



Fall 2009

## HUMANE HAPPENINGS

### Frankie & Deano



This is a tale of two kittens, Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. One, of course, has blue eyes and both love to sing, especially for their supper.

Frankie, a handsome flame-point Siamese, was languishing at the shelter with his three littermates when CCHS found him. Deano, a

white and orange short-hair kitten, was in a cage all by himself, looking lonely, sad and a little afraid. So naturally, all five were scooped up and taken to a foster home.

It's been several months and, while Frankie's siblings have all been adopted, he and Deano have become best buddies. Their foster says she puts tuna on top of their wet food for dinner and they both hit the high notes to show their appreciation. "Frankie especially has quite a range," she says.

Both kittens love feather toys and lasers, are cuddly and affectionate and are good with older children. Deano is still a little on the shy side when it comes to meeting new people, but once he becomes acquainted he too is eager to curl up and fall asleep in your lap.

Frankie and Deano may be adopted separately, but this adorable duo would also make a terrific musical additional to almost any family.

Contact Chrissy Wilberg, CCHS Adoption Program Director, at (925) 279-2247 x 303.



## CCHS Welcomes David Stegman!

The Contra Costa Humane Society welcomes David Stegman as our Interim Executive Director! Stegman, a longtime animal welfare advocate, has more than 35 years of non-profit and government agency experience, most recently as executive director of both Tony La-Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) and the Valley Humane Society.

At ARF he created the organization's first strategic plan that expanded its growth from a local to a national level. While there, he was responsible for the overall policy

and direction and fund development of what has become a multimillion dollar organization.

At the Valley Humane Society he implemented an agency-wide reorganization providing direction and leadership for half a dozen staff members and more than 300 volunteers. He was responsible for introducing successful social services programs that increased the organization's effectiveness while saving countless animals from euthanasia.

In his new position at CCHS he will be responsible for managing our successful Adopt-a-Friend, spay/

neuter (SNAP) and Emergency Medical programs, promotion and fund raising as well as helping us develop additional agendas to strengthen the human/animal connection.

Ruth Rosenberg, a member of our board of directors speaks for the entire board when she says, "The board is excited to have Dave join our organization. I know that together we can build a better, stronger organization with his leadership."



## Ask the Vet, Dr. Budd Arnott

**Q.** There are a number of older animals available for adoption. What are the advantages/disadvantages of adopting an older dog or cat as opposed to a puppy or a kitten?

**A.** Every situation is different, but there can be very distinct advantages to adopting an older pet. For those who have never done it, puppy proofing a house can be an enormous task. Training a puppy can be very rewarding but requires

tremendous time and effort. Kittens, while not requiring much training, can be very destructive during their youthful growth phase. Older animals may come with some bad habits that need to be unlearned, but most pets are willing to love and share their enthusiasm with their new owners.

Generally pets are most expensive veterinary wise when they are very young or very old. By getting an older pet, you avoid the cost of all the puppy and kitten vaccines, wormings, neutering and spaying and adopting an already housebroken pet can save your carpets. Older animals don't scratch your furniture or eat your shoes.

Normally we all hope for the longest relationship possible with our

beloved pets, but in some cases making a 12 to 15 year commitment may not be practical. (My parents are in their 80s and not prepared to make that kind of time commitment.) Taking on an older pet provides a second chance for a deserving pet and can be the perfect solution for some pet owners.

*Dr. Budd Arnott owns Oak Tree Animal Hospital in Danville. A graduate of U.C. Davis, he has been practicing for 29 years. He and his wife and two children share their home with four rescued animals, two dogs and two cats.*

*Please submit your questions at this email address:  
marcyba@pacbell.net*



## Millie, Home at Last!

Good news about Millie, last issue's featured cat! A lovely woman in Concord had just returned home from saying a sad goodbye to her beloved cat Missy when the CCHS newsletter arrived with Millie's picture and story. Missy? Millie? It must have been fate. A quick call to CCHS and it looks like Millie has found her loving home at last!

## Mona and Darlynn, a Perfect Match

When Darlynn Hunt lost her beloved boxer, she thought it would be years before she would adopt another dog, but a good friend had other ideas. The friend, who had worked for animal rescue organizations in the past, was scanning the CCHS website when she spotted Mona's picture. Against her better judgment, an admittedly lonely Darlynn was talked into meeting the 90 pound tri-colored boxer mix.

