



# Pet Tails Holidays 2004

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## SYV Humane Society "Meets its Match"

**G**reat News! As many of you know, we have been working hard to raise \$50,000 in new donations to our endowment fund in order to meet a matching challenge from a generous donor. We are thrilled to report that we have successfully reached this goal, thanks to the recent contributions of many of our supporters who rallied with us to "meet our match."

In October of this year, we made the final push toward our goal through our "Double Your Money" campaign. Letters were distributed throughout the community, and the local newspapers helped our cause by printing articles about this unique appeal. The community responded very enthusiastically with individual gifts ranging from \$10.00 to \$5,000.00.

"We are overwhelmed with the support and enthusiasm we have received in support of this effort," commented Bruce Beeler, President of the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society. "Our community members have proven once again their commitment to animal welfare in our community."

The Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society endowment fund was established to help permanently ensure the viability of the animal shelter and clinic programs. When the fund was established several years ago, the long-term goal was to establish a permanent endowment of one million dollars. By design, the principle balance of the endowment is invested in funds that provide regular predictable income to support the programs offered at the Buellton shelter.



## 'Tis the Season to Take Extra Precautions for Your Pet's Safety

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. But make sure it's a wonderful time for your pets, as well. The decorations, food, and festivities can add up to disaster for your companion animal. American Humane ([www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org)) offers the following tips for keeping your pets safe at this festive time of the year.

### Christmas trees

- Anchor trees securely. Climbing cats and dogs with wagging tails can knock over your tree.
- Hang breakable, glass ornaments well out of reach. The small glass and metal fastenings can be stepped on or even swallowed by your pet.
- Keep tinsel, ribbons, and garland out of reach of pets, especially cats that are intrigued by them. These can become lodged in their intestines and cause obstruction and lead to surgery or death.
- Clean up pine needles frequently. They can be toxic when eaten by your pet.
- Prevent your pet from drinking water in the tree stand if you have added preservative chemicals. These can be poisonous to pets. Also, stagnant water can contain bacteria, which may lead to vomiting and diarrhea if ingested.



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### Holiday house plants

Although they add a warm touch, many plants can harm your pets. Keep these potentially dangerous bloomers well out of reach.

- Lilies can be deadly to cats, and many types can cause cats to have kidney failure.
- Poinsettias, although not as toxic as people often think, can upset your pet's digestive system.
- Mistletoe, especially the berries, is highly toxic, can cause stomach upset, and has the potential to cause fatal heart problems.
- Holly can cause vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, and lethargy.
- Certain types of Ivy, such as English Ivy, can also cause severe harm.
- Amaryllis can cause vomiting and diarrhea.
- Hibiscus can cause diarrhea.



### Lights, candles, and fragrance

- Keep lights and extension cords safely secured or covered to deter chewing, which can lead to electric shock or even electrocution. Better yet, invest in pet-proof extension cords, or spray with products such as Bitter Apple or Chew Stop.
- Candles can be fragrant and enticing to pets. But they can be a fire hazard if knocked over by an exuberant pet, and the fumes can be harmful to birds.
- Liquid potpourri and sachets, popular during the holidays, can be very dangerous. Exposure can cause skin or oral damage to your pet and may cause illness or death.

### Food

- Chocolate can affect the nervous system and cause urinary system and heart muscle damage in your pet. It also contains theobromine which can be especially harmful to dogs if ingested in large quantities. Keep unsweetened baking chocolate, especially dark chocolate out of reach.
- Coffee is also dangerous to animals. Watch out for grounds and whole beans. Nicotine is a stimulant that can increase the heart rate leading to collapse, and in the worst case, even death.
- Onions are toxic. They inhibit an animal's ability to coagulate blood. Foods containing high amounts of onion powder should also be avoided.
- Fatty foods can cause digestive upset, as can bread dough, nuts, and other "people" foods. Traditional holiday foods such as turkey, ham, and other fatty foods can cause pancreatitis in some animals. Stomach upset, vomiting, and diarrhea can occur if pets consume these items. Limit table scraps, and let your guests know as well.
- Alcoholic beverages should be kept away from animals year-round.
- Bones can be damaging to intestinal tracts. Poultry bones can be especially dangerous or even fatal to animals.

- Grapes and raisins can lead to loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and acute renal failure in dogs resulting in death.
- Watch the string that ties up the turkey or roast, as well as the little red "pop-up" thermometers. Dogs and cats often eat these tasty things, causing intestinal blockage.

If you suspect your pet has gotten into a potentially poisonous substance, call your veterinarian immediately! Have the telephone number to your local emergency animal hospital readily available, as well as the number for the national animal poison control center.

### Make the holidays special for your pet

Provide your pet some extra love and attention to let them know they're not forgotten.

- Take your dog for an extra walk -- it'll help both you and your pet relieve some of that holiday stress.
- Keep a supply of pet treats handy and reach for one before you're tempted to toss your pet that little bite of "people" food.
- Let your pet get into the gift-giving spirit by making a donation to the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society in his name.

