Yolo County SPCA Mission:
To continuously improve the welfare of animals in the community through programs that promote the adoption of homeless animals into permanent, loving homes; humane education; spay/neutering; and the trapping, altering, and releasing of feral cats. Thanks to the contributions of our members, volunteers, and the public, we can create a more humane tomorrow.

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Yolo County Annual Report 2011

It’s hard to believe that another year has zipped by and that I am already tasked with writing about our accomplishments in 2011! We are fortunate to have great staff, volunteers, and supporters that enable us to help many animals in our community.

We have a fantastic network of foster homes that provide care and shelter to the many animals we are asked to rescue. Volunteer caregivers nurture many homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, some of which are sick, injured, or underage, until they are ready to be adopted. While the Yolo County SPCA provides food, medications, veterinary care and guidance, foster families open their homes to these animals for what can sometimes be long periods of time. Thanks to the efforts of many foster homes, our cat foster home coordinator, Shelley Bryant and our dog foster home coordinator, Sharon Montooth, we were able to adopt out 200 dogs and puppies and just over 160 cats and kittens.

The YCSPCA Thrift Store at Third and I Streets in downtown Davis continues to be our main fundraising source and began the year under the leadership of a new manager, Darci Soiu. Darci has worked at the store for over seven years and held the position of Assistant Manager for the last few years. She promoted another long time employee, Jaci Inama, to Assistant Manager. Under their guidance, the store has grown tremendously and had the largest sales volume in its history.

Proceeds from the thrift store fund our office at the Yolo County Animal Services (YCAS), where we provide additional support to the animals and employees at their shelter facility. Managed by Angela Kinn, and assisted by Sandra Salazar and Abrah Wymore, we provide adoption counseling for the adoptable shelter animals, contact and coordinate with rescue organizations for the transfer of animals who are not able to be adopted out of the shelter, and oversee the lost/found pet program for Yolo County. During 2011, our staff helped facilitate the rescue of 448 dogs and...
puppies, and 484 cats and kittens (with Angela transporting over 300 of the cats to San Francisco SPCA); adopt over 250 dogs and puppies, and over 210 cats and kittens. In August of this year, we also began providing partial funding for a part-time Volunteer Coordinator at YCAS. Margot Wilcox, a long time YCAS volunteer, has started as the Volunteer Coordinator and is working hard to bring in much needed additional assistance to the shelter staff and animals.

Our Spay/Neuter/Community Cat Coordinator, Jill Souza, oversees and coordinates our programs that provide support to those who participate in a Trap-Neuter-Release program for community cats and to coordinate low-cost spay/neuter outreach and services. One of our programs is a transport service to clinics in Placer and El Dorado Counties where community cats and companion cats are spayed/neutered at a cost of $25-$35 per animal. In 2011 Jill transported over 300 cats on these trips. We provide ongoing financial support to the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition for their voucher program (which has helped to spay/neuter almost 650 animals since September 2010) and also sponsored and participated in SAAC’s SPAY DAY USA in March.

We participated in many community events -- UC Davis’ Picnic Day Parade and Animal Events, the Davis Chamber’s Day on the Quad, The Sacramento Zoo’s Boo at the Zoo, the Community Service Fair at UC Davis, Woodland Presbyterian Church’s Blessing of the Animals Service, the Oddfellows Bingo Fundraiser, and Therapy Fluffies for UCD students. We also hosted two successful fundraisers: Tails, Treasures and Tastings, a dessert fest held in June, and the Recycle, Renew and Reuse Festival at the thrift store in September. Both were fun, well attended and successful!

In 2012 we will continue to expand our relationships with many organizations and people in the community to create as many options as possible for the animals in need in our county. Thanks to the contributions of our members, volunteers, employees and the public - we are working together to create a more humane tomorrow. - Kim Kinnee, YCSPCA Executive Director
How You Can Help the YCSPCA

The Yolo County SPCA is fortunate to have the support of our community. The number of volunteers we have is a vital component in the success of our organization, but the reality is that to help the number of animals we help, we also need ongoing financial support. The thrift store in downtown Davis provides a strong, stable foundation for fundraising, and is a great resource for bargain shoppers. In addition, it helps the community by encouraging the recycling of household items you can no longer use, but that someone else may find they need. Not a thrift store shopper? Not ready to part with that set of dishes or old couch yet? There are many other ways to support the Yolo County SPCA!

