



Pet Tails



Summer 2006

Summer Heat

by Darcie Barnes, DVM, MPVM

We could see him running from his car with the Basset Hound in his arms. Low Boy's ears flopped loosely as only a Basset's can. We had admired them the week before when Low Boy had come into the clinic for vaccinations and the clinic staff had all come out to meet the beautiful, 6-month-old pup, Jason's pride and joy.

This was different. Now his master was crying and saying, "I killed him, I think he's dead!!" I ran to examine him with my stethoscope — staff behind me ready to

help. "What happened?" I said as I looked at the pup. He didn't look good. His gums were pale and his mouth was dry. His eyes would never look lovingly at his master again. He was dead and couldn't be revived.

It took some time for Jason to tell us the story. As usual, he had taken Low Boy to school with him so the pup could wait for him while he was in class before going to the dog park. The class started at 8:30 a.m. and was out at 10 a.m. It was foggy; he had left water for him,



Dogs primarily cool themselves by panting.

cracked the windows and parked in the shade.

During class, the fog lifted, the shade moved and the cab of the truck heated up. It can take as little as 10 minutes for temperatures inside a car or truck to reach 110 degrees, and then continue to climb. Jason had talked to a few friends after class and it had taken a few minutes to walk back to the truck, but he reached it

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Ask Kona



Dear Kona,

We are about to adopt a dog that isn't houstrained. My family wants Bella to be a companion who shares our life indoors and out. Can we houstrain and adult dog? If so please tell us how.
D.F.

Dear D.F.,

Yes!! You certainly can houstrain your new family member. Be prepared to reinforce good behavior; bring a few small tasty treats when you pick up Bella (food communicates well with us dogs). When you arrive home, take Bella to the

yard and wait, she may sniff and explore. Be patient — don't leave her, let her wander about. When she "does her business" say "Yes" and give her a treat. Now you can take her into the house.

Dogs are likely to need a potty break after a nap,

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Volunteer Spotlight

By Melanie Hatzman

Each week a dedicated crew of dog-walkers converges at the Humane Society's animal shelter for a morning of exercise with our adoptable dogs. This group has many extraordinarily dedicated individuals including Pat Donato, a valley resident for the last seven years.

Pat began volunteering at the humane society five years ago after speaking with a friend who volunteered at the shelter. Pat's stunning personality and love of ani-



Pat with Vita at Tails on the Trail April 23, 2006.

mals makes her a wonderful asset in our volunteer program.

In addition to dog-walking, Pat also lends a hand with our Pet Visitation program which involves taking shelter dogs to local assisted living communities and senior centers here in the valley.

Pat and the other wonderful volunteers help our shelter to spread the word in the community about the different programs, such as adoptions and our low cost spay

and neuter clinic. Pat also enjoys time with her loving golden retriever "Vita" including participating in the 2006 Tails on the Trail event which support the Humane Society.

Wish List

Pet supplies:

Nutromax pet food
Canned dog & cat food
Pelletized animal bedding
Rescue Remedy
DAP (dog appeasing pheromone comfort & spray)
Feliway spray

Sturdy kennel toys:

Nylabones
Kongs, large and small size
Buster cubes
Jolly balls
Stuffed dog toys
Squeaky toys
Tennis balls
Portable shade canopy
Cleaning supplies:
Sponges
Paper towels
Trash bags
Office supplies:
Copy paper
Pens
Highlighters
Sharpies
Dry erase markers
Small television with DVD player

Household item donations accepted at the *House of Treasures Thrift Shop*.

Letter from the Executive Director



I can hardly believe it's been over a year since I began as the Humane Society's Executive Director. Over the past year, we have been challenged to clarify who we are and what we want to become.

At the last meeting of our Board of Directors, we approved a new mission and vision statement. Although our underlying purpose has not changed, the way we communicate it to those unfamiliar with our work has.

I am pleased to present our new mission and vision to you, our supporters, as we move forward.

Sincerely, *Krista Ruiz*

The Mission of the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society, Inc. is to serve our community by providing and promoting humane, compassionate, and conscientious care of companion animals and preventing their overpopulation.

The Vision of the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society is to be the companion animal resource in the Santa Ynez Valley by:

- providing people with the information and resources they need to raise happy, healthy, safe and socialized companion animals,
- providing our community with information and resources to successfully control the population of and improve the lives of feral domestic animals, and
- providing companion animals with the chance for a brighter future.

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Successful Tails on the Trail

By Liz Beeler



Thomas gets into the act with Sue Rudd and Betsy Riedy.

Cooler weather than usual was experienced at this year's "Tails on the Trail" fundraiser for the SYV Humane Society. This change proved to be a good one and resulted in record attendance by dogs.

Without the heat, more dogs seemed energized and participation was higher than ever in the dog contests and in trying out the agility course following demonstrations by the Goleta Valley Dog Club.

The raffle was well supported by local businesses who generously gave more than 50 excellent items. As emcee, Carp from KRAZY Country, 105.9 announced winners hourly.

