

## **Annual Report 2017, as of December 12, 2017**

In December 2016, Kerry Duncan, Kim Pruet, Lea Rosenberg and Dr. Laurie Siperstein-Cook were elected to the board. They joined sitting members Shelley Bryant, Lydia Caronna-Craig, Pam Carroll, Pam Runquist, Nissa Stephenson and Eileen Tutt. The following officers were named:

**President:** Shelley Bryant, **Vice President:** Lydia Caronna-Craig, **Treasurer:** Pam Carroll, **Secretary:** Pam Runquist and Eileen Tutt, **Member at Large:** Kerry Duncan.

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. Long-time Assistant Manager Romina Munoz left in August. Sky Carlos and Adolfo Madrigal were elevated to Shift Managers to fill her position.

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 Kelly Lee, and assisted by Koreena Walsh, Tamlyn Asari, Sharon Montooth and Zara Thompson, our staff helps manage the intake of animals in to the shelter, contacts and coordinates with rescue organizations the transfer of animals who are not able to be adopted out of the shelter and manage 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. Our staff facilitated the rescue of 436 dogs/puppies, 409 cats/kittens, and 80 other species. Additionally, the community cat and barn cat programs supported over 450 cats being returned. Our staff also assisted over 200 animals in remaining in their current homes or assisted with them being rehomed so that they did not enter the shelter. In March of this year, we created and implemented an intern program to assist the dogs with kennel enrichment and socialization. Since the inception of the program, we have recruited over 80 interns who volunteered over 2,200 hours to help the dogs and puppies in need at the shelter. We also assisted with the adoptions of animals with special medical and/or behavioral needs; typically 1-2 week, and post photos on lost and found animal pages of stray dogs that do not have rescue or adoption options at the shelter.

We are also happy to report that the average live release rate for animals at the shelter has remained steady. For the County fiscal year 7/1/16-6/30/2017 the live release rate for cats is 89% and for dogs it is 96%, with an overall average of 93%. 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 February 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 the Gourley Center at U. C. Davis and Yolo

County Animal Services Shelter participated. We are also grateful to the many businesses that supported us with donations, fundraising on our behalf and hosting events: Petco Davis, Peet's Downtown Davis, Hallmark Inn Davis, Sudwerk Brewing, Hot Italian Blue Note Brewing Woodland, Oddfellows and their Bingo fundraiser and Bet Haverim Congregation to name a few.

Our Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Billy Keating manages the outreach to and the coordination many volunteers to help 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.

We are proud to maintain and support 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 foster home program enables us to care for animals that sometimes just need love and socialization, or even veterinary support in order to become adoptable and many times can save them from dangerous situations or even euthanasia. Our volunteer caregivers nurture many homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, some of which 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 Zara Thompson, our cat coordinator, for managing the intake of animals in need and placing them in the appropriate foster homes until they are adopted to their forever home. They also support the foster homes with 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. We appreciate Elizabeth St. Goar and her fabulous photography talents that produce such wonderful photographs each week of our adoptable animals, and to Anny Huang, Billy Keating, Shelley Bryant, Zara Thompson and Sharon Montooth for managing our medical records, and the many postings to several pet adoption and social media sites. We'd also like to thank Dr. Karen Vernau at UC Davis Veterinary Teaching Hospital, who continues to recruit many new foster homes for us and facilitate the rescue of many dogs and cats with extra medical needs. She coordinates and manages the veterinary care, surgeries, financial assistance and follow-up care for these animals and often also helped to find their forever homes! As of the date of this report, we adopted 105 dogs and puppies and close to 200 cats and kittens. We currently have over 80 animals in foster care. We reach out and report to the community and our membership in a number of ways. Through our website, overseen by Kim Pruett, through our newly designed newsletter, 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. Billy also sends out a weekly eNews letter to our volunteer database.

Many dedicated YCSPCA volunteers continue to work tirelessly to support community cats in our community. Resources for spay/neuter are limited; but we are grateful for the clinics that board member Dr. Heather Kennedy organized and supervised at the Big Fix Rig at Yolo County Animal Services. Cats are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered and returned to the area where they were trapped. We also financially support many caregivers who tnr through clinics at the Sacramento SPCA. Eileen Tutt has long managed colonies in the Davis area. At Solano Park the colony is at

five current cats, with an additional six being adopted by residents who moved away. At West Village, she oversaw the tnr of 52 cats, 20 of which went to foster at YCSPCA, 15 to the shelter where they were either adopted or sent to rescue and 17 returned. Nissa Stephenson focused her efforts on Operation Creek Cat in Winters near Putah Creek. In one year she has tnr'd 134 adult cats, 4 kittens that were returned, 41 kittens to rescue of which 17 came to the YCSPCA. She also returned a microchipped adult cat that had been missing for a week to its owner. Pam Runquist has managed two colonies in Davis, Anderson Farms for 10 years and Omsoft/Monsanto for two years. Over the past two years, she has tnr'd approximately 50 cats. There are a rotation of feeders and approximately 5 cats to tnr.

We are very thankful to the veterinary clinics that provide us with discounted services for our foster animals, Animal Wellness and Acorn Veterinary Clinic in Davis and Valley Oak Veterinary Hospital and Yolo Veterinary Clinic in Woodland. Billy, with help from Sharon, also continued twice monthly trips to the Sacramento SPCA that allow us to offer low cost spay/neuter services for cats. We thank our board member, Lydia Caronna-Craig and her staff at the SSPCA for their continued support of this much-needed program. This year, we have spayed/neutered over 600 cats. Having the opportunity to partner with the Sacramento SPCA on this program has significantly increased the number of animals we are able to spay and neuter!

We once again participated in the in the Sacramento Region's Big Day of Giving on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Big Day of Giving (Big DOG), a local initiative to increase philanthropy in the Greater Sacramento region, was coordinated by Give Local Now and our local community foundations: Sacramento Region Community Foundation, Placer Community Foundation and Yolo Community Foundation. Beginning in January, The Big DOG organizers once again created and taught several boot camps and presented an eight-week work plan to guide organizations and help foster success. Our BigDog committee developed a campaign and increased our social media presence. Instagram and Twitter accounts needed to be created to complement our already existing Facebook presence. Postcards to our donors, members and adopters were created and mailed out. Postings for all of our social media accounts were created and calendared out. Plans for events prior to and on the Big Day of Giving were planned. On Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> we held our second annual May Day Mutts Festival in Community Park, which kicked off Be Kind to Animals week, and celebrated our furry companions. We had contests for both dogs and their human companions and once again danced around a Maypole. We are happy to report that we raised \$23,000 on the Big Day of Giving this year!

We are happy and thankful that our staff and volunteers helped so many animals in need in Yolo County. We are able to do this with our dedicated staff, volunteers and of course the support of our community. In 2018, we will continue to expand our relationships with the 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.