

Annual Report 2014, as of December 4, 2014

In December 2013, Shelley Bryant, Pam Carroll, Lydia Caronna-Craig and Nissa Stephenson were reelected to the board. They joined sitting members: Leslie Bauer, Kerry Duncan, Kim Pruett, Lea Rosenberg, Emily Taylor and Dr. Laurie Siperstein-Cook. The following officers were named: **President:** Shelley Bryant, **Vice President:** Emily Taylor, **Treasurer:** Pam Carroll, **Secretary:** Leslie Bauer, **Member at Large:** Kerry Duncan. In February 2014 we were happy to welcome new board member Lauren Bishop.

The YCSPCA Thrift Store at Third and I Streets in downtown Davis continues to be our main fundraising source and continues to be managed by Darci Soiu, with Romina Munoz recently being named Assistant Manager. We are fortunate that the community continues to donate so many items for us to sell in either our main store, our media store, or on eBay or half.com. If we are not able to sell the items for some reason, we are able to recycle further through our ewaste program and to donate excess clothing, toys and linens to another recycling firm.

Proceeds from the thrift store help fund our office at the Yolo County Animal Services (YCAS) where we provide additional support to the animals and employees at this facility. Managed by Angela Kinn, and assisted by Kelly Lee and Hannah Greenspan we provide adoption counseling for the adoptable shelter animals, contact and coordinate with rescue organizations the transfer of animals who are not able to be adopted out of the shelter and oversee the lost/found pet program. Our staff also manages the Community Cats and Barn Cats Programs, which provide options for cats that might not be suitable as household pets but are at risk of euthanasia in a shelter environment. During 2014 (until 12/3/14), our staff helped facilitate the rescue of 434 dogs and puppies, 448 cats and kittens, adopt 494 cats and kittens, and 418 dogs and puppies. Additionally we continued to expand the community cat and barn cat programs with 442 cats being returned and 42 being placed in barn homes. Even more exciting was helping 54 cats and 562 dogs be returned to their owners.

We are also happy to report that the live release rate for animals at the shelter has remained steady this year. Through the end of October, the live release rate for cats is 88% and for dogs it is 92%, with an overall average of 90%. Thank you to the YCAS Staff, our staff at YCAS, volunteers and the community as this is an outstanding achievement.

The YCSPCA continues to participate in numerous community events, some of which have been tradition for years. This year we again sponsored SPAY DAY USA in March and helped staff a few of the clinics with our dedicated volunteers. With the presence of so many YCSPCA volunteers on the Spay Day Committee, we helped to ensure that vet clinics from Yolo County continue to participate. The list of traditional community events that we once again participated in include UC Davis' Picnic Day Parade and Animal Events, the Davis Chamber's Celebrate Davis and Welcome Back to UC Davis Students, the Boo at the Zoo event hosted by the Sacramento Zoo, Woodland Presbyterian Church's Blessing of the Animals Service, and the Oddfellows Bingo Fundraiser. The City of Davis Kid's camp had us come make humane education presentations at their spring break and summer camps. We also continued with the Therapy Fluffies program at UCD where we bring foster dogs and YCAS shelter dogs for students to sit and relax with – a “therapeutic” break from studying for finals. We also participated in therapy events at the UCD Law School and Medical School and at UCD's staff appreciation day. With the participation of Davis Community Meals and volunteer veterinarian, Dr. Karen Krstich, we held two vaccination clinics for animals owned by homeless residents in our community. These very successful clinics were held at Davis Community Meals,

which kindly allowed us to use their community room to receive pets and give them free vaccinations, flea treatment, microchips, collars, leashes and food. We were also the fortunate recipients of holiday donation drives led by Let Them Eat Cake and Regal Cinemas in Davis. Both collected food, collars, leashes, litter boxes, and litter that help support our foster homes and the animals they care for. Additionally, sixth grader Yasmene Christorfori-Munir, the Social Justice Coordinator for St. James School, organized a collection drive in late September that brought a bounty of wonderful goods to help support our foster homes.

Our longtime Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Anamarie Johnson left this summer to pursue her graduate degree in New York. We will greatly miss her, and her husband Kenny, who for many years served as not only one of our volunteer photographers, but also an all around go to person on just about everything. We were fortunate enough to hire Becca Gimlett, who brings many years of volunteer and animal related experience. We are privileged to have so many people willing to give up many hours a week to help set up our adoption events, to transport animals to foster homes, to work at community cat clinics, and to staff the numerous community events we participate in on weekly and sometimes even, a daily basis. Anamarie and Becca's outreach to these volunteers is the reason we have so many volunteers helping at our public events especially our regular three times a month adoption events at the Petco in Davis. We appreciate everything they do from, setting up tables, cat cages, dog pens, to interacting with the public, promoting our adoptable animals, performing adoption counseling and a multitude of other tasks that are necessary to create a successful adoption event. We are fortunate to be able to continue partnering with Petco to help facilitate these adoptions. The Davis store, and its staff, led by Manager Ralph Beard, welcome us on Saturdays when we take over the front of the store with our adoptable dogs and a couple of aisles where we set up our adoptable cats. Many employees even help us with set up and take down!

