



THE TAILBEARER

NEWSLETTER OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY,
CELEBRATING OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVING ANIMALS.

March 2021

Lynn Hildebrand Celebrates 30 Years with the HSSBV!

In 1990, Lynn was a teacher, offering free Humane Education presentations to classes in Corona. She was approached by HSSBV founders, Joyce Martin and Sue Dawson and the rest is history! Lynn began with presentations in Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms, eventually graduating to all grade levels. Today, in addition to offering these in class presentations, Lynn also coordinates our popular summer Critter Camps, school field trips to the HSSBV, student service projects, and more. Lynn quickly pivoted our Humane Education program to a virtual format in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, offering Google Meet and Zoom presentations, as well as creating a library of YouTube videos for educators to use.



A 30 year career in one place is very impressive. This accomplishment can be attributed to Lynn's genuine love of teaching, compassion for animals, and passion for inspiring youth to show kindness in their daily lives. "There are so many things I can say about Lynn's level of dedication to her craft. However, I think the best measure of the impact she leaves on the youth in our community is when we encounter these students in their adult years," Jill Henderson, Director of Development and Outreach for the HSSBV says. "I have had countless volunteer applicants who have been anxiously waiting to turn 18 years old since they were part of the Humane Education program to start volunteering with us. We have had students return to Critter Camp as teenagers, wanting to be camp counselors. My favorite example is the students who contact us later in life to let us know they are teachers and are requesting a Humane Education presentation, or students who want to share with us they now have a career in the veterinary field! Lynn truly leaves a lasting mark on our community and we are lucky to have her."

Teri Seymour, HSSBV Executive Director says, "'The Power of One'- Lynn Hildebrand quotes, demonstrates, and lives this philosophy every single day. Picture the Rose Bowl Stadium, filled to capacity. Over the past 30 years, Lynn's Humane Education students have filled over FOUR Rose Bowls full of children! This number does not include the adults or teen agers that have attended her classes of kindness and compassion to animals, people, and our planet. Over 30 years in her career at the Humane Society of San Bernardino, Lynn has brought Humane Education into the classroom, the city parks, and our own Education Center to over 400,000 children. What an accomplishment!"

Thank you Lynn for your 30 years of dedication to animals and children at the HSSBV, and all of the years before that in your daily life! We appreciate you!

Congratulations to HSSBV Volunteer of the Year, David Michaelson!

The Humane Society Board of Directors and Staff are excited to announce David Michaelson as the 2020 Volunteer of the Year! David began volunteering in our clinic reception area in March of 2019. He quickly made an impression with his sense of humor, reliability, positive attitude and willingness to always go the extra mile! David has donated 349 hours of his time to helping animals!

When looking for a veterinarian for his dog, Rufus, his search led him to the HSSBV! "I was so impressed with the experience, I decided to dedicate my extra time to helping out in the clinic," he said. When asked about volunteering, David says, "Now that I have been here a while, I feel that I am able to be productive in the reception area, helping clients make their day go a little smoother. The reception staff are phenomenal! I really couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with."



In addition to being a pet parent to Rufus, David also helps raise his girlfriend's cat, Pistachio. In his free time he enjoys playing tennis, running, reading and doing yard work.

We would like to thank David for all his hard work, dedication, and his ability to brighten some of the more challenging days this year! Congratulations, David!

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday Shot Clinic: March 6 & 20

Saturday Shot Clinic: April 3 & 17

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training
April 16
Call 909-386-1400 ext 218 or 224
to register!

Saturday Shot Clinic: May 1 & 15

Virtual Walk for the Animals
May 22

HSSBV Closed: May 29 - 31

Saturday Shot Clinic: June 5 & 19

HSSBV Closed: July 3 - 5

Saturday Shot Clinic: July 17

Saturday Shot Clinic: August 7 & 21

Paint Your Pet
August 7
Held at Purple Easel, Ontario
Visit www.hssbv.org to register!

HSSBV Closed: September 4 - 6

Saturday Shot Clinic: September 18

GOLDEN PAWS GALA
September 25

Saturday Shot Clinic: October 2 & 16

Saturday Shot Clinic:
November 6 & 20

Santa Paws Pet Photos & Boutique
November 20

HSSBV Closed: November 25 - 28

Saturday Shot Clinic:
December 4 & 18

HSSBV Closed
December 17 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
December 23, 2021 - January 3, 2022



HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Urbita and Lytle Creek Elementary School Students send Holiday Greetings to Ireland Senior Citizens!