If you are an online shopper, please consider using the website Adoptashelter.com. Every time you make a purchase through this website at any one of the over 400 top-name stores (Amazon, Best Buy, and Old Navy, to name a few), 100% of the amount displayed at the end of your purchase is donated to the organization you chose. Not a thrift store shopper? Not ready to part with that set of dishes or old couch yet? There are many other ways to support the Yolo County SPCA!

If you apply for a Scrip card, every time you shop, a designated amount is donated back to the agency or agencies of your choice. The Yolo County is a registered agency with Nugget; if you are interested in obtaining a scrip card, please contact info@yolospca.org for more information.

Of course, you can always make a financial donation at our website yolospca.org or mail a check to P. O. Box 510, Davis, CA 95617. You can also designate how you want the funds used --spay/neuter? To help sick/injured animals? The community cat program? Food/supplies for the foster homes? And lastly, you can always help by purchasing supplies for the our foster homes --quality cat or dog food, leashes, collars, dog beds, litter, litter pans, cat trees. All of these items are needed and very much appreciated! - Kim Kinnee, YCSPCA Executive Director

We have all sorts of useful and attractive items to help you show your pride in Yolo County SPCA, and save animals at the same time! Whether you could use a water bottle, stuffable shopping bag, flashlight (with flat head and Phillips screwdrivers inside), first-aid pouch, collapsable water dish, shirts, sweatshirts, bandanas, or a notebook, we’ve got you covered. Look stylish and show your love of animals! Please email us your order requests, or visit us at our Saturday Petco adoptions or at the Thrift Store. - Jill Souza, YCSPCA Spay/Neuter/Community Cat Coordinator

Kim Kinnee, YCSPCA Executive Director
Joey, the Two-Legged Chihuahua

In September, I received an email about rescuing a Chihuahua. Why did she need rescue? She was born with no front legs. The people who bred her brought her to a local vet clinic to be euthanized, and thankfully the vet office called the Yolo County SPCA. That call started an amazing journey that has taught me, and so many others, more than I ever imagined.

Joey was 6 weeks old and weighed about 1 lb when I picked her up. I couldn’t believe how small she was! I posted her story and pictures of her on Facebook and people couldn’t help but notice! Joey has an amazingly sweet personality; she is also the most beautiful Chihuahua I have ever seen. A few friends (and long time YCSPCA supporters) work for local news stations, and within 48 hours Joey was elevated to celebrity status. So much has happened since then; follow-up stories, Joey becoming a star in a reality TV show, and flying to OrthoPets (a Veterinary Orthotic and Prosthetic Clinic) in Denver, Colorado to get her first set of wheels.

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While Joey was with me she went to 3 different classrooms to visit children. Joey brightens people’s day (including mine!) just by having her story shared. I hope that she will continue to teach others that no matter what challenge you may face, you can make the best of it. A one pound Chihuahua can bring together an amazing group of people that can make anything happen, and proves that there is goodness in the world. Please follow Joey’s story on Facebook at facebook.com/joeythetwoleggedchihuahua and see her learn to use her mobility device and love living her life. - Ashley Dunleavy, YCSPCA Volunteer

Our Wish List!

We try to keep our foster animals (and our foster homes) as healthy and happy as possible. If you’ve considered donating to Yolo County SPCA, but would sometimes like to send an item we truly need, please consider one of these! We always need dog collars (only the smaller sizes, please), and break-away cat collars to make sure all of our foster animals are safe and identifiable if anything happened to them. Belly bands for our new dogs learning their manners help keep the house sanitary. Snuggle safes are very much needed; they are safe microwavable heating pads that can be left with a sick animal. We are also thrilled to receive quality cat and dog food (dry preferred) and new toys for our wonderful foster animals. - Jill Souza, YCSPCA Spay/Neuter/Community Cat Coordinator

Yolo County SPCA

Current Events

- Cat Spay/Neuter transport to Auburn February 9th (future transports to come).
- Art About at the Yolo SPCA Thrift Store February 10th.
- Therapy Fluffies at the UC Davis Quad February 29th, 10-2 pm.
- Yolo County SPCA Board Meeting March 20th

For full details on all of these events, please visit our website at yolospca.org
Pet Insurance for Your Pal

Before you adopt a pet, you take some time to plan. You think, is this the right time for a pet? Do I have the energy, time, and love to give a pet? Can I handle being woken up at 5 in the morning or cleaning barf off the couch? On the other hand, not everyone thinks as hard about costs. Having a pet is a wonderful thing, but it isn’t cheap. Like humans, animals need food, supplies, and have medical problems that need care.

