CRITTER CHRONICLE

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VALKYRIE
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Domestic Shorthair Mix

THOR
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Domestic Shorthair Mix

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Planned Upgrades = Happier Pets

Important News & Updates

Greeting Friends,

Spring is in the Air! And here we are with the second quarter Critter Chronicle already! There has been a lot happening and some wonderful, planned upgrades to the facility; which, will make visits by the public more enjoyable, but most of all, a happier environment for the pets.

by Chuck Nordstrom, Executive Director

First, we just had our "Furry Paws & Foggy Nights" fundraiser at the Stockdale Country Club after missing two years of this event due to COVID. Despite the weather we had a great turnout and raised some much-needed money from the live and silent auction of so many awesome items donated by community members. The last part of the evening was a "Fund the Need" request to the full audience to totally redo our two large dog play yards.

We're in need of all new fencing, concrete borders, gates, etc. We hoped to raise $20K for this and Three Way Chevrolet stepped forward and offered up the full amount for this upgrade! Thank you, Three Way Chevrolet!

More pledges came in, which became the seed money for our next fundraiser "Unleash Your Love" hosted by KGET Channel 17 on March 31. With this televised virtual fundraiser, we asked the community to step forward with monetary donations to redo our aging Cattery. Our goal is to have a much broader, open habitat area for cats to roam freely, and for the public to enter and be able to interact with the cats rather than just viewing them in individual kennels.

This improvement will need to start with replacing the old and chipped tile flooring, new skylights, new roof, and all new interior to showcase our great cats looking for a new furever home. This will be no small undertaking but needs to be done. The cats and kittens have often taken a back seat to the dog world as they require so much more kennel space. We are truly hopeful that we can meet the financial needs to do everything we want to make it a Purrfect home for our felines. Stay tuned to our website, bakersfieldspca.org, to follow along as these upgrades get underway and you will be able to see the results of your generosity. See you back here in the third quarter!

Bakersfield SPCA Kennel Sponsorship

Joining the BSPCA Kennel Club is a great way to join the team of compassionate people dedicated to helping end the pet overpopulation crisis in Kern County. Kennel Club members will have a commemorative plaque on an SPCA dog or cat kennel.

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Chihuahua,
Short Coat/Mix

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655297 • Female
Domestic
Shorthair/Mix

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160045 • Male
Chihuahua,
Short Coat/Mix

NOVA
655304 • Female
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PRINCE
159943 • Male
Hound/Mix

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Summer Safety Tips for Adventuring with Your Furry Friend

Summer is almost here, and we look forward to spending more time outside with our dogs. Whether camping, hiking, swimming, running or whatever else you favor, it is always more dog-gone fun when you bring your furry friends along! However, there are considerations to keep in mind so our adventures stay safe and fun. Help your dog start his summer off on the right paw and keep him safe with some of our summer safety tips.

While summer is a great time for outdoor activities with your dog, it's important to keep safety in mind. The hot temperatures can be uncomfortable and dangerous for both pets and people. To keep your dog cool and hydrated, always have fresh water available and limit their time in the midday sun. Also be sure to check the temperature of the ground before walking your dog to avoid burning their paw pads.

Our community discusses this every summer — Avoid the Kern River, all parts of it including areas in town. The snow melt is happening now, and while it is great to see the water rushing through our town again, it has extra deadly currents and debris flowing through right now. If you plan on swimming in a safe area, make sure your dog can swim and consider using a life vest. Lastly, use sunscreen on your dog's nose and back if needed.

The spring rain season may increase the prevalence of canine parvovirus (parvo) this summer, a potentially deadly virus for dogs, making it important to keep your dog's vaccinations up-to-date. A dog with parvo deposits the virus into the ground when he defecates. Once on the ground, it can live for years. When we experience heavy rain or flooding (like we did this year) the virus surfaces and we see a resurgence of infected dogs who then begin to spread the disease to other unprotected dogs. Your veterinarian can advise you on what your pupper might be due for. Also, with the standing water from the rains, you will want to protect your dog from fleas and ticks with preventative medicine.

This year, make memories and make the most of summer while keeping your canine companion out of trouble. If your dog is due for a checkup, don't hesitate to call your veterinarian!

