



# Pet Tails

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### ALL ABOARD 2004!

Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> Susan and Ken Kelley will be opening their beautiful home to the Humane Society for the Santa Ynez Valley RailFest, featuring the trains and collections of Ken Kelley and friends. If you have never seen this show, try not to miss this one. You will be very pleasantly surprised.

Those of us who have had the privilege of witnessing these amazing layouts can attest to this. This fascinating exhibition takes us back into American railroad history commencing from World War I. The numerous layouts and sound effects are the work of Col. Kelley, a retired helicopter and rescue pilot, and a professional computer programmer.

For over thirty years, Mr. Kelley has been adding to and perfecting his stunning layouts which are displayed in a museum-like room, and will literally take your breath away, both visually and acoustically. The Great Train Room (all Pre-War II trains and toys) opens with five operating layouts. All of this is quite nostalgic for those of us who remember those wonderful days when elegant passenger trains swept across our nation, when travel was leisurely and we could lie back and watch the landscape fly by and dream our dreams – days that will never come again.

Since the last train show, Mr. Kelley has added the Santa Ynez Valley Redwood Railway running from Merced, Bakersfield, Fresno, Tehachapi Loop, to Mojave. This outdoor elevated O-Gauge layout is about 600 feet of track winding its way through a Redwood Forest and is radio controlled.



The Humane Society's auxiliary members will be there to assist you. Lunch will be available at a reasonable price. Kids of all ages will enjoy this railroading experience, so bring your camera and plan to spend several hours enjoying these amazing trains. Gather up your children, grandchildren – even the neighborhood children – and plan to be at the main gate on July 11<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children between 6 and 12 years. Children, five and under, are free.

Tickets may be purchased, in advance, at the Buellton Shelter and at House of Treasures Thrift Shop in Solvang. They will also be available at the door. For information and location, call 688-8224 or 688-9375.

Listen for the train whistle on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>!!! We'll be waiting for you at the Santa Ynez Valley RailFest.

**All Aboard!!!**

### “Tails on the Trail” a Success!!

*Over \$12,500 raised to support the shelter*

Thanks to everyone who attended or contributed to our recent “Tails on the Trail” fundraising event at Walter and Mary Jean Thomson’s Rancho Felicia. By all accounts, the event was an overwhelming success bringing in approximately \$12,500.00 to support our shelter operation in Buellton.

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***“Tails on the Trail” (cont.)***

Approximately 100 dogs and over 200 people were on hand to enjoy a range of activities including a three-mile dog walk on the beautiful trail of Rancho Felicia, silly dog contests, an obstacle course, prize raffle, barbeque lunch and an exciting demonstration from Deputy Sheriff Michael Durant and his German Shepherd Fritz. Rick Barker from KRAZY Country 105.9 FM provided the music and voice talent, Leonora's Pets Unlimited Mobile Grooming Service offered free grooming advice to pet owners and free nail trimming for the dogs, and Paul Lemos from Lemos Feed and Pet Supply was on hand dispensing free samples and information on pet care products.

The funds raised were generated through event registration fees, barbeque lunch, pledges gathered by participants of the dog walk, as well as raffle ticket sales. The SYV Humane Society Auxiliary, the fundraising body that runs the organization's thrift shop in Solvang, baked cookies that were sold at the event. The costs of Tails on the Trail were offset by sponsorship money donated from Rio Vista Chevrolet in Buellton and Los Olivos Realty.

The individual who gathered the highest amount of pledges for the dog walk was Terry Thompson who was awarded a prize basket from Bo Derek's Bless the Beasts for her outstanding efforts. Ms. Thompson also teamed with several co-workers to raise over \$2,000.00 in pledges including a match of over \$800.00 from Inamed Corporation in Goleta where Ms. Thompson is employed.