HSSBV Humane Education teachers were invited by Stars of HOPE New York Says Thank You to take part in a special holiday project. Nursing Homes Ireland asked Stars of HOPE if volunteers would like to participate in an international collaboration with them by sending postcards to their seniors who, because of the Coronavirus, were not able to visit with family and friends.

A big thank you to students from Lupe Garcia's class at Urbita Elementary School, Alice Geske's students at Lytle Creek Elementary School, and HSSBV families and friends who created 150 Stars of Hope which were sent to Ireland Senior Citizens in nursing and retirement homes.

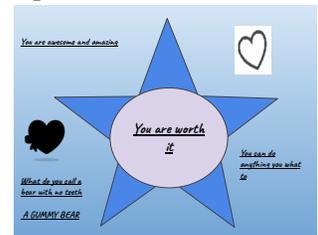
Ms. Garcia wrote: "Covid has brought many challenges, but it has also opened many hearts. My students were excited to create our Hearts of Hope and I can sense that they felt empowered that their kind words would have a positive impact on someone so far away who they have never met."

Mt. Vernon fifth graders create Hope for others in honor of MLK, Jr. Day of Service



What a blast to have Ms. Hildebrand, a Certified Humane Education Specialist from the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley, come to our class this month and support us in our Day of Service Project through Stars of Hope! Our fifth grade students were thrilled to have her visit us online and bring along Lisa Medina, another HSSBV Humane Education teacher and her therapy dog, Herkules. Even though we could not meet in person this year, our students found comfort in doing for others and spending virtual time with Herkules. Some had said they hadn't seen a dog in months!

This is my third year introducing the Stars of Hope project to my students, but the first time we incorporated it into our Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. In the past, stars we have created have gone to Canada, Australia and some are even displayed in San Bernardino. This year, some students wished to create the stars for their own families as they too have struggled through the pandemic. It is our greatest hope that our stars reach others and let them know that there are people who care and wish others well even when we do not know them personally. We greatly appreciate the support from the Humane Society, and Ms. Hildebrand in fostering this goal, and next year... we hope to continue this tradition.



Mrs. Kosman
Mt. Vernon Elementary
SBCUSD

Donations That Don't Cost A Thing!

Donations are not always large financial gifts! See this list of ways to support the HSSBV without dipping in to your piggy bank!

1. Advocate for vaccines and spay/neuter! Share our assistance program and low cost information!
2. Volunteer!
3. Host a garage sale or sell unused items on eBay and donate the proceeds to the HSSBV!
4. Collect our wish list items from friends, family and/or coworkers!
5. Ask your place of business or businesses you frequent to donate raffle prizes to the HSSBV or host a small fundraiser!
6. Host a facebook fundraiser for the HSSBV!
7. Support our in person and virtual events!
8. Ask friends and family to donate in your honor in place of birthday or holiday gifts! Gift donations in your friends and family member's names for special occasions and the holidays!
9. When you shop online, choose HSSBV's Amazon Smile page so we receive a percentage of your purchases as a donation!
10. Newspapers! Finished reading the paper? Drop it off for us to use in kennels.





CRUELTY INVESTIGATION PROGRAM



In May of 2015, our officers responded to a San Bernardino residence regarding a man selling extremely underage puppies. Craigslist pictures were made available to our officers who were able to track the seller down. The officers observed the two Maltipoo puppies from the picture at the seller's residence. The two pups were sickly and cold, and at approximately 4 weeks, they were far too young to be away from their mom and offered for sale. The two pups were seized and charges were filed with the District Attorney's Office regarding the sale of underage puppies and cruelty to animals.

The seller accepted a plea deal including probation for the sale of underage puppies.

The two pups received round the clock care at the HSSBV over the next month before they could be placed in a rescue/foster and adopted. After they were nursed into good health and old enough, a loving family adopted them, naming them Nick and Nora.

Nick and Nora have been patients at the HSSBV since they were seized, continuing their basic care in our low cost clinic. We have witnessed them grow up and flourish in a loving environment. We are sad to see Nick and Nora and their family moving to Texas this year, but are happy we were a small part in their life story.

