



My Name is Kiah

*I am a white
female, deaf,
Pit bull mix
and this is my
story:*

I am a deaf dog and I was in a bad place—where more than 20 of us dogs were living in our own feces, some of us locked in kennels without water or bedding. When Animal Control shut them down for their terrible conditions, Lori, a woman from Breeders Release Adoption Service volunteered to find foster homes for all of us. She called Marcy Eckhardt and Regina Brixner of SJAL for help and they were right there when I needed them most—I was having separation anxiety even though my living conditions had been terrible. I was screaming because I couldn't hear myself barking.

*I am blessed that I was fostered to Marcy, a Certified Dog Trainer, for two weeks in Durango. She taught me **sign language**—**something every dog owner should know!** I was completely green and untrained. She taught me that some things are appropriate, but others are not, and helped me through my anxiety attacks. It only took me three nights to learn what to do. **I have been adopted by a sweetheart in NM who loves me. I couldn't be happier.***

HELP!

Hundreds of rescued animals from situations like Kiah's are in need of fostering and adoption.

If you think animals may be suffering, call Animal Control and request a welfare check. You do not need to leave your name. A third-party professional will check out the situation and make sure everyone is okay. San Juan Animal League encourages you to investigate any organization that breeds, sells, or cares for animals.

Often, rescues start out with the best of intentions, yet conditions can quickly deteriorate beyond their ability to manage. Kiah was lucky, but many other dogs are not.

Animals rescued by Breeders Release (dogs) and OHCAAT (cats) are fostered by volunteers until they can be adopted. These animals are available for adoption at Petco in Farmington on Saturdays.

SJAL's Easy-to-Use Interactive Website

SanJuanAnimalLeague.ORG





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Melissa Salyers

President's Message

Summer is winding down and the Animal League has been as busy as ever.

• What We've Been Up To

We have had 5 busy vaccine clinics where we provided vaccines, microchips and ID tags to the dogs and cats of San Juan county. We have also had several low cost spay and neuter clinics as well as some TNR clinics for the free roaming cats in the area.

• Dedicated Volunteers

All of these programs were run by our dedicated volunteers to keep our local pets healthy and safe. Our volunteers are people from all walks of life who share one passion; their love of animals. The Animal League is the perfect place for people to come together to help animals and each other. I feel very fortunate to spend so much time amongst such dedicated and caring people. Our animals are so special to us and it is very rewarding to share that joy with others.

• Giving Back

My own dogs are from various shelters and rescue groups and they have come together to make a pack of misfit mutts that bring me joy every minute of every day. Giving back to the animals of the community is my way of thanking them for all they do for me. I think I got the better end of the deal!



SJAL Spay & Neuter Dog Clinics



Thank you, Dr. Shayna Whitaker

Studies have shown that the best way to lower the number of animals entering shelters is to ensure affordable spay and neuter services are available to everyone. Our DOG clinic vet, Paw Prints Pet Vet—Shayna Whitaker, DVM—is working her passion. She knew from the time she was little that she wanted to be a zebra zoo-keeper or a veterinarian. Her pet patients, dogs and cats alike, are happy she's a vet, and they appreciate her competent, cheerful and compassionate beside manner, as do their owners.

Dr. Whitaker offers only **well pet services** because she has no space for a full-service veterinary hospital, and she handles the SJAL dog surgeries.

Her good news for dog owners is a grant she has recently received allows her to offer clients a **free heart worm test**, and the first heart worm pill is also free.