**Photos: Deputy Sheriff Michael Durant demonstrates Fritz's law enforcement abilities to the delight of the crowd; a "hot dog" eyeing a couple of hotdogs; happy family on the trail at Rancho Felicia; "Grill-master Al" making sure everyone is well fed.**

***-Photos courtesy of the SYV Camera Club***

***From the Director's Desk...***

It's been six months since I came aboard as Executive Director of the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society. Each day that I'm here, I learn more and more about the wonderful spirit of this organization. One of the participants of this year's *Tails on the Trail* fundraiser best summed up who we are by dubbing us "the little animal shelter with a big heart." I see this "big heart" in the staff and volunteers who dedicate themselves each and every day in caring for the animals at our shelter, in the volunteers who toil each day to run our House of Treasures Thrift Shop, and also in the Valley community as a whole who have supported us since the day the organization was founded in 1979.

In many communities, when you mention the term animal shelter, people think of a sad and depressing place where dogs and cats languish in kennels facing an uncertain future. Anyone who has visited our shelter knows this is not the case in the Santa Ynez Valley. Our cat room, with its warm afternoon breezes and 180-degree views of the Buellton foothills, provides a leisurely respite for the homeless kitties who "stop in" for a short stay before moving on to their new homes. Visitors to our dog adoption area often comment on how calm and happy the dogs are, as well as the cleanliness of the kennel runs and play yards. Like many other things in the Valley, we take pride in the unique qualities of our animal shelter and work hard to maintain services that the animals and people of the community desire.

I'm proud to work for such a great organization as the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society. I've had the opportunity to meet many of our supporting members, and look forward to getting to know you all better as we move forward. I value any input you might have for us to better serve the community's needs, and certainly appreciate the support you have given to bring us to the place where we are today.

***-Michael R. Moore***

## Memorials

### In Memory Of:

### From:

<i>Helen Longawa Bidgood</i> .....	Mary H. Heyden
<i>Anita Boulanger</i> .....	Bill & Penny Edson, Barbara Murphy, Lorraine Brem, and Nadine Hansen
<i>Martha Brix</i> .....	Beverly Johansen
<i>Roy Courtney</i> .....	Sandra & Bob Lindquist
<i>Dorothea Cox</i> .....	Judi Just
<i>Emil Fitterer</i> .....	Earl & Marge Nelson
<i>Ernestine Freedman</i> .....	Mr. Holguin, Inc., Mr. Martin, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Cary, Mr. Valdez Jr., Mrs. Nichols, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Percy, Mr. Rohila, Mr. Leo, Mr. & Mrs. Erlich, Mr. & Mrs. Rasher, Mrs. Hoyle, Mr. & Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Kuder, and Mr. & Mrs. Perkins
<i>George Gerth</i> .....	Hildy Hoffmann
<i>Ann Gilbert</i> .....	Julia Gay Kintzel, Joyce Knoble, Carol Sherline, Barbara Murphy, Lorraine Brem, and Nadine Hansen
<i>Joanne Hanley</i> .....	Nadine Hansen
<i>Mrs. Mary Harris</i> .....	Jean Seward
<i>Eugenia Hubert</i> .....	Diane L. Howe
<i>John Phillip Hutchins</i> .....	Colleen Kittrelle
<i>Terry Jensen</i> .....	Carol & Rudie Henderson
<i>Lynn Kick</i> .....	Claire & Rena Fitzgerald
<i>Julia Gay Kintzel</i> .....	Candy & Mike Winger, Mr. And Mrs. Gilchrist, Rick & Linda Marzullo, and Kristyl Downey
<i>Cliff Lance</i> .....	Bruce & Liz Beeler
<i>Adrinell Lazor</i> .....	Donna Keeler and Eric Freelandner
<i>Gaye Lubbers</i> .....	Phoebe & Jack Patterson
<i>F.K. "Bill" Mittry, Jr.</i> .....	Ray & Peggy Hotaling, Linda Green, Robert B. Renwick, Frances Lingham, Mr. & Mrs. J.E. McDougale, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Ryan, Edna Paaske, Mrs. Allan Cartter, Buellton Veterinary Clinic, Specifically Equine Charles L. Boles, Norbert & Ann Kramer, Phil Pierucci, Daniel B. Pritchett, Mrs. Marcia Williams, McKee & David Ullman, Robert B. Renwick, Philip & Lillian Toll, Fran & Linda Nutter, Susie Gallagher, Elayne M. Garafolo Schwautz, Helen & Daryl Nielsen, Julie C. Bradley, Norma Benson, Hitching Post Buellton, Stanton Foundation, Ballard Homeowners Association, Hortense Grant, and Victoria Hobbs
<i>Henry "Coco" Murphy</i> .....	Carol & Harris Sherline, Mary Jean Thomson, Bud & Pat Harvey, Barbara Murphy, Lorraine Brem, Aaron & Ann Schwarzwalter, and the SYV Humane Society Auxiliary
<i>Vonnie Odell</i> .....	"CEO Mona"
<i>Dagmar Pedersen</i> .....	E. Sorensen, Ellen Jensen, Inger Birkholm, Darlene Pedersen
<i>Alexander Ritchie</i> .....	Jerry Ewing
<i>Mrs. Severenson</i> .....	Jill Bellowe
<i>Judy Spillman</i> .....	Carol & Harris Sherline, Dwight & Linda Dickerson, SYV Humane Society Auxiliary, Friedel J. Heckl, Rose Millar, Frederick & Susan Powell, Gary & Tanya Dennett, Jerry & Betty Ewing, and Jean Seward
<i>Kae Steel</i> .....	SYV Humane Society Auxiliary
<i>Jeannie Summers</i> .....	Victoria Rochester
<i>Virginia Tremont</i> .....	Carol Sherline
<i>Joyce Walsh</i> .....	Donna Hudak, Nadine Hansen, Mary Louise Lindley, Carol Sherline, Emily Abello, Friedel J. Heckl, Myra Peterson, Arla Nedegaard, Jeanne Glover, Lucille Wulff, Bobbi Hunter, Rose Millar, Walter & Mary Jean Thomson, Jerry Ewing, Shirley Harwood, Edna Spinelli, Jean Seward, Barbara Murphy, and Lorraine Brem
<i>Joyce Weintraub</i> .....	Walter Thomson and Dorothy Mastagni

