

San Juan ANIMAL League

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My Name is Peanut

My Nickname is Luny (a moon reference because I'm black). My favorite thing to do is to ride in my person's car—a safe haven for me, far safer than the street we live on. People on the street in our neighborhood can be very superstitious (a word my person explained to me) and they can be

very violent. I was stabbed, my breastbone was crushed and I almost bled to death. My sweet person found me, and took me to Animal Haven and she spoke with Janice, the administrator there who oversees the SJAL Emergency "Angel Fund."

My person was so grateful to find out I was covered by this emergency fund which is defined as Hit by Car, Attacked by Dogs, Porcupine Quills, Poisoning, Gunshot and Stab Wounds, Dystocia, and Accidental Eye Trauma. Chronic issues and general health issues are not covered. In addition to what defined emergency, there were financial eligibility guidelines that determined if there could be "Angel Fund" assistance. and Eligibility is established if a person has exhausted all other payment possibilities. In addition, my person was required to pay one half of the total bill. I think that's a pretty awesome deal!

*It took more than one car ride to Animal Haven to save my life, and a year to heal physically. It did change me, and I no longer am as friendly as I was with strangers, and never go around our neighbors. My person (a **really good** person) was so grateful, she was determined to pay SJAL back. It took her almost a year to save the money to do that and it surprised everyone at SJAL, no one had done that before! She treated everyone at Animal Haven with respect and appreciated everything they did to keep me alive. We are both so very grateful!*





Kathy Hogan, President

Melissa Conway is right on when she says *"The only thing you can count on in life is change"*.

Here we are coming to the close of yet another year and, yes, there have been many changes. We have tried some new things that reminded us to keep to our mission and core activities. We have had to say goodbye to folks who helped us along the way. We have adjusted the roles and responsibilities within the Board.

What hasn't changed is our commitment to *"We Speak for Those who cannot Speak for Themselves."*

Through this last year we tried to respond to the ever present problem of kittens being born to feral cats and the tough life they have, if they survive. We have been reminded that there are limits to what we can effectively do and we need to leave 'Rescue' to those who are equipped for it such as OHCAAT. We need to concentrate on **Trap Neuter and Return** to help keep future litters from happening.

Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to one of our vet partners in this effort and we lost a trapper, friend and Board Member. However, we will still move forward as we have volunteers and Members who step up and fill in the gaps.

THIS IS WHY MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING IS SO IMPORTANT!

We are an organization that is completely run by volunteers and I am proud to say we have no paid staff. We do, however, compensate our Vet Partners who help us with Emergencies, Spay Neuter and Vaccination Clinics which your membership dues are important for. We count on you to help us continue to make animal health affordable. As these partners are offering their services at a substantial discount, that is passed on to those who utilize our services, we ask that you always treat everyone with respect. At the Vaccine Clinics remember folks are volunteering their time to make these events affordable so smile and make their day as pleasant as you can!

We are closing out the year strong and I look forward to next year, with your help it will be another good year!

—Kathy

'Tis the Season to Celebrate the Lives of Long-Time Volunteers Who Have Passed Away in the Past Year



Roy Lyman **"Bunky" Owen** (70) was a big supporter of the San Juan Animal League. He was its first Corporate Contributor and most consistent Supporter—and per his wishes, Woods Insurance will continue to fund our SJAL Newsletter. Bunky will be greatly missed by his family and friends as well as his four legged buddies Woody, Bentley, and Lucy.



Laurence **"Bunky" Woolrich** (87), a long-time SJAL Vac Clinic Volunteer sat at the door and passed out the numbers at every Vac Clinic for a number of years. His friendly face will be missed, and we are glad his daughter, Judy, is honoring him by taking over for him!



Judy Gonzales (71) was a teacher who loved animals and cared about their welfare. She was our volunteer who hung up the clinic posters all around Farmington.



Barb Latschar (62) Barb was a true giver of her time. She was a certificate writer for many years and someone who could be counted on to be at every vaccine clinic.

Terri Williams ran our vaccine clinics in the 1970s & 80s and the food program for the past 20 plus years. She was as tough as a junkyard dog, keeping tabs on people who used the program. She collected, divided and delivered the pet food. She also adopted many animals and was a terrific person.

Grieving for Animal Companions?

Sadly, when our pets make these transitions, they leave us just as grief stricken. Some pets let go of this life suddenly and easily, and others have a hard time letting go of their physical body and and it becomes too painful for them and for you. You know every little quirk and characteristic of its behavior. Trust that you'll know when it's time. And when you've made that decision, you can rest in it, knowing you've done the right thing. You've made the best decision for your pet, and you can own it. Nobody else should make it for you. Not family or friends—or even your vet.

♥ *If you know someone who recently lost a pet, maybe let them know that you're there for them. The gesture may be exactly what they need.*

Grief Resource: Penelope Smith, Animal Communicator Pioneer, has a book titled *"When Animals Speak: Techniques for Bonding with Animal Companions"* and Chapter 4 is titled *"Matters of Life and Death"* which is extremely informative and helpful.

Holiday Gifts Keep on Giving

- \$ 25 Vaccinates a Litter of Kittens
- \$ 50 Alters a Cat
- \$ 75 Alters a Dog
- \$100 Alters Two Cats



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November Vaccination Clinic at McGee Park



2019 UPCOMING Vaccination Clinics Mark your calendar!

Mar 10 , 12-3pm	Farmington Rec Center 1101 Fairgrounds Rd.
Apr 7 , 12-4pm	Bloomfield MultiCulCtr 333 S. First St.
May 5 , 12-3pm	Kirtland Operating Engineers Hall
Jun 2 , 12-4pm	Farmington Sycamore Ctr 1051 Sycamore
Jul 7 , 12-4pm	Aztec Senior Center 101 S. Park
Aug 18 , 12-4pm	Farmington Rec Center 1101 Fairgrounds Rd.
Oct 6 , 12-3pm	Bloomfield MultiCultCtr 333 S. First St.
Nov 10 , 12-4pm	McGee Park Fairgrounds Bloomfield Hwy

Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS & 2018 Clinic SPONSORS *Vaccinations totaled 6043 in 2018!*

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Donations are always welcomed.



SJAL has Joined the Digital Age

We are converting our paper records, numbers, addresses, etc. to digital files. Maintaining a current membership status (payment by Jan 31, 2019) ensures you continue to receive this informative newsletter.

More importantly, remaining a member supports the increasing need for our animal welfare programs in San Juan County: Affordable Vaccinations and Spay Neuter, TrapNeuterRelease, Emergency "Angel Fund, Joel's Fund (assists low income Seniors and Vets, and the O'Hearn Fund assists those who have rescued or been rescued by an animal.

**We are an all volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3)
Serving animals in San Juan Country for over 40 years.**

Did You Know?

That our Emergency* "Angel Fund" is a service funded by DONATIONS?

We are grateful to our Donors for our continuing ability to help animals in life threatening need of care, and we are grateful to Janice at Animal Haven for partnering with us and administering this fund for us.

Animal Haven has the right to refuse assistance to anyone who disrespects them or does not fulfill the requirements for our assistance.

*Explained in Cover Story



Save the Date

Jan 19, 2019

SJAL Annual Meeting

Watch for details on FB

