

SNIPPP Newsletter



Spring ▪ Summer 2012

Happy Tails

Kaleb and Iris, rescues featured in our last Newsletter, found their forever homes!



Kaleb, the loving, playful Pit Bull mix, is just as happy as can be. He is with people 24/7, lives indoors, and has a human 'brother' just about his same age. It took 11 months with SNIPPP, 3 foster homes and training but finally a great family for Kaleb came along. They think he is wonderful (and we agree)!



Iris, the sweet, timid and gentle 5 year old Australian Cattle Dog mix who spent her early years chained to a tree, found her kindred spirit Susan and is living free forever in Little Valley. Iris and Susan live on a mini-farm with 2 other smaller female dogs, several cats, a horse and chickens. She loves her daily walk to the mailboxes, and being a couch potato is still one of her favorite activities.

Message from SNIPPP's President

My first year as the President of SNIPPP's Board of Directors is flying by. We are pleased with our 2011 accomplishments. But the joy of animal rescue comes from the inspiring, heartwarming experiences and stories of the special dogs we rescue and the special people who adopt them. You'll find lots of information about SNIPPP and lots of wonderful stories in this Newsletter.

Our campaign to recruit new Board members and volunteers saw some success and brought new energy to SNIPPP. Heidi Greer joined the Board and took on the role of Grant Coordinator. Kris Bertelson-Williams rejoined after a year's break and is busy with rescue activities and managing SNIPPP's web site. We acknowledge and thank our new volunteers: Larry Burns, Janice and John Horst, Barbara Lawson, Linda Smith and Elaine and Russ Stone.

There is always more work to do, so we are still recruiting volunteers. We are also constantly in need of foster homes. We can only rescue a dog when we have a foster home available. If you are interested in volunteering with SNIPPP or in providing a foster home, please leave a message for me at 336-6006.

We hope that you will help us care for animals in need throughout 2012 with a donation today and by supporting our various fundraisers. Best wishes to you and your families, and thank you for all you do for the animals.

*Cathy Coleman
SNIPPP Board President*

Meet Ollie...



On a freezing February morning a little dog was found eating out of a trash can in a local trailer park. Cold, scared, starving and filthy, he had no collar, no microchip and his "person" never responded to Lost and Found postings or made attempts to locate him.

While at the Burney Veterinary Hospital for his SNIPPP intake check up, he stole Samantha's heart. She offered to foster him and after just one night it was clear that the little dog, now named Ollie, had found his forever home. Samantha and her 5 year old daughter Gabrielle adopted him from SNIPPP. Ollie now lives the good life with a warm bed, a full belly and all the love he deserves. He even enjoys the indignity of being dressed up in baby clothes and taken for a ride in Gabrielle's baby stroller.

Soon Samantha noticed that Ollie often favored his rear legs. He was diagnosed with luxating patellas; his knee caps would pop out of place and stay that way, making it painful for him to bend his legs. For a single mom surgery was an impossible expense. Ollie was only a year old. How could he live like this for the rest of his life? Devastated, Samantha contacted SNIPPP.

Thanks to a grant provided by *The Pedigree Foundation* combined with some of your donations to SNIPPP, Ollie had the surgery he needed. He is expected to live a long, pain free life with the family that loves him. It's because of the generosity and compassion of donors like you that Ollie was able to get the surgery he needed. But SNIPPP could not have afforded to pay for Ollie's surgery without *The Pedigree Foundation* grant. Thank you to *The Pedigree Foundation* for their support of SNIPPP and their contributions to the welfare of animals everywhere!



SNIPPP's 2011 Accomplishments

- Found new homes for 24 dogs and 20 kittens rescued in the Intermountain Area; 15 more puppies and dogs were transferred to other rescues for faster adoption.
- Issued spay or neuter vouchers for 609 cats and dogs, preventing unwanted litters.
- Reunited 43 dogs and 1 cat with their owners through our Lost and Found service.
- Helped owners find new homes for 51 dogs and 36 cats through www.snipp.org, SNIPPP's Courtesy Listing service.

Spay & Neuter Vouchers

Need to spay or neuter your pet or feral cat? Do it now to prevent unwanted litters. Call your vet to make your appointment and then call SNIPPP at 336-6006 with the details.