- **Microchipping!** With more time spent outside in the warmer weather it is vital to ensure your pets safe return in case of escape. Microchips cannot be removed like a tag can.
- **Pet Allergies:** Seasonal plants can, like in humans, cause allergies. Talk to your vet if you notice irritation.
- **Be cognizant of using certain lawn care and gardening products** as they can be hazardous to your pets. Lilies and Daffodils are extremely toxic to all pets!
- As the weather warms up make sure your pets have **lots of shade and water**.
- If the **ground is too hot** for you to walk on, it's too hot for them to walk on!
- Tis the season to talk with your Veterinarian about **parasite protection** and prevention against fleas, ticks and mosquitoes.

Critter Corner

Employee Spotlight: Kristin McCormick

Meet Kristin! She joined our staff in 2012 as a Health Technician and was quickly promoted to Kennel Supervisor. Not long after, because she is a rockstar, she was promoted to Shelter Manager and Senior Health Technician. As Shelter Manager, Kristin manages all of the ancillary front office staff and all of the kennel technician/back office staff. Being the Senior Health Technician, she does an outstanding job maintaining the health and welfare of the animals, as well as coordinating spay and neuter surgeries for all of them. Kristin is also an amazing leader to her staff! We all just love her!

Kristin McCormick
Shelter Manager and Senior Health Technician

KIDS & CRITTERS DAY CAMP

What could be better than for your animal loving child to spend a week making new friends here at the SPCA? Kids & Critters Day Camp provides Kern County youth with a special educational opportunity to learn responsible pet ownership, promote the human-animal bond, and social responsibility.

$250 Weekly Registration Fee

Fun Activity Programs

Join our weekly summer camp(s) here at the animal shelter, designed for kids aged 8-12 years old.

Learn valuable skills such as:

- Caring for shelter animals
- Developing dog and cat babysitting skills
- Basic obedience training
- First aid and animal safety course

And of course, there will be plenty of animal-themed games, crafts, and activities to keep you entertained. Foster a furry friend and make memories that will last a lifetime. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

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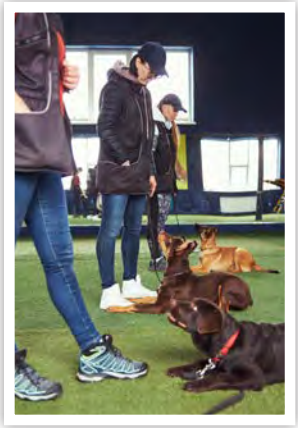
Happy "Tails"

Meet Milo & Honey! Milo came to us as a stray and had quite a few applications put in for him as he is a Golden Retriever and it is a highly sought after breed. We did what we do best and made sure to scrutinize every application. After the initial "meet and greet" Darion had with Milo, he was very eager to schedule another one so that he could bring his wife, Savannah, son, Luca and their current fur child, Honey, to meet Milo as well.

We brought the rest of the Nunn family in to meet Milo. They fell in love with him, and he clearly fell for them as well! The Nunn family's instant connection with Milo left no doubt that he belonged with them.

Now Darion and Savannah are parents to a toddler and two Golden Retrievers! They are outnumbered but in the best way! We wish them well. Happy Tails, Milo!

The Good Shepherd Academy Training



Recently, a team of expert dog behavior specialists at the Good Shepherd Academy gave back to their community, and those close to them, by offering their services to a local animal shelter at no cost. After careful consideration, they chose the Bakersfield SPCA; recognizing the organization's dedication to animal welfare. We could not be more excited. The Good Shepherd Academy team provides highly specialized and effective training to the shelter's dogs and kennel technicians.

A dog behavior specialist, Arianna Melendez, from the Good Shepherd Academy, taught our technicians various dog behavior modifications, including techniques for leash training, treadmill exercise, and pack walks, among other things. The specialist shared their expertise with our team, empowering them to provide the best care for the dogs in our care.

Thanks to their generosity, the animals now have a greater chance of finding loving forever homes, and the staff are better equipped to provide them with the care and attention they deserve.

The Good Shepherd Academy's selfless act of kindness not only helped the Bakersfield SPCA staff, but also inspired positive responses from our long-time dogs that are now well on their way to become well-balanced pets!

We, and our dogs, are so grateful for their continued time and effort. While we know this no-cost training cannot last forever, we look forward to the future when we are able to afford this, as it is so beneficial to the dogs in our care, and the staff we have.

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