



Fall & Winter 2019
Newsletter

SNIPPP's Mission and Philosophy

SNIPPP's philosophy is two-fold...to provide inexpensive or free spays and neuters to prevent unwanted puppies and kittens, and to find new homes for those cats and dogs in immediate need of new placements.

Everyone in our service area is eligible for FREE cat vouchers. The voucher covers a spay or neuter plus a rabies vaccine. There is no limit on the numbers of pet cats, strays or wild ferals; all are eligible. Dogs are a bit more complicated. Our neuter vouchers cover \$60 and our spay vouchers cover \$100 of the expense of having a dog altered. This assistance is available to all residents within our Intermountain service area. If a person qualifies as low income or is on government

assistance, we have different programs for both large and small dogs.

From January through August of this year alone this program has resulted in 629 spays and neuters. And **in our 13 years** we have spayed and neutered over **10,000** dogs and cats.

SNIPPP serves nearly 40% of Shasta county (and some areas of Modoc and Lassen counties) totalling 1,600 square miles – about 1% of California! BUT our actual population is very small (about 7000), and many residents deal with real financial difficulties. This means that we have limited homes available for adoption. Major outreach efforts are imperative for SNIPPP to achieve successful spay/neuter and adoption programs.

Travels with SNIPPP...

To accomplish our mission we use our website, Facebook, word of mouth, and you our dear donors to spread the word. And it's worked wonders this year! Valencia CA, Montague CA, Sparks NV, Shelton WA, Grants Pass OR, Shasta Lake CA, and Sacramento CA are a few of the new worlds that have opened up for our local pets...

DOUGAN winds up moving from Big Bend to Valencia, California.

Dougan, a starving injured young dog was abandoned in Big Bend. He was heartworm positive with little hope of a decent life. Our volunteers were able to trap him and he proved to be a sweet loving puppy who just wanted a forever home. He got one! Two of our long-time donors from Valencia, California heard about his plight and drove up to meet our volunteers in Red Bluff to

pick him up. Dougan now gets to go to Starbucks daily, has lots of human and



doggy friends and a new life of luxury and love.

ASTRO makes a long journey from Bieber to Shelton, Washington.

In our newsletter last year we told you about Astro, a puppy left at the Health Center in Bieber who needed a home.

One of our special adopters from Boise, Idaho shared his story with her parents who live in Shelton, Washington, right on Puget Sound. They hopped in their car and drove all the way down to meet



Astro, fell in love and now he has water rights galore, lots of kitties to love and another rescue dog as his companion. And Astro gets to play with his SNIPPP brother Wulf when Wulf comes to visit from Boise.

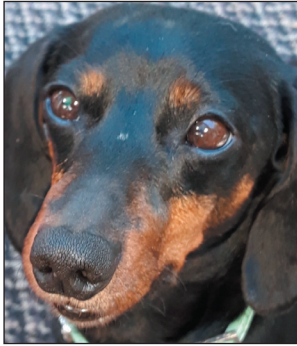
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BB moves to Sparks, Nevada.

Sweet little old BB's owner could no longer afford his medical care and her home situation was such that he needed to find a new place to live. Sparks, Nevada seems a long way, but our ever-



traveling volunteers did just that and now he has a beautiful home, not only sharing it with another doxie but he gets to help feed the goats and chickens. He doesn't know he's only 8 pounds, and has a great time as a ranch dog – with a little supervision.

TIMBER heads north to Montague.

For five years beautiful Timber lived in a small dog run in Nubeiber. His disabled owner loved him but her increasingly difficult medical situation meant he had to be re-homed immediately. This sweet boy first went to a foster home in Lookout where he was assessed, and got the veterinary care he needed. Then we put him up on our website, which in a short time, resulted in his moving to Montague to share his home with his new people and dog friends. He's a happy loving



boy who wraps his long legs around his owner when he returns from a busy day at work.

GRACIE now calls Fairfield home.

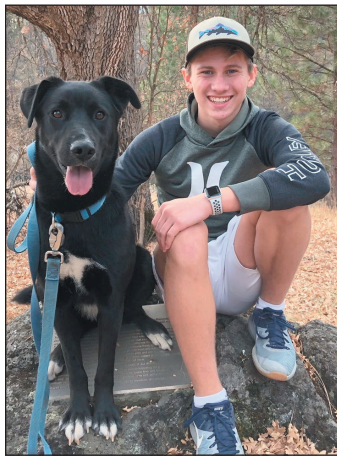
Beautiful Gracie was abandoned just outside of Burney. A sweet plott hound puppy, she responded quickly to the



love and attention her foster mom bestowed on her. A search for just the right home via the internet and off Gracie went to live in Fairfield. Her new parents had lost their home in the fires last year and were rebuilding. They had always had plott hounds and there was Gracie just smiling at them, asking for a chance...and she has it!

COOKIE finds a great home in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Cookie was found abandoned and starving in a local forest. This sweet lab mix pup responded quickly to her foster



parent's attention. A chance encounter at Baum Lake with one of our donors of many years resulted in her finding a home in Grants Pass, Oregon (where this donor has relocated). No more a frightened starving girl, she's the queen bee of her new family.

DIXIE lands at Shasta Lake.

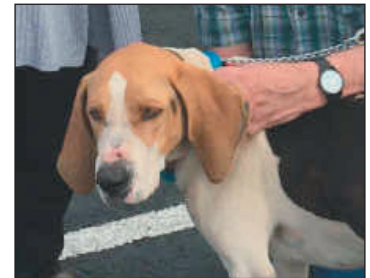
Dear Dixie's owner had to move into an apartment complex that wouldn't allow larger dogs. Luckily, the manager worked with us while we advertised on



our various avenues and a marvelous family from Shasta Lake drove down to meet her – and off she went!