Most people expect to pay a few hundred dollars a year on pet food, toys, parasite medication, maybe a pet sitter now and again. Pets also need their annual vet visit to be brought up to date on vaccines and checked for general health. The shocker to your account is when Fido swallows your socks and looks a little less than stellar, or when Fluffy gets her third fever of the year that requires hospitalization. The question is, will health insurance save your pet (and bank account) in these cases? The answer depends on you.

Possible insurance sources include but are not limited to PetCare Pet Insurance, Petshealth Care Plan, Veterinary Pet Insurance, and Embrace Pet Insurance. Most pet insurance companies pay about 80% of the costs of pet care that they cover. As with human insurance, each plan has conditions they do not cover. These include hereditary/breed issues, prior conditions, specific common conditions, and animals past a certain age. Most plans have a yearly deductible, a coverage maximum for any specific condition, as well as a yearly maximum. For somewhere around $12-$40 per month you can insure your pet.

Pet insurance is complicated; do your research, read online articles, and pick a company and plan that has benefits that seem best for you and your pet. Many people find they will spend more on health insurance than just paying for the care for their animal as it arises. If you decide that having pet insurance is not in the plan for you right now, having a savings account or specific money set aside each month for the ‘what ifs’ of having a pet is a must. There are always important demands on your money, but knowing how much you are willing and able to spend on your furry companion, and having access to that money when you need it most can help prevent a lot of tears and stress when the moment comes. - Jill Souza, YCSPCA Spay/Neuter/Community Cat Coordinator

Board Member Spotlight: Elieen Tutt

Name: Eileen Wenger Tutt
Role on Yolo County SPCA Board: Board Member
Spouse: Tim Tutt
Names & ages of children: Daniel 17 and Hannah Mae 14
Birthplace: Oregon
Names & types of pets: King and Sissy our dogs, Wingo Bingo, Wuebbie the Boss and Cartman (RIP 2011 but still in our hearts)

What drew you to the YCSPCA? My kids’ passion for animals
Hobbies/Interests: Jogging and reading
Favorite Quote: Too many to name but includes, “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” – Maya Angelou

Anything else you would like to share: YCSPCA is a fabulous organization and I am continually impressed by the commitment of the staff and volunteers. Also, we need to get off this killer dependence on oil so if you are thinking of a new car (or a used car a few years from now) consider an electric vehicle.
There are numerous options available for getting animals in Yolo County spayed and neutered. Whether it is your pet, your neighbor’s pet, or a stray animal who needs to be altered, there is likely some program out there to help make it more affordable. Most of these programs use grant money or donations from private individuals to pay a portion or nearly all of the cost of spay or neuter so that we can help cut down on pet overpopulation. The fewer litters our animals have (or our friends’ and neighbors’ animals have), the smaller the number of animals that end up in our shelters hoping to find a home.

Depending on income level, cats can be fixed for anywhere from $10-$30, and some of these options come with free or discounted vaccines. For in-county options, dog owners must be low income (35K or less a year) and can find dog options most of the year for $15-$90.

Low cost options for community cats include vaccinations, flea treatment, spay/neuter surgery, and an eartip that identifies them as altered. The eartip can help prevent them from being euthanized at the shelter because shelter and YCSPCA staff can alert caregivers to eartipped cats.

Kittens and puppies are cute, but anyone who wants to experience them can do so free of charge by applying to be a foster home for a litter! Cats can be altered at 2 lbs (8-10 weeks) and can get pregnant as young as 4-6 months, and dogs can usually be altered at 8 weeks old. Please spread the word about spaying and neutering pets! It takes all of us to help care for animals in our community.