Our foster home program enables us to care for animals that sometimes just need love and socialization in order to become adoptable and many times can save them from dangerous situations or even euthanasia. We continue to maintain one of the best networks of foster homes that provide care and shelter to the many animals we rescue and adopt to new families. Our volunteer caregivers nurture many homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, some of whom come to us sick, injured or underage, and care for them until they are ready to be adopted. While the Yolo County SPCA gives support by providing food, medications, veterinary care and guidance, foster families open their homes to these animals for what can sometimes be long periods of time. We thank all of those who opened their homes and their hearts to many a homeless animal this year- we could not rescue as many animals as we do without you! We would like to thank Sharon Montooth, our dog coordinator, and Shelley Bryant, our cat coordinator, in managing the intake of animals in need and placing them in the appropriate foster home (or homes as necessary) until they are adopted to their forever home. They also support the foster homes on food and medical needs and are there to take that late evening or early morning call if the foster home needs any type of assistance. Thank you also, to Elizabeth St. Goar for taking such wonderful photographs each week of our adoptable animals, and to Leslie Bauer and Anny Huang for the wonderful biographies they post on the pet adoption sites. As of the date of this report, we have adopted close to 160 dogs and puppies and close to 200 cats and kittens. August of this year saw the highest number of cats/kittens adopted out through our agency - 36!

We reach out and report to the community and our membership in a number of ways. Through our website, overseen by Kim Pruet, and managed by Jill Souza; through our quarterly newsletter, with Leslie Bauer as our editor, and through our Facebook page, administered by a few of us. This is where we can share success stories and also promote our community events. Becca also sends out a weekly eNews letter to our volunteer database.

Jill Souza continues in her role as our Spay/Neuter/Community cat (formerly known as feral) Coordinator. Her job entails overseeing our services to 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 to residents of Yolo County. The TNR program provides effective, non-lethal population control for the community cats and kittens in our communities. Since the program's inception in 2002, the YCSPCA has helped to spay/neuter over 6,700 community cats in Yolo County and surrounding areas. The cats are humanely

trapped and transported to veterinary clinics for spay/neuter and vaccinations and then later released back to their original colonies where dedicated caretakers supervise them. Additionally, we try, when foster home space is available to take in any adoptable cats or kittens, socialize them in our foster homes and then adopt them out to permanent homes. Many dedicated YCSPCA volunteers continue to work tirelessly at the community cat clinics in Solano and Sacramento Counties our veterinary clinics that have provided us with discounted services for our foster animals, Animal Wellness Center and Yolo Veterinary Clinic, have allowed us to bring in many dogs of clients in need. While we did not fund as many vouchers through our partnership with the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition, we were able to provide vouchers to over 150 companion animals of income-qualified families in Yolo County. Jill, with help from Sharon, Anamarie, Becca and Anny, also continued monthly trips to Auburn Spay Neuter Clinic in Placer County where community cats and companion cats are spay/neutered, vaccinated and tested at a cost of \$25-\$35 per animal. In July of this year, we were fortunate to implement this transport program with a new partner, the Sacramento SPCA. Transporting to a clinic that was much closer allowed us to increase the number of trips we could make each month, and in turn offer the services to more people in need. We thank our board member, Lydia Caronna-Craig for bringing this together. In her role as Clinic Manager at the Sacramento SPCA, Lydia was instrumental in bringing this opportunity to us. We are also very appreciative of her ever-supportive staff. Since it's inception, we have transported and spayed/neutered 510 cats. This is in addition to the 227 cats we transported to the Auburn clinic the first part of the year. Having the opportunity to partner with the Sacramento SPCA on this program more than doubled the number of animals we can spay and neuter!

We have the support of many generous donors who donate items to our thrift store and then of course, those who provide financial support. We are fortunate to have the financial support of the Valente Foundation and the Stuart Foundation. Their donations, in addition to what we generate from the Thrift Store and the donations from other donors, fund our many programs.

We are pleased that our staff and volunteers helped close to 4,200 animals in need in Yolo County. We are fortunate to be able to do this with our wonderful staff, volunteers and of course the support of our community. In 2015 we will continue to expand our relationships with many organizations and people in the community to create as many options for the animals in need in our County. Thank you to the contributions of our members, volunteers, employees and the public - we are working together to create a more humane tomorrow.