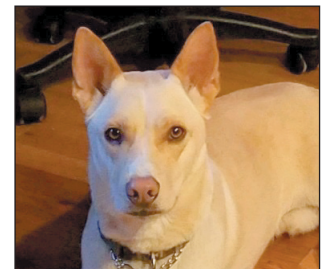
CHOPPER is very safe in Coonhound Rescue.

Chopper's owner became homeless and needed to find him a home immediately. We contacted the breed rescue for



Coonhounds in central California and arranged a meet up with their volunteers. He'll find a home soon but for now he's enjoying a social life with lots of other hounds.

HARLEY has come a long way from the frightened pup he once was. Now he



runs marathons with his loving owners and resides in **RENO** where he helps out with the family business.

**NOW DON'T GET THE
IMPRESSION THAT ALL SNIPPP
RESCUES FIND THEIR NEW
HOMES "FAR AWAY"!**

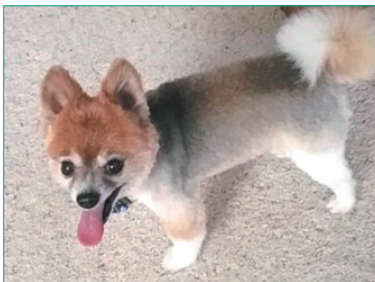
This is definitely not the case! Our local residents have helped with lots of rescues. Here are just a few.

Dear **NINA**, who was heartworm positive and left to die in Big Bend, now has an incredible forever home



where she is healthy, happy and full of life. She even gets to go on RV excursions.

TOBY hadn't been groomed in years, or had any veterinary care. It was hard to realize that there was a darling little old Pomeranian under all that fur. Now he is living well!



BUDDY now enjoys the hard life of a couch potato in Burney after a very hard life on the streets. (He's the potato that's closer.)



YOU CAN HELP US
continue SNIPPP's Mission
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**CUT THIS OUT
& PUT ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!**

1. We need drivers....far and wide and locally, to take cats and dogs back and forth to vet appointments, and also to drive our charges to their new homes, which (sometimes) means more than one day on the road. We pick up gas expenses and you do the delivery.

2. Do you like photography? That's one key to our adoption successes...a good photo can make all the difference.

3. Answering the SNIPPP phone. We receive about 30 phone calls a week which are answered by our volunteers. Each volunteer handles a week of calls; it's a marvelous way to learn all that SNIPPP does. And you don't have to be local to perform this invaluable service.

4. Skilled at social media? Our webmaster would love your help with Facebook and our website.

5. Would you enjoy talking with people, interviewing potential fosters, adopters, and volunteers? It is a worthwhile and necessary job. Again, you don't have to be local to provide this service.

6. We need foster homes. Can you provide a safe place for one of our dogs or cats to hang out while we find them a new forever home? We have kittens, cats, pups and adult dogs all needing a space to live while we look for a permanent placement. We are in particular need of fosters for large dogs and very young kittens. We provide the food and vet care, and you would provide the love.

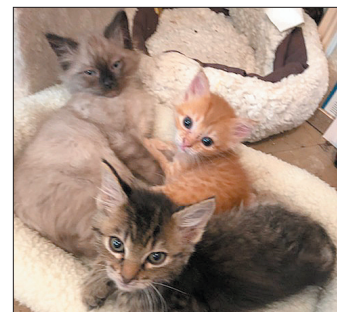
Sweet **TY**, also after a challenging life on the streets, is now in a forever home with wonderful local volunteers and SNIPPP sponsors.



These are just a few of the many successful adoptions this year.

*... AND don't forget about
rescues that haven't gradu-
ated from SNIPPP yet and
DON'T HAVE HOMES....*

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kittens. Learn more
about them, and others,
on SNIPPP's website:
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As always, SNIPPP is SO GRATEFUL to all of our supporters, donors, and volunteers. YOU make SNIPPP's work possible. To everyone who has ever rescued, fostered, or adopted a pet, to everyone who has helped a lost pet get back home, to every responsible pet owner who alters and vaccinates their pets, to everyone who spays/neuters/cares for our community's feral cats — we say **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

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**SNIPPP's Foster Home and Volunteer
Coordinator,** Suzanne Kane, Cassel

2018 SNIPPP Expenses

Services directly to animals made up 92% of SNIPPP's expenses. The other 8% was mainly office supplies, local advertising and especially insurance. SNIPPP has NO paid staff; a handful of dedicated volunteers does it ALL.

\$12,178 - Rescue program

\$14,462 - Dog Spay & Neuter Assistance
\$37,392 - Low Income, large dog spay-neuter and veterinary care

\$42,704 - FREE Cat Spay, Neuter, & Rabies Shot program

David's Fund

SNIPPP began a fund in 2018 to honor our late director David Shepard. "**David's Fund**" helps low income owners of medium and small size dogs with spay and neuter expenses. David's Fund has, to date, paid up to \$100 each for **51** dogs for their exams, spay or neuter, and vaccination fees. A balance of \$3,800 remains in the fund, which could limit the availability of its assistance to as few as 38 more recipients. **So donations specifically to this program would be greatly appreciated.** You can use either your PayPal account and credit card, or write SNIPPP a check. See the Donation Form at left.

THANKS for a Successful FUNDRAISER !

"Dog Days by the River and Cat Naps under the Trees"

Michelle Titus offered her beautiful Clearwater Lodge as a fundraiser for SNIPPP this summer, and we successfully raised \$13,000.

We thank Michelle and all the donors...and the wonderful sponsors:

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