Due to a special grant, "super" vouchers are available until funds run out: \$80 per dog spay, \$50 per dog neuter, \$60 per cat spay and \$20 per cat neuter.

Loving Emma



Kathryn writes: *"It's hard to believe we've had Emma for a year and a month now. You may remember her as Maisy. She is a wonderful dog, very sweet, very smart, gentle. She is my new running partner. She can easily run 4 miles and goes full speed ahead without distraction of other dogs, bicyclists, etc. She gets lots of smiles with her slobbering while running. She still sleeps in her kennel in our bedroom at night. We leave her kennel open as well as our bedroom door, but she never strays far. Our boys love her, too, and have fun playing fetch with her. Tennis balls are the definite favorite. Emma travels everywhere with us. She likes to go to Starbucks and have her chai (we bring a squishable silicone bowl). On behalf of Emma and her fellow rescued friends, thank you for all you do."*

Vote for Bubbles & Support SNIPPP

Bubbles Meadows, the manager at the Burney Tri-Counties Bank, is a candidate in the Burney "Mayor" contest. The winner is selected based on the number of votes from the public at \$1 each. She has picked SNIPPP as the charity that will benefit from her candidacy, so SNIPPP supporters are encouraged to stop by Tri-Counties Bank or Burney Vet to vote for Bubbles. There will also be a "ballot box" at SNIPPP's yard sale on June 9th. Thank you and good luck, Bubbles!

Sebastian in "His Chair"



A couple of years ago, a SNIPPP Board member fostered this Lab/Pit Bull mix with issues. He refused to get in a car. He didn't do well with new people, and overall it seemed he might not be easily adoptable. Tony, a fishing guide in Eureka, saw "Jake" at www.snipp.org and drove all the way to PETCO in Redding to meet him and take him to his forever home where he is Tony's fishing companion. Here's what Tony says: *"The pink scarf was a present from (a favorite client) and he loves it. He's become such an amazingly well behaved dog. At the end of a fishing day we've floated about 10 miles of river and I have to get a ride back to my truck in the client's car which we leave at takeout...(it) takes about 45 minutes. As I'm leaving I say, "Sebastian, stay in your chair please" and he won't move a muscle the entire time I'm gone no matter what the temptation. The connection we've developed by spending 99% of our time together is really special. I usually speak to him in complete sentences and in a quiet, subdued tone and he always responds perfectly. "Sebastian, we need to go. Get in the car please." or "Sebastian, stay close. You're going too far". While I realize he doesn't understand every word, he's incredibly adept at pulling the meaning out of what I'm saying and cooperating. In short, I adore him!"*

It's the Law!

Effective January 1, 2012 there is a new law in California to protect animals. It is now against the law to try to sell or give animals away in a public area. For example, it is against the law to park outside of Safeway to try to sell or give away puppies or kittens.

Upcoming Fundraisers

5th Annual Yard Sale
Saturday, June 9, 2012
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
37206 Ontario, Burney

Our Annual Yard Sale is an easy way for you to support SNIPPP. Stop by on June 9th to buy your treasures among the gently used or new items donated by community members. Do you, your friends or family have furniture, tools, household goods, collectibles or antiques to donate? Please call Susan at 335-5880 to arrange a donation drop off or, in special circumstances, pickups in the Intermountain Area. P.S. There will be no bake sale this year.

5th Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, July 21, 2012
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fall River Valley Golf & Country Club

Golfers, please start thinking about your foursome (or we'll get you on a team) and join us for this popular event. Your \$85 entry fee covers BBQ, green & cart fees, contests and prizes. Last year the Tournament netted \$5575, so we have a big goal to meet. Please play in the Tournament, support it with a Corporate and/or Tee sponsorship or a prize donation, and/or buy raffle tickets. Watch for ads, fliers and letters requesting sponsors and donations and your sign up.

Intermountain Rider's TACK SALE May 12th
Visit our table there and check out our current crop of available pets.
10a.m.-3p.m., McArthur Lion's Club.

RECYCLE for SNIPPP

Do you take your recyclables to Superior Avenue Steel and Supply in Burney? Just tell them you want to donate your proceeds to SNIPPP and the kind folks at Superior will send us a check. Thank you!