Prizes donated for the Poker Walk included first place, a Gainey Winery tasting tour for eight; second



Dogs had fun with their owners trying out agility for the first time.

place, a case of Firestone Double

Barrel Ale and Antonio's Pizza gift certificate; and third place, an El Rancho gourmet gift basket.

Terry Thompson won the prize for collecting the greatest amount of money in the pledge gathering contest. The Chumash Casino Resort provided a get-



Adoptable dogs Joker with Linda DeLaura and Thomas with Marc Owens are introduced to attendees by Carp from KRAZY Country.

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Summer Heat

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by 10:45. By then, it was too late.

Every year pets, livestock, children and babies, and a few adults die from overheating. In the case of dogs most deaths are a result of being left in cars or trucks, for cats much of the danger comes from being accidentally locked inside a clothes dryer. Pets can't sweat like humans can and their small body size leaves them unable to handle excess heat.

Some animals have poor breathing ability because of shortened faces, pets like Pugs, Shih-Tzus and Boxers. Obese and elderly pets of any breed are less able to cool them-



Shortened faces make some dogs more susceptible to the heat.

selves than the young and slender. Even though some handle heat better than others, all pets are very vulnerable!! Livestock, because of their larger size and sweating ability, are less vulnerable but

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can also suffer fatal heat stroke.

How do you recognize heat stroke?

The predominant evidence will be circumstantial. Is the pet in an environment or involved in an activity that could lead to overheating? Early signs of heat stroke are a rapid heart rate and rapid breathing. Excessive panting and drooling may be seen. Gums may be bright red. The pet may be unusually hyperactive and excited.

In more advanced heat stroke you may see seizures, muscle tremors, collapse and coma or death. Respiratory distress will be obvious as the pet hyperventilates. Gums grow pale as the pet's condition deteriorates. The pupils of the eye may be enlarged or like pinpoints.

Overheating affects almost all the body's systems: heart, kidneys, liver, central nervous system, the gastrointestinal tract, the muscles, and others. If the pet survives the initial incident, treatment can be very costly and many complications

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can occur.

For a pet to survive severe heatstroke, it must be treated immediately. **HEAT STROKE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.** If you aren't sure if your pet has heatstroke, call your veterinarian or emergency clinic and describe what you are seeing. If you are sure, call the veterinarian to tell them you are on your way and why. **DO NOT DELAY.**

If your pet has become seriously overheated, you must start cooling him before and during transportation to the veterinarian. Wet the pet with cool or tepid water (NOT COLD), and fan the pet or allow air from an open window to flow over it. Moisten the mouth and allow the pet to drink if desired.

Death from heat stroke can happen to any pet, even those from the most loving homes. The best way to prevent it is to NEVER leave your dog, or other living creature, in a vehicle that may become overheated.

Ask Kona

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after eating or drinking, and after playing vigorously, being excited or anxious. At these times grab a cookie and walk Bella outside. If she relieves herself, reinforce that good behavior in the appropriate place with a "Yes" and a cookie. If not, walk her out again soon.

Anticipating her needs helps her get it right. Remember, this is a new game for her.

If she makes a mistake in the house, just clean it up and vow to take her out more often (set a timer if necessary).

Scolding or punishing is counterproductive, it will damage the wonderful relationship you want to build. She may also assume that the act of peeing is being punished, not the location and then hide when she needs to relieve herself.

Patience, observation and reinforce-

ment are the keys to housetraining your very lucky dog. Enjoy her friendship.

Wags,
Kona

Kona is a 13-year-old chocolate Labrador Retriever. She is companion and mentor to animal behaviorist, Amanda Eagle. Send your questions to Kona, PO Box 1111, Santa Ynez, 93460. She will answer one question in our next newsletter.

Continue Supporting the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society



KC is waiting at the shelter for his new family to find him.

Donations directly benefit the animals at the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society and support our low-fee spay and neuter program.

The Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society is a 501(c)3 private, non-profit organization. We are not governed by nor do we receive monetary support from any regional or national Humane Society or SPCA.

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Successful Tails on the Trail



Doug Riedy, Liz Beeler and Carey Kendall helped pick winners for raffle prizes each hour.

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away package for her prize.

Major sponsors of the event this year were: Gold Sponsors-Bank of America and two generous “anonymous” sponsors; Silver Sponsors-Owens & Jakkola Tax Profes-

sionals and another “anonymous” sponsor; Bronze Sponsors-Rancho San Carlos de Jonata, Butler Animal Health Supply, C&D LLP Certified Public Accountants & Advisors, and Chicago Title Company.

The event raised almost \$20,000 which will provide care for adoptable cats and dogs at the

shelter and support low-fee spay and neuter surgeries at the Humane Society’s clinic.

Other upcoming events:

July 4th watch for us at the Solvang Rotary

parade and carnival

Holidays July 4th and September 4th holiday hours 10 am-12 pm

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month



An agility novice is lured over the jump with the promise of yummy treats on the other side.