### Letter from the President

*Dear Supporters,*

*I am in awe of your generosity! Our appeal to you to complete the \$50,000 match campaign was accomplished and exceeded. Your board of directors knows there are many worthwhile non-profit organizations in our Valley. We are grateful so many of you believe in our work and stand behind our efforts.*

*As year end approaches, we reflect on a successful 2004. Beyond the match effort we:*

- 1) increased our spay-neuter program.*
- 2) found homes for numerous dogs and cats in our Valley.*
- 3) held our annual dog walk, "Tails on the Trail," and TrainFest with record attendance at both.*
- 4) increased our endowment to help insure our ability to provide animal care at a high standard.*

*I'm not sure how much our shelter residents understand about our successes but we can report a high level of tail wagging!*

*In 2005, please visit the shelter, tell your friends about us, volunteer at the shelter or Thrift Shop, attend "Tails on the Trail" in the spring and keep up your wonderful support.*

*Sincerely,*

*Bruce Beeler  
President  
Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society*





This issue of *Pet Tails* is dedicated to Hank Morgan who passed away earlier this year. Hank was a true friend of the SYV Humane Society's shelter animals. He spent countless hours volunteering with the dogs, and for years donated all of the dog treats for our adoption dogs.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- **New Web Address and Email** – Be sure to check out our newly formatted web site at [www.syvhumane.org](http://www.syvhumane.org). Also, please note our new email is [info@syvhumane.org](mailto:info@syvhumane.org).
- **Increased Spay/Neuter Efforts** – In an effort to continually reduce the numbers of unwanted pets in our community, we are taking steps to increase the availability of our low-fee spay/neuter services. We have applied for grants to help with our education and outreach efforts, and have begun contracting the services of Nicole Marinelli, DVM to provide surgery services on a more frequent basis.
- **“Tails on the Trail,” April 24, 2005** – Mark your calendar for next year's “Tails on the Trail”, our annual dog walk fund raising event, which will take place on the last Sunday in April at historic Rancho Felicia.
- **Calendar SNAFU** – Due to an ordering error (not our fault), we were not able to get the cute pet calendars sent out to you in time for the New Year. We are very sorry about that!

### Memorials

#### **In Memory Of:**

#### **From:**

<i>Susan Poett Bowen</i> .....	Eric Hvolboll
<i>Be Carmen</i> .....	Jeanette Polaire
<i>Joyce Duer</i> .....	Theresa Duer & co-workers, Gary Grinsell & Susan Horton, Donald & Dian Nielson, Charlotte Young, Andrew & Jaqueline Joughin, Leoda Hvolboll & Tom Ward, Flo Hamilton, Howard & Lorraine Berry, Betty & Jerry Ewing, Thomas & Carolynn Peterson, Claude & Elizabeth Dickinson, Dorothy Coon, Rose Millar, Gordon & Ruth Erickson, Carol Sherline, Betty Eyman, J. L. Britton, Jean Seward, Lorraine Brem & Barbara Murphy
<i>Esther Fairbanks</i> .....	Christensen & Drake, LLP
<i>Eugenia Hubert</i> .....	Dianne & John Howe
<i>Hank Morgan</i> .....	Carol Sherline; Neidiger, Tucker & Bruner; William Tremmel, Eduardo Pajon, Jr.; Lance & Judy Brown, John & Sandy Gray, M. C. Harder, Overland Investigation Bureau, Matthew Brieske, Sue Baumann, SYV Elks, Glenn Johansen, Chris Keivit, Pamela G. Meyer, James & Madeleine McMullan, Michael & Suzanne Mitchell, Clarence & Verginia Falkenburg, Erik Harder, and Xanna W. Ehrlich
<i>Leslie Randal</i> .....	Earl & Leona King
<i>Rusty Richards</i> .....	Jim & Barbara Bigelow
<i>Judy Spillman</i> .....	Roger & Lauri Spillman
<i>Edna Sturts</i> .....	Emily & Neal Abello
<i>Florence Thielicke</i> .....	SYV Riders
<i>Mary Ann Train</i> .....	Audrey Farmer and Charlotte B. Young

### Pet Memorials

#### **In Memory Of:**

#### **From:**

<i>“Winky”</i> .....	Emily & Neal Abello
<i>“Loki”</i> .....	Emily & Neal Abello
<i>“Riley”</i> .....	Joan Candy
<i>“Riley”</i> .....	Whitney Grant
<i>“Starlight”</i> .....	Dave Reynolds
<i>“Liam” Balaban</i> .....	Mary Lou Running
<i>“Troy”</i> .....	Bodil & George Cudd

## **SHELTER HOURS**

**Mon. – Sat., 10:00 – 4:00**

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## **CLINIC**

**Call 688-8224 for appointment**

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## **DOG BOARDING**

**Call 688-8224 for reservations**

# HOUSE OF TREASURES



Our own special treasure is the House of Treasure'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.

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, Tue. 12:00 - 3:00 Wed.-

Sat. 10:00 - 4:00, and Sun. 12:00 - 3:00.

You will always find very nice and interesting merchandise—sometimes, even strange, so stop by and find your special treasure. For example, we have a Baldwin Organ, another Organ and a 66" x 42" Oak dining table with an 18" inch leaf.

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.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the shop. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Susan Tate at 688-1031.

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The Board of Directors, staff, and many volunteers would like to wish all our friends and neighbors a happy holiday season. We would also like to thank everyone for all the support that has been given to us this year, as in the years past.

Without your support, we would not be able to care for the homeless animals in the Valley.

Thanks for caring.



## 2004 Holiday Donation Form

(clip and mail to: SYV Humane Society, P.O. Box 335, Buellton, CA 93427)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Contribution Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your contribution to the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society is tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. Thank you!!

