



# Paws THINK

Winter 2009

VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC CHARITABLE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

A Message From..... Dr. Lowell L. Novy

## ***This is an Outrageously Special Organization.***

When times were good, we worked tirelessly to reduce the overproduction of pets (feral and owned) to negate the need to euthanize the surplus.

To that end, after 18,000 spay/neuter surgeries, we have dropped the euthanasia rate for the eastern half of Ventura County by 80 percent. You, our supporters, have been there for us year after year. And after 12 years of being together, I think we can consider all of us the "Valley Vet Non-Profit Family."

Then came 2008 when the financial world fell apart and what did we do? We asked you, our family, for additional financial assistance in order to build a full-fledged separate spay/neuter surgical facility.

To accomplish that, we needed \$120,000. The board of directors decided we would not commit to this new expansion until we had \$100,000 in hand. Due to your phenomenal personal commitment and large grants from PetSmart Charities and The Herman Bennett Foundation we had \$140,000 within eight weeks!

The rest is history. Under the direction of Diane Bentz, Clinic Director, we are now including spay/neuter cases from the western half of Ventura County as well as Los Angeles County. Joyce Peters, our financial wizard, works tirelessly on our behalf. Carolyn Herman, our secretary, produces the newsletter. And, Paula Temme is educating students in pet care, hopefully alleviating our need in the future.

As I said, "What an outrageously special organization." What a family!!

Thank you all.

**Ribbon Cutting** – left to right

Scott Kinsey, spouse of volunteer; Linda Parks, County Supervisor; Christine Bowman, Veterinary Technician; Diane Bentz, Clinic Director; Dr. Lowell Novy; Paul Miller, Mayor of Simi Valley; Steve Bennett, County Supervisor; Joyce Peters, Chief Financial Officer





## TO THE RESCUE

Recently we received a call from the Ventura County Animal Shelter about three female cats and 10 just born kittens that were going to have to be euthanized unless someone could come to their rescue. With the help of one of our "family" we were able to save all of them. The cats and the kittens, once they were old enough, were spayed/neutered and offered for adoption. We are happy to report that they now all belong to a family.



## LUIGI'S CORNER

**H**ow lucky am I to have been found and taken care of by this wonderful group of people. When the clinic opens, I find my favorite place to settle and watch. Both the staff and the volunteers are busy from the moment they walk in to well after all of the animals have been picked up for the day – it is truly a team effort. Since the clinic opened in April, they have completed 2,004 spay/neuters – 448 of those in the month of September. Now, that is compared to 1,200 to 1,500 per year prior to the opening of the Clinic.

So many people have been very generous, donating gently used towels so my friends are comfortable as they recover. We would like to add a few new things to the "Wish List" such as:

- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Cat Litter

You can deliver any of these items to the facility which is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. To make an appointment for an animal to be spayed or neutered or if you need financial assistance to have an animal spayed or neutered, call (805) 584-3823.

Luigi

**P.S. Hope to see you at the Love Your Pet Banquet.**

## SPECIAL THANKS

There are several organizations that we would like to recognize for their commitment in assisting Ventura County residents in the worthy effort to reduce the number of overproduced pets. Working together with Concerned People for Animals, Herman Bennett Foundation, SPAN, Oxnard Animal Control and Ventura County Animal Regulation, we are able to make a difference in Ventura County. Thank you also to Actors and Others, Pet Assistance and L.A. City Animal Services for working with us to assist those in Los Angeles County. Our hats are off to you for being there.

### "WALK FLYERS"

We are always looking for innovative and new ways to spread our message – "no more unwanted pets in Simi Valley." But, what we have found is that one of the most effective ways to communicate our service to spay/neuter pets at a low cost is to "walk flyers" by placing them at the front door of each home.

We are looking for volunteers – even if you only have a couple of hours. Can you help us? Please call us at (805) 584-3823.



*"Every Animal Deserves Care, Compassion and Respect."*

EIGHTH ANNUAL



Please join us for our annual salute to our beloved pets on

**February 20th, 2010**

at the Wood Ranch Country Club,  
Simi Valley

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. — Dinner 7:00 p.m.

VALET PARKING PROVIDED — BLACK TIE OPTIONAL (Please, no denim)

**THIS EVENING WILL INCLUDE DINNER, DANCING, A SILENT AUCTION AND A RAFFLE FOR AN EXCITING ITEM.**

As space is limited, we are asking interested individuals to commit to attending now. The tickets are \$125 each. Please indicate on the form below the number of tickets required, or if you would like to reserve a table for 10. A confirmation will be sent back to acknowledge your reservation and payment.

All of the proceeds from the Banquet will support Valley Veterinary Clinic Charitable Non-Profit Corporation's spay/neuter and education programs and provide assistance to pets and owners in need.

— PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 8TH, 2010 —

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Peters at (805) 526-2743.

**YES,** I'd like to attend the **Love Your Pet Banquet** (Due to limited seating, payment must accompany reservation)

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) at \$125. each \_\_\_\_\_ table(s) at \$1,250. each (table of 10)

Vegetarian food required for \_\_\_\_\_ people attending.

I cannot attend, but enclose my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

My check is enclosed  Please charge my credit card  
(Please print and return in the enclosed envelope by February 1st.)

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# NOVY'S NOTES

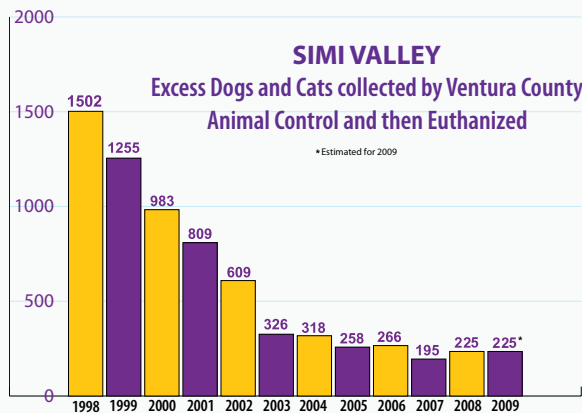
We are living in extraordinary times. Hard times! And nothing is being hammered harder than the social fabric of our communities. An economy is produced by money in motion and there just isn't much of that around.

In the face of those facts, Valley Veterinary Clinic Non-Profit is working with Ventura County Animal Control to further reduce euthanasia rates throughout Ventura County by 2015.

This vision will mandate exceptional efforts by many of our family for several more years. But then –

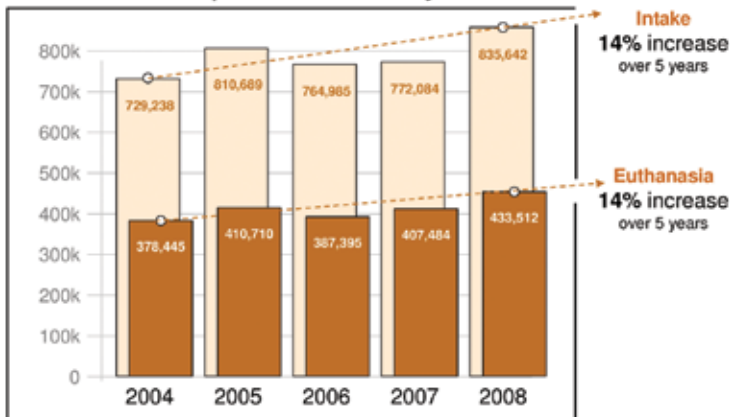
- *If not now, when?*
- *If not us, who?*

Break into your piggy banks!  
Here we go again.



**TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**

## California Municipal Shelters Yearly Intake and Euthanasia



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