Not all cases and investigations have a happy ending like this one. Our officers and staff always do their best to lawfully protect our animal companions and give them the best service available. Your donations directly allowed Nick and Nora to have the life they have now, the life they deserve, in their forever home. Who knows what they would have had to endure if someone hadn't been their voice. Please... always be a voice for those that don't have one.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTERS- 3 & 4 QUARTERS

Volunteer of the Third Quarter-Noreen Nichols

Noreen Nichols began volunteering with the HSSBV in June 2020. Since then she has donated 120 hours of her time!

Since recently adopting a new puppy, Noreen has had to come in less. However, she still goes out of her way to come in on our busier days or days we have meetings and need additional help!

Noreen's love for animals is what drew her to volunteering. "I enjoy being around a variety of dogs and cats to witness their personalities up close and personal," she says. "I also enjoy watching how professional and caring the entire HSSBV staff are with animals. Everyone works so well together, but best of all, they care for the well-being of all the animals. It is rewarding to volunteer for the HSSBV."



Noreen has a 16 year old cat, Whiskey, and a 4 month old Lab-mix, Buddy, at home. In her spare time she enjoys crafting, and is currently working on making fairy houses out of clay.

Congratulations, Noreen! Thank you for all that you do!

Volunteer of the Fourth Quarter- Michael Schermerhorn

Michael began volunteering with the HSSBV in August 2020, donating 128 hours of his time! Our staff has enjoyed watching Michael grow and come out of his shell as he volunteered.

At first he just thought he would try volunteering out for something new to do, then giving back became a passion for him! "I find it so enjoyable to interact with staff and patients," he says.

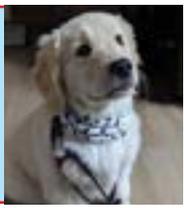
Michael has six cats at home, Belle, Muffin, Grey, Digit, Spot and Tea. He also has a German Shephard, Rosie. In his spare time he enjoys drawing, playing with his pets, playing video games and listening to music.

Congratulations, Michael!
Thank you for all that you do!





FROM THE VET'S DESK- DR. JOYCE & DOGTOR APOLLO



Pet Obesity

What's the problem?

Pet obesity is a growing epidemic. As the number of overweight Americans continues to climb (now at 68% of the population), the incidence of obesity in our pets climbs as well. Over 50% of our pets are considered overweight or obese.

Extra pounds predisposes our pets to numerous health problems. These include many types of cancer, diabetes mellitus, heart disease, high blood pressure, osteoarthritis, urinary bladder stones, and early death. In fact, studies show that the lifespan of overweight pets was up to 2 1/2 years shorter, on average, than the lifespan of dogs with a healthy body weight.

What's the solution?

It is important to work with your veterinarian and veterinary team to determine the best course to get your pet to lose weight.

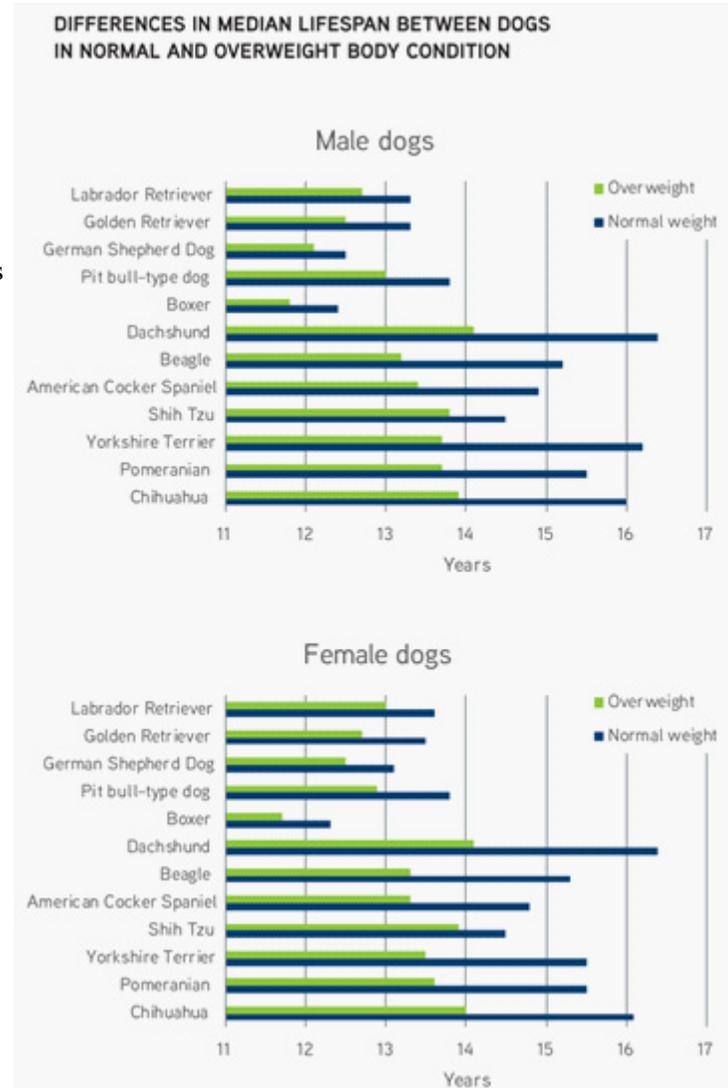
Your veterinarian will usually start out with blood tests to rule out a medical reason for your pet being overweight or obese. Once medical causes have been ruled out, your veterinary team will then discuss lifestyle changes to correct the problem. The following are general changes that are recommended:

1. Get control over the amount of food that your pet is eating! This is the number one reason that pets are overweight: they eat too many calories. People are often unaware of how many calories their pet is getting each day, since most pets are "free-fed", or fed an unmeasured amount. It is important to measure the amount of food your pets gets each day, cut out unnecessary calories (ie treats!), and ensure that your pet is getting an appropriate amount of food each day. Most people are surprised how little food their pets need per day to meet their calorie requirements.

2. Exercise is important for overall health and weight loss. Just as people should get aerobic exercise multiple times per week, our pets should as well. This includes walking at a brisk pace, running after a toy, or swimming. Although exercise is important, it is not a replacement for proper calorie consumption.

If you're worried that your pet may be overweight, please schedule a wellness exam with your veterinarian to discuss further steps that you can take to help your pet live a long, happy life!

1. Source: "Association between life span and body condition in neutered client owned dogs," Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine



Saturday Shot Clinic has returned!

This walk in vaccine clinic is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month (weather permitting).

NEW: We are able to offer a LIMITED amount of veterinary appointments on Saturdays. Please call 909-386-1400.

Please remember our call volume is very high and wait times are longer than normal. We appreciate your patience.



SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT!

Walk for the Animals

A virtual event!

Each year we proudly bring you the HSSBV Walk for the Animals, a day of fun for people and pets. We are not letting the pandemic derail this special day in 2021, and are offering the Virtual Walk for the Animals on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Visit our website www.hssbv.org to learn more! You will also find the link to create your very OWN personalized fundraising page in support of the event.

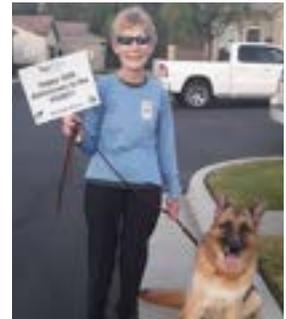
Then head over to our Virtual Walk for the Animals event page on facebook at www.facebook.com/hssbv so you do not miss one second of the excitement and fun with photos, videos and announcements.



How does a Virtual Walk work?

- * Register and create your page - be sure to include information about you and your pets and why you are supporting the HSSBV!
- * Share your page on your social media, by text and email! Asking for donations is so easy- just cut and paste!
- * Thank your donors! Reshare your page and tag donors on facebook to say 'thank you' and increase awareness about your page!
- * Earn a FREE HSSBV 50th Anniversary "Golden Paws" shirt when you hit \$100 in donations (available by mail or pick up!).
- * Earn a HSSBV pet bandana for your pet when you reach \$100 in donations (available by mail or pick up also!).
- * Get ready for a day of fun! Walk day will include the following via facebook event page:

- * Online deals from our vendors
 - * Pet Contests
 - * Walk outside with your pet in your own neighborhood
 - * Yoga with your pet class
 - * Art class for dogs and cats
 - * Online auction for awesome prizes!
 - * Hear from local friends and celebrities
 - * Behind the scenes at the HSSBV
 - * And more!



Please consider participating in this event and creating your personal fundraising page. We continue to feel the effects of the pandemic, along with our entire community and other nonprofits. The hardest hit? Our clients. Fundraisers like this enable us to offer our much needed low cost services to clients and their pets. It also allows us to run our additional financial assistance programs for clients who are facing a financial hardship.