## **HOUSE OF TREASURES**



Our own special treasure is the House of Treasures's Thrift Shop located in Solvang. This unique shop is operated by the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society's Auxiliary. The auxiliary members and community volunteers staff the store, sort and price the merchandise, and stock the shelves. It takes many hours to keep the store stocked and to maintain the hours that the shop is open, so volunteers are always needed. If you have 4 or more hours a month, we could use your help. All the

proceeds go directly to the Buellton Shelter to help defray some of the expenses. The shop is a major source of funding for the Shelter.

If you have not visited the shop, the address is 393 Alisal Road, directly across the street from the Royal Scandinavian Inn. The hours are Mon. 10:00 – 2:00, Wed.- Sat. 10:00 – 4:00, and Sun. 12:00 – 3:00, closed on Tuesday.

We always have very nice and interesting merchandise—sometimes, even strange, so stop by and find your special treasure.

Many thanks to our auxiliary members and community volunteers for all their hard work. And many thanks to all the people who donate their unwanted items to us. Without these donations, we wouldn't have a shop.

## Pet Memorials

### In Memory Of:

### From:

<i>"Mim"</i> .....	Hortense Grant
<i>"Dixie"</i> .....	Lyndia Scott
<i>"Merlot"</i> .....	Beverly Myers, M.D.
<i>"Lucy"</i> .....	David & Laura Stanton
<i>"Tyrone"</i> .....	Sonny Lindquist
<i>"Mandy"</i> .....	Dianne Howe
<i>"Sydney"</i> .....	Whitney Grant
<i>"Jetta"</i> .....	Whitney Grant
<i>"Cuddles"</i> .....	Dennis Brooks
<i>"Brit"</i> .....	Joan Galvan
<i>"Sunny"</i> .....	Joan Galvan
<i>"Kate"</i> .....	Joan Galvan
<i>"Little Guy"</i> .....	Christy Tuller
<i>"Chuck"</i> .....	Millie Lyons
<i>"Hank"</i> .....	Laura Stanton
<i>"Cleo"</i> .....	Sandra Lindquist
<i>"Murphy"</i> .....	Whitney Grant
<i>"Smoke"</i> .....	Terry Thompson
<i>"Rugby"</i> .....	Terry Thompson



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July/Summer Heat Warnings

As we head into the summer months, here are a few tips to keep in mind to ensure the happiness and safety of your furry family members at this time of the year.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July – Fun for people, scary for pets

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a fun day for people, but can be a scary and dangerous day for dogs and cats. The flashes and kabooms of the fireworks show often frighten pets causing them to run and hide. It's no wonder the 5<sup>th</sup> of July is the day more pets are reported missing than any other day of the year. Do your pets a favor and bring them indoors to a safe and quiet room this year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We strongly suggest that you put an I.D. tag on your pet to make finding and placing lost animals easier. If you should lose your pet, or find someone else's, please be sure to report it to the S.Y.V. Humane Society - 688-8224.