**spay
neuter
adopt**

PAW PRINTS PET VET



Our **SJAL DOG SURGERIES**, on healthy animals who are **8 years old or less** and **60 pounds or less**, are held at **Paw Prints Pet Vet**

510 W. Blanco in Bloomfield

Sign up (it's EASY) here:

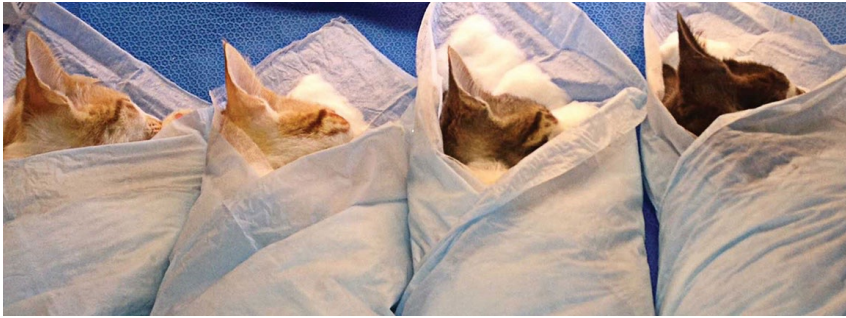
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SJAL Spay & Neuter Cat Clinics



Thank you, "Dogsters" D-SNIP



Kitty "burritos" snugly and safely recovering from their spay neuter surgeries.

Dogster's—founded in 1999 as Dogster's Fund, in memory of the beloved pet of Karen and Mark Zempel—launched D-SNiP in 2011, the first and only mobile spay/neuter clinic in the Four Corners region. The 27 foot, custom built clinic has everything needed to provide high-quality spay/neuter surgeries for our SJAL cat clinics where every cat is also tattooed so that any vet can see this procedure has been done.

This D-Snip program, generously funded through grants and donations, enables Dogster's dedicated team—Aimee Henneman, Exec. Director; Darcy Williamson, Vet Asst.; and Heather Perkins, DVM—to come to us here, locally and keep costs down.

Spay and neuter surgeries are not high risk surgeries, yet, there can be risk with any procedure that involves anesthesia. All pets having surgery are required to be in good health, be at least 8 weeks old and weigh at least 2 pounds. All pets are examined prior to surgery, and the vet will determine whether surgery is safe and appropriate based upon the specific circumstances of each animal; and, any animal found to have a health issue will not be approved for surgery. It is therefore very important that you be very accurate when filling out your pet's admission and evaluation forms.

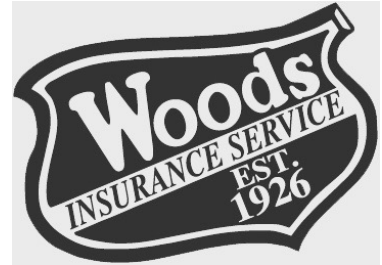


Our **SJAL CAT Clinics**,
are held at Bldg #15, McGee Park
Sign up (it's EASY) here:
<http://sanjuananimalleague.org/spay-and-neuter/>

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

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Our Mission:

SJAL is dedicated to the welfare of companion animals in San Juan county, New Mexico. Our goals include:

- Improving companion animal health by providing low-cost vaccinations
- Reducing the number of homeless pets through education and spay/neuter
- Ending euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets by ensuring affordable spay/neuter is available to all San Juan County residents

Who we are:

The San Juan Animal League is a non-profit, all-volunteer humane society for animals located in Farmington, New Mexico. Started in 1974, the league is a non-profit, 501-c-3 organization registered in the state of New Mexico. The League is financed by annual memberships, grants, donations, events, and vaccine clinics.

Remaining 2016 Vaccination Clinics

8/21/2016, 12-4pm
Sycamore Center

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

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

VOLUNTEER Today
Call 505-325-3366

Volunteers will be invited to an appreciation party in October.



Puppy In Training

TIP's Corner: Obedience Training

At a recent SJAL Board Meeting, guest speaker P. Kelly Everett, of New Mexico Badlands Search and Rescue Team Inc, described the training her dogs go through in order to work for the Sheriff's Department Search Teams, and how some dogs have a great instinct for this type of work.

Always community minded, Kelly voluntarily offers free OBEDIENCE training for owners of dogs who have been rescued or adopted. Bring your pets for training and look for her at Animas or Berg Park on Saturday mornings at 9am. Check above link on their FaceBook page for confirmation each week.