Every dollar counts! Thank you for your support.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

Call 909-386-1400 ext 218 or 224 to sign your dog up for Rattlesnake Avoidance Training!

Training will be held in a socially distanced format on April 16th by appointment only (payments must be made over the phone in advance).



Interested in dog training?

Contact our friends at Dances with Dogs Training Center!

They use humane training techniques and classes are held at our facility. For more information visit danceswithdogstc.com or call 909-496-5356.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

Long Time Volunteer, Bonnie Charlton, Moves Out of State!



It is with sadness in our hearts we say goodbye to longtime volunteer, Bonnie Charlton as she moves out of state! We are so happy and excited for her new adventure as she enters retirement and moves closer to family... but we will most definitely miss her!

Bonnie has volunteered with the HSSBV for over 10 years, mainly as a greeter at our Saturday Shot Clinic. In this time she has donated over 1,100 hours of her time!!!

The staff decorated the reception area for her, presenting her with a card and hand crafted paper flowers (safer for the move!).

The Board of Directors and Staff would like to thank Bonnie for all her years of volunteerism, support, and most importantly friendship!

Arrowhead Credit Union Supports the HSSBV Again!



Thank you to Arrowhead Credit Union Rialto for generously collecting donations from our Wish List and dropping them off before the holidays!

This is the second time an Arrowhead Credit Union Branch has collected Wish List donations for the HSSBV!

We appreciate you!

HSSBV Employees Celebrate Anniversaries!

Please join us in celebrating these HSSBV employee anniversaries:



Lynn Hildebrand - 30 years!!!!

Teri Seymour - 16 years!

Janice - 9 years!

Donna Hibbard - 7 years!

Karina Spendlove - 4 years

Vanessa Dorame- 4 years

Sheryl Perez - 3 years

Dr. Joyce - 1 year

Alexia Rangel- 1 year

Allie Ponce - 1 year

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE HSSBV!

Donations from November 1, 2020 - February 28, 2021

Donations given in loving Memory of:

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by Jeffrey Parness

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A special thank you to all of our in-kind and Wish List donors not included in this list!

We would also like to thank the following supporters who generously donated \$100 or more from November 1, 2020 - February 28, 2021

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... And to so many other friends and steadfast contributors, past and present. We appreciate you. Thank you.



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HSSBV HOURS OF OPERATION

Administration Office Hours
Monday-Friday 8 AM - 5:00 PM

Veterinary Clinic Hours-
spay/neuter, vaccination, exams, etc.
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
PLEASE call 909-386-1400 to make
an appointment.

Saturday Shot Clinic
Held on the first and third Saturday
each month from 8 AM- NOON.
*NEW- we are taking a limited number of Saturday ap-
pointments. Please call 909-386-1400.

Appointment Phone Lines
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Please keep in mind when contacting the HSSBV by
phone, our call volume is extremely high, especially on
Mondays, Fridays and before/after holidays. Our normal
call volume, combined with effects of the current pan-
demic can lead to extended hold times. You also have the
option to leave a voicemail. On average, a return call can
take up to three business days.
We appreciate your understanding and patience.

WISHES & WAGS

- **Dog houses** (new or in good condition)
- **Laundry detergent** HE (unscented)
- **Towels** (new & used)
- **Dog, Cat, Puppy & Kitten food**
- **Dog sweaters, especially holiday themed**
- **Kitty litter** (scoopable)
- **Dog & Cat beds and toys**
- **Blankets and towels** (new or gently used)
- **Office supplies, colored paper**
- **Pillowcases**
- **Newspapers**

... And we always need **people** like you!

We have opportunities for volunteers 18 and over
in several areas!

Call us today at 909-386-1400 ext. 224

or **apply online at www.hssbv.org**.

DONATION INFO

The HSSBV is a private non-profit organization. We are not part of HSUS, the ASPCA, or city/state/county government. We are able to offer our programs and services through our own independent fund-raising

efforts including events, individual donor gifts and grants.

Please consider supporting in one or more of the following ways.

We need this support now more than ever.

Thank you!

- **Donate-** use the enclosed envelope to donate, or visit our website www.hssbv.org to donate online!
- Support our fundraising events!
- Choose HSSBV when you shop on Amazon Smile!
- Thinking of sending flowers? Choose Orange Blossom Florist in San Bernardino and mention us! We will get a percent of your purchase donated back!
- Consider including the HSSBV in your estate planning.
- Donate gift cards

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