Alters a Dog



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Donations are always welcomed.

Join Us — We'll Celebrate You!

Our 1st Annual Celebration of Volunteers was recently hosted by the Board of Directors of San Juan Animal League. Thank you to ALL of our volunteers, and special thanks to Andrea Landon, our Volunteer Coordinator. The t-shirts we gave our volunteers are part of our efforts to increase public recognition for SJAL and our programs.



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Have a Few Hours? We Need YOU in 2017!

Education Committee • Clean-Up • Driver • Grant Writing
Foster Home • Hot Line • Membership Committee
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Sign Up Here and Find More Info on Volunteer Needs:

<http://sanjuananimalleague.org/volunteer-opportunities/>

or CALL our HOTLINE: 505 325-3366

Did You Know...

...that eight yearly vaccination clinics are each staffed by 25-30 volunteers; eight volunteers distribute hundreds of posters advertising our vaccination clinics in various locations throughout the county; and, that numerous folks assist with scheduling, intake, monitoring, set up and lastly, clean up for the spay/neuter and TNR clinics held at least twice a month this year??? It takes a coalition of animal lovers, and we are grateful for every one of them. Please JOIN US!