It's sometimes difficult to find homes for larger animals and the shelter had already extended Mona's stay several times when CCHS rescued her and placed her in a foster home. Darlynn now raves that Mona, "took to me right

away. There was an immediate attraction. She goes everywhere with me. She's the most intelligent dog I've had in years."

Mona's new mother lives in Oregon, but often travels to the Bay Area for work, driving with the big dog by her side. Once left at the shelter by a family who said they couldn't care for her anymore, Mona now has the run of a large yard at the foot of Mt. Hood. She runs and rolls in the abundant ferns that grow in the moist climate and "She chases squirrels. That's her hobby," says Darlynn, content that she and Mona found each other. "You couldn't pry her from me. I'm a lucky human,"



Sounds as if Mona is pretty lucky too.

If you're searching for a new cat or dog, please view adoptable animals at our website, or contact Chrissy Wilberg, CCHS Adoption Program Director, at (925) 279-2247 x 303.

## 2008 Shelter Statistics for Maddie's Fund



Maddie was a beloved Miniature Schnauzer whose unconditional love, devotion, loyalty and spirit inspired her caregivers to start a charitable foundation, Maddie's Fund®, in her name. Maddie's Fund® is confident that we can reach the goal of a no-kill nation in less than ten years, and countless indicators strongly support that claim.

The collection and publication of this data is sponsored by Maddie's Fund®, [www.MaddiesFund.org](http://www.MaddiesFund.org). We are publishing this data for your information and to fulfill a requirement of our grant. If you have questions regarding information on this or the following page, please contact David Stegman at (925) 279-2247, or at [execdir.CCHS@sbcglobal.net](mailto:execdir.CCHS@sbcglobal.net).



The Pet Rescue Foundation

### Animal Statistics Table: Adoption Guarantee Organization

	NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Contra Costa Humane Society	Dog	Cat	Total
	ANNUAL REPORTING FORM: JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 31, 2008			
<b>A</b>	<b>BEGINNING SHELTER COUNT (date)</b>	0	1	1
	<b>INTAKE (Live Dogs &amp; Cats Only)</b>			
	<i>From the Public</i>			
	Healthy	2	26	28
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	0	0	0
	Treatable – Manageable	1	0	1
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
<b>B</b>	<b>Subtotal Intake from the Public</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>
	<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition</i>			
	Healthy	5	5	10
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	1	31	32
	Treatable – Manageable	0	0	0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
<b>C</b>	<b>Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Orgs within Community/Coalition</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>42</b>
	<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition</i>			
	Healthy	0	0	0
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	0	0	0
	Treatable – Manageable	0	0	0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
<b>D</b>	<b>Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Orgs outside Community/Coalition</b>			
	<i>From Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia</i>			
	Healthy	0	0	0
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	0	0	0
	Treatable – Manageable	0	0	0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
<b>E</b>	<b>Subtotal Intake from Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Total Intake [B + C + D + E]</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy &amp; Untreatable Only)</b>	0	0	0
<b>H</b>	<b>ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE [F minus G]</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>71</b>



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## Animal Statistics Table, Continued

	<b>ADOPTIONS</b> (only dogs and cats adopted by the public)			
	Healthy	3	14	17
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	1	26	27
	Treatable – Manageable	0	0	0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
<b>I</b>	<b>TOTAL ADOPTIONS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>
	<b>OUTGOING TRANSFERS</b> to Organizations within Community/Coalition			
	Healthy	0	10	10
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	0	0	0
	Treatable – Manageable	0	0	0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
<b>J</b>	<b>TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Orgs within Community/Coalition</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>OUTGOING TRANSFERS</b> to Organizations outside Community/Coalition			
	Healthy	0	0	0
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	0	0	0
	Treatable – Manageable	0	0	0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
<b>K</b>	<b>TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Orgs outside Community/Coalition</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>DOGS &amp; CATS EUTHANIZED</b>			
<b>M</b>	Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
<b>N</b>	Treatable – Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
<b>O</b>	Treatable – Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
<b>P</b>	Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
<b>Q</b>	<b>Total Euthanasia [M + N + O + P]</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>R</b>	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	0	0	0
<b>S</b>	<b>ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA [Q minus R]</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES [I + J + K + L + S]</b> Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>U</b>	<b>DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER/CARE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>V</b>	<b>TOTAL OUTCOMES [T + U]</b> Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	<b>5</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>ENDING SHELTER COUNT (date)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>

