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### #1 on Our Wish List

Volunteers are the cornerstone of SJAL's success! If you love animals and/or have an animal that has benefited from the San Juan Animal League, giving a little of your time or talent will benefit many more! Join us animal lovers! See more inside or go directly to our home page today, and click on ABOUT, and then on the drop down item **VOLUNTEER**. Please and *thank* 

# Animal League offers REALLY Affordable Spay or Neuter —

# See for yourself!

All the info about clinics, financial assistance, how to volunteer, etc.

# SJAL's Easy-to-Use Interactive Website

SanJuanAnimalLeague.ORG





# **League Funding Saved My Life**

My Name is Baby and This is My Story

After the man who had me went away and didn't come back, I sat like an Egyptian statue staring at her front door every morning until she came out. I'd sit in her lap in the garden and purr for an hour every day to tell her I was adopting her. She drank her morning coffee and talked to me about wanting to see pyramids. Thank goodness she noticed by the end of a week that I was getting thinner and thinner—I was starving to death. She took me in and fed me. Kept me. We bonded. Tightly. Six months later, I almost died from a very bad infection and I stopped eating and drinking. She got very anxious...for me and about vet bills (she's a senior with a tiny budget). Then a friend told her about San Juan Animal League which has funding available for animals like me [an abandoned animal someone adopts] and people like her [needing some financial assistance for the urgent care of a stray or abandoned animal]. The money they gave her saved my life, and I love my nap in her lap every morning. Now she's a League volunteer, giving back. Love, Baby

http://sanjuananimalleague.org/ohearn-fund/

or Call SJAL Hotline: (505) 325-3366 or apply to SJAL through Animal Haven



Melissa Salyers

# President's Message

We are excited to be halfway through the year and already accomplishing many good things for the animals of San Juan County.

### Stepped Up Spay/Neuter and TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) efforts

We welcome Dr. Shayna Whitaker of Paw Prints Pet Vet, in Bloomfield, who has been a huge help in providing low-cost spay and neuter surgeries as well as TNR surgeries for us. Her care and commitment to the animals is top notch and we are lucky to have her in our corner.

#### New Board of Directors

We welcome Trudy Farrell, Marcy Eckhardt and Kathy Hogan to our Board of Directors. They have all hit the ground running in helping the Animal League with our clinics: Spay/ Neuter, TNR and Vaccination. Our 2016 board is full of hard working, knowledgeable and animal loving people who put countless hours of their own time into helping organize, run and clean up after clinics. Their tireless effort is the reason we are able to have so many successful programs.

### Members and Donors

We are always grateful for our members and donors.—without you there would not be an Animal League and many animals would not get the help they so badly need. Your donations of time and money allow us to continue our good work in the community.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization all of the money donated stays in the community and is directly used to help animals.

Melissa

Over 1000 Pets Vaccinated March & April Clinics



Every penny made at our vaccine clinics goes to local spay/neuter services and toward our three special funds: O'Hearn, Emergency and Joel's — funds for veterinary assistance for those in need.

Specified Donations are always welcome!

### **Remaining 2016 Vaccination Clinics**

6/12/2016 - Farmington Rec Center, 12-4 pm 7/10/2016 - Aztec Senior Center, 12-4 pm 8/21/2016 - Sycamore Center, 12-4 pm

10/2/2016 - Bloomfield Multicultural Center, 12-4 pm

11/13/2016 - McGee Park, 12-4 pm

Introducing our new Vaccination Clinic veterinarian, Dr. Dennis Nowicki, and his wife Jan. They retired to Durango to ski and are giving back to the 4 Corners community... to us!





# Animal's NEEDS, BIG Goals, No Staff, VOLUNTEERS to the RESCUE!

### Lots of opportunities for you to use your SuperPowers:

- Vaccination/Microchip Clinics-8 Sundays per year, Mar to Nov.
- Clinic Poster Distribution
- TNR Clinics—Feral cat trapping, transport, paperwork, recovery, return transport, clinic clean-up (urgently needed)
- Spay/Neuter Clinics—Owned animals. Check-in, recovery monitoring, check out, clinic clean-up, laundry.
- Hotline volunteers each take a week to check messages on the SJAL Hotline and either return the calls or direct the individuals to the appropriate support.

Make an Animal Happier & Healthier—Join Us Today!

SanJuanAnimalLeague.ORG
or leave your name & number on the

Hotline: 505 325-3366



Andrea Landon, Volunteer Coord. of our Vaccination & Microchip Clinics, signs up new volunteer, Emily, at the Bark in the Park Event.

# Thank you!

# VOLUNTEERS & 2016 Clinic SPONSORS

Your support helps bring vaccinations to **thousands** of pets.

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- 7-Eleven
- Kent Wilson State Farm Ins.
- The Coin Shop
- Zebadiah's Restaurant
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- The Wrench & Sweetlands

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## **MEMBERS of SJAL**

Your donation's go directly to the care of local animals!

### **Veterinarian Partners**

- Dr. Nowicki, DVM (vac. clinics)
- Dr. Shayna Whitaker, DVM (spay & neuter)
- Dogsters (spay & neuter)
- Animal Haven

### SJAL Board of Directors

Melissa Salyers, President
Alia DiRe, Treasurer
Trudy Farrell, Secretary
Andrea Landon, Volunteer Coord.
Regina Brixner, TNR & SN Coord.
Marcy Eckhardt, Vac. Clinic Coord.
Kathy Hogan, Board Member

HOTLINE: 505 325-3366



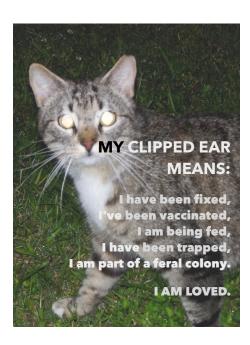
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#### **Membership Categories**

\$20 Individual \$35 Family \$50 Business/Professional \$100 Corporate \$ Friend of SJAL



# **Research Shows**

SJAL is proud of our TNR program (**Trap/Neuter/Return**) which targets feral and free roaming cats. Through this program, community cats are trapped, then examined by a veterinarian, altered and vaccinated before being released back to their homes.

Research\* has shown that *TNR* is the only effective method of reducing the community cat population. By altering and vaccinating these animals, they no longer fight and therefore stop transmitting diseases or wandering far from their areas. Young kittens are altered and vaccinated before being rehomed off the streets.

Clinics are run by volunteers who work with colony caregivers to help trap the cats and monitor them through the veterinary process, then return them the following day. Please consider joining us in the worthwhile cause by calling the HOTLINE 505-325-3366. \*\*

\*NM Humane Conference

Source: PetMD

# TIP's Corner: Why Cats Eat Grass

- To Regurgitate A cat's system lacks the enzymes necessary to break down vegetable matter, and their body's response is to throw up the grass as well as anything else in the digestive tract (fur, mouse bones, pieces of toys, or other indigestible items).
- Folic Acid Much like mother's milk, the juices in grass contain folic acid. This is an essential vitamin for a cat's bodily functions and assists in the production of hemoglobin, the protein that moves oxygen in the blood. Think of it as a wheat grass shake for your kitty (let's hope they like it more than you do).
- Grass is a Natural Laxative

### **Newsletter UPDATED!**

Pass it on to a friend!

Share your Pet Story!

Call the hotline and leave a request for the editor to give you call, or to send this to a friend!

HOTLINE: 505 325-3366