For details regarding spay and neuter, please visit yolospca.org or email Jill at jill.ycspca@yahoo.com. – Jill Souza, YCSPCA Spay/Neuter/Community Cat Coordinator

Spay/Neuter Help in Your Community

Cat Tree Upkeep

Cats have an instinctual need to scratch. Scratching allows the cat to exercise, stretching the body, feet, and claws. It allows cats to remove the dead outer layer of the claws. Cats also scratch to leave their scent on an object to identify territory. Scratching trees are excellent because they are built to satisfy all these scratching needs.

It’s important to keep the cat tree in good repair to avoid accidents or injuries. Ingesting cat tree materials can result in serious intestinal discomfort or blockage. Carpet threads or segments of rope can also get caught in teeth or wrapped around the tongue. Nails can get caught in worn materials. Any of these events are painful for the cat, and may necessitate a trip to the vet or even surgery.

With a little elbow grease and some simple supplies, your cat tree can be quickly refurbished. If you want to make your cat safer and happier, don’t delay. Repair your cat tree today. – Sue Tabor, YCSPCA Board Member

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Foster Families

Have you ever considered fostering animals? Maybe you do, or have, and you know the joys and heartaches that come with the job. We asked a few of our foster homes what made them decide to start fostering for the Yolo County SPCA, so you could see fostering through their eyes.

Erin Roscoe had recently moved to Yolo County and wanted to get involved in the community here. “I am a big lover of dogs. They are a very important part of my life. I have always wanted to foster, I just never had the time or the space.” Some people plan to foster because they are aware of the need for foster homes. Jessica Spradley said “At first I wanted to adopt a special needs cat, but then I decided that the best way to help the most animals in need was to foster!”

Many of us can’t stand the idea of not having a fuzzy companion to share our lives with, like Monica Nolte. “I had owned two cats prior to becoming a foster parent. They were elderly and each developed significant health issues and died within a year of each other. I was drained financially and emotionally by the experience and did not feel ready to commit to a new pet right away (I was still paying off the loans I took out for kitty cancer medicine and hospitalization). I did really miss having a cat though. My house felt empty without one,” she explained.

Some of us stumble upon the idea, as Anya Clasen did. “About 10 years ago, I walked past the pens at Petco and saw a black pug, Daphne. We had gotten our first pug, Emmy, about six months before. I learned that Daphne already had been adopted but needed somewhere to stay for a few weeks. Of course we got attached to Daphne. Saying goodbye was tough and we didn’t foster again for several years until a friend who worked at the SPCA asked if we’d help out with another dog, Nikki.” Whatever the initial reasons, Yolo County SPCA is beyond thankful for our foster home volunteers. Fostering animals proves to be a special and unusual experience. “We’ve enjoyed being a brief part of the lives of many wonderful dogs,” comments Anya. Thanks, foster homes, we couldn’t rescue and adopt out as many animals as we do without you! - Jill Souza, YCSPCA Spay/Neuter/Community Cat Coordinator

Thrift Store Volunteering

Are you or your teenage children looking for a fun place to volunteer? Come help us out at the thrift store! Volunteering at the thrift store is a great way to help raise money for the animals while building work experience.

Our volunteers help with a variety of tasks; including setting up in the morning, stocking and displaying merchandise, keeping the store clean and organized, and closing in the evening. Volunteer shifts are available from 9am to 7pm every day of the week. Shifts can be as short as one hour or as long as eight and can be scheduled as often as you’d like. All we ask is that you are at least fifteen years old and can provide proof of medical insurance.

If you’re interested in volunteering with an amazing group of people who are fundraising for the YCSPCA, stop by the thrift store at 920 Third Street for a volunteer application. You can also email thrift@yolospca.org or give us a call on 530.758.0544 if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you soon, and thanks for helping out! - Jaci Inama, YCSPCA Thrift Store Assistant Manager
YCSPCA Membership Application

I want to help the Yolo County SPCA save abused, injured, and abandoned animals.

I have enclosed my tax-deductible gift of: (Checks payable to Yolo County SPCA)

[ ] Senior/Student/Junior - $10
[ ] Individual - $15
[ ] Family - $25
[ ] Business - $50
[ ] Contribution Only - $____

Your Name: __________________________________ Phone: ________________________
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Be sure to check out our website at yolospca.org for membership benefits or to sign up online!

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Thank you for your continued support!