Rescues

Here are just three of the rescued dogs currently available for adoption. You can see it in their eyes: they are waiting hopefully, patiently to love and be loved in their forever homes.



Dixie is a 32 pound 9 month old bundle of cute young energy. She's just at the right age to be learning good manners, and she is smart and eager to please. She's all about having FUN, too! She'd love to be part of a family to play, learn and become best friends all at the same time. Dixie would LOVE to join a family with kids or another friendly dog who wants an active pal, because she likes to keep busy. If you're into dog agility, she'd probably be good at that, too.



Maggie is a 6 year old 65 pound mix found by the side of the highway up on the mountain--there weren't any houses nearby. Maggie's behavior makes it clear that she used to be a house pet. She is well-behaved and knows many commands. She just wants to spend time with people and love them; she doesn't like other dogs or cats.



Guess why we named this handsome Pit Bill mix Lucky! In February this poor lost boy made his way to the ranch home of some animal lovers in Round Mountain where they took him in and tried to find his owners. When no one came forward, they contacted SNIPPP. Sadly, we didn't have a foster home opening. (Can you foster for SNIPPP? We **ALWAYS** need more foster homes!) He ended up at the County Shelter in Redding where he twice came within a day of being put to sleep. When he was nearly out of time, the Shelter called SNIPPP and one of our Board members made the last minute run down the hill to save Lucky's life. Now he needs a forever family of his very own. Lucky is about 2 years old and 67 pounds. He is housetrained and has an attractive easy-care coat. He gets along well with other dogs and cats and likes to play fetch. Lucky knows some commands and is a well-behaved, easy going, happy and affectionate sweet guy. Whoever adopts him will really be lucky to get him!

Courtesy Listings

If you are looking for a dog or cat, don't forget to check out SNIPPP's Courtesy Listings. This is a service for local area residents who are trying to find a new home for a cat, dog or other pet. It's best for all concerned when a pet owner can keep their pet until a new home is found. This is called "rehoming." At www.snipp.org you can click on our Courtesy Listings as well as see SNIPPP's rescues. The information about a Courtesy Listing is provided by the owner, and the interested adopter generally deals with the owner directly.

Grant Update

Heidi Greer, SNIPPP's new Grant Coordinator, is applying for 2012 grants. We don't always succeed in winning grants, so we depend on YOUR donations to fund the services we offer day in and day out.

Our **Chrissie's Fund** grant expires June 2012, but we are applying for continued support. This grant pays for rescue services for older mixed breed dogs over 50 pounds. For low income area residents with dogs 50 pounds and larger, these funds also fully pay for spay and neuter surgery and vaccinations. Special funds pay for spay and neuter super vouchers.

Thank you Chrissie's Fund!



IN MEMORIAM

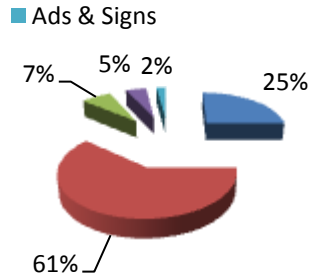
We all mourn the recent untimely passing of Dan Quinlan.

Thanks to those of you who donated to SNIPPP in his memory.

How Donations and Grants are Spent

2011

■ Animal Care ■ Spay/Neuter
■ Fundraising ■ Admin



In 2011 86% of SNIPPP's expenditures were for the care and services for animals and for spay and neuter vouchers. SNIPPP doesn't have an office or any paid staff. Our expenses for things like mailing supplies, phone and insurance are low. Fundraising includes the BBQ and green and cart fees for the Golf Tournament fundraiser which are totally offset by Tournament entry fees. The cost of color printing this Newsletter was donated.

SNIPPP's Board of Directors

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Did you know?

Some employers match their employees' contributions to charities. Check to see if your employer will match your contribution to SNIPPP.



SNIPPP Donation Form

Clip and Mail to SNIPPP, P.O. Box 223, McArthur, CA 96056

PLEASE NOTE: If you want to make a donation to SNIPPP using a credit card, you can use your PayPal account. Just log on to our website at www.snippp.org and click on the PayPal button.

I am sending a donation of \$ _____ to help the animals.

Name: _____



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