Ideally, it is best to be at home with your pet during stressful situations, such as during the fireworks show. If this is not possible, we suggest boarding your pet or using your own airline carrier to contain it safely. If you have an overly nervous pet, you may want to consult your veterinarian regarding a tranquilizer.

One common misconception is to tie up your dog for safety. This is not a good idea because if they get scared they can (and almost always do) break or chew through the lead. Even worse, they can try to bolt over a nearby fence and hang themselves.

If you're having a barbeque or party at your home, be sure to monitor your pets so they don't eat any dangerous foods that might make them sick and spoil everyone's good time.

### Summer Heat Kills!

With the mercury rising to the 90 and 100-degree marks on some days here in the Valley, please keep in mind the following:

- Always make sure water and shade are available to your animals. If possible, allow your pets indoors during the day.
- Do not leave your dog in a parked car on a warm day. Even with the windows cracked, the interior of a car can reach dangerously high temperatures in just a few minutes.
- Exercise your pets early in the day or late in the afternoon to avoid the midday heat.
- Monitor your animals for signs of heat stress or dehydration. If you notice shallow breathing, a rapid heart rate, and high temperature, cool him gradually with wet towels, a cool bath, or ice around the neck, head, and groin and take him to the veterinarian.

*Please help us remind others in the community of these import safety tips so that everyone (including pets) will enjoy this time of year!*

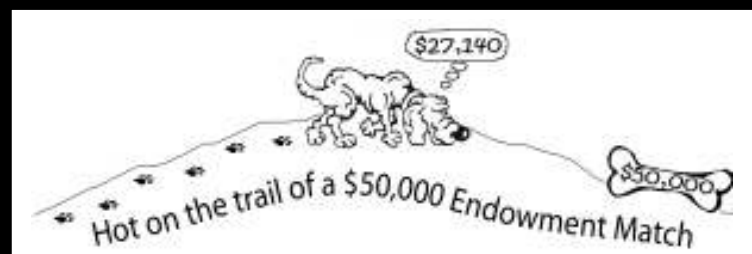
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Hot on the trail of a \$50,000 Endowment Match

We're over halfway to our goal of raising \$50,000 in new contributions for the SYV Humane Society Endowment Fund. A generous donor has offered to make a matching contribution of \$50,000 once we reach this goal. You can help by sending your tax-deductible contribution\* to the SYV Humane Society today. Be sure to indicate "Endowment Match" on your contribution.

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide permanent income (in the form of earnings from the invested funds) to offset operating expenses and ensure the long-term viability of the SYV Humane Society.

\*tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law

## PET GOSSIP



**Toco and Boo. People aren't the only ones who come to our shelter to adopt a new pet. Toco, a SYV Humane Society "alum" himself, stopped by recently to adopt his new kitten Boo. Their human companions report that the two are becoming fast friends.**

## A Debt of Gratitude

Many thanks are owed for the generous gifts we have received from community donors throughout the past year. As you know, the Humane Society depends on community support to keep its doors open. We have enjoyed incredible support in the form of volunteerism, participation in our fundraising drives, charitable donations, as well as private and foundation grants. As a non-profit charity, the amount of revenue we receive from the services we offer at our shelter is far less than our annual operating budget. In order to make ends meet and continue to offer our services at a cost that is accessible to the broadest segment of the community, we depend on these additional sources of income and are very grateful to those who provide them.

### Special thanks to the following trusts and foundations for their financial support over the past year:

<i>Herbert &amp; Gertrude Latkin Charitable Foundation</i>	<i>Luster Family Foundation</i>
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