**To check the accuracy of the shelter data you've compiled, the Beginning Shelter Count (A) plus the Adjusted Total Intake (H) should equal the Total Outcomes (V) plus the Ending Shelter Count (W):  $A + H = V + W$ .**

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### Tributes

### In Honor of

"Bonnie Parker  
-Judy Peralde  
Paul Watt  
-Jim Maguire

### In Memory of

Gina Young  
-Joan Ermann  
Ed Behrens  
-Jim & Dorene Scharetg  
"Widget"  
-Kent Taylor  
"Winnie" Sarconi  
-Jerri & Steve Schwartz  
"Katie"  
-Patricia Goldsand  
"Pete The Wonderdog"  
-Christine Raaka  
"Scarlet" Storm  
-Laura Lee Love  
"Adolph" Hagstrom  
-Corinne Vasquez  
""Sissy" Hafer  
"Shorty" Kar Wai Wong

"Emily" Gallard  
"C.J." Johnson  
"Frank" Bisi  
"Champ" Quesada  
"Smokey" Giaramita  
"Almond Roca" Murphy  
"Toby" Hash  
"Thor" Chaney  
"Einstein" Stephen  
"Oscar" Birks  
"Old Man" Hughes  
"Delilah" Carpenter  
"Bess" Klezmer  
"Bentley" Smith  
"Sassy" Wong  
"Chacha" Gross  
"Ernest" Espinoza  
"Bear" Reynolds  
"Daffin" Dunlap  
"Precious" Lang  
"Chelsea" Young  
"Bubba" Sawyer  
"Chester" Marron  
"Skippy" Bullard  
"Buffy" Iverson  
"Pepper" Planka  
"Simon" Allen  
"Charlie" Jean  
"Annie" Williams  
"Beer" Chemsak  
"Katie" Kszan  
"Velcro" Young  
"Rusty" Brazil  
"Buttons" Sjostrom  
"Micki" Wellbrock  
"Snow" Moore  
"Stella" Kren  
"LittleBit" Lee  
"Muffin" Tafesse

"Sheba" Anderson  
"Simba" Parra  
"Fiona" Wilson  
"Rusty" Merjil  
"Dylan" Shamrock  
"Jake" and "Mistache" of Friends of  
the Formerly Friendless  
"Reva" Arter  
"Shiva" Gonzalez  
"Jot" Clayton  
"Suzie" Reily  
"Peach Pie" Waters  
"Ollie" Hoy  
"Patchie" Mizoguchi  
"Annie" Cappelli  
"Spot" Harvey  
"Cherry" Mercado  
"Benjie" Stuart  
"Chance" Chavez  
"Winnie" Aragon  
"Rusty" Navas  
"Rosco" Williams  
"CoCo" Fox  
"Kittie" Cowen  
"Tango" Bond  
"Princess" Walker  
"Chet" Lidoff  
"Big Boy" Bossi  
"Cody" Freitas

-Animal Care Clinic,  
El Sobrante



## CCHS Thanks Marilyn Fowler

The CCHS board extends its grateful thanks to Marilyn Fowler who resigned this summer after 10 years of volunteering her time, considerable talents and energy to CCHS's programs, the last eight years as the board's president.

During her tenure, Marilyn saw CCHS operate a successful spay/neuter program, help hundreds of animals receive emergency medical care and countless homeless animals find permanent loving homes through our foster and adoption programs.

We thank her for her service to CCHS and wish her well in her future endeavors.



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### Wish List Items

Postage stamps (Forever stamps)  
Telephone message forms – 2 part carbonless  
Gift certificates – pet and office supply stores  
Kitten food (unopened) – such as Royal Canin Baby Cat dry, Felidae canned, Nutro Kitten canned.  
Kitten KMR formula, nursing bottles

Flea Treatment for cats or dogs: such as Advantage or Frontline (purchased from a Veterinarian)  
Cat Trees or scratching posts  
Clumping cat litter (Smart Litter, Arm & Hammer)  
Unused litter boxes, liners & scoopers  
Clean cat carriers  
Unused cat toys