



From the Presidents' Desk.....

What a tremendous couple of months it has been! In August the Calaveras Humane Society moved into its new office right next door to the Animal Service Building. Everyone was just getting settled when that horrendous fire blazed forth. Animal Services was overwhelmed with animals, so much so that the Humane Society's new office became a Cattery. Taking care of all those cats became a 24/7 job for two volunteers who were evacuees themselves and brought in some cots and slept right there. They organized the daytime volunteers into cat feeders, cage cleaners and cat socializer...a very busy crew!

Now, the operative word in that episode is "volunteers!" The Humane Society has one part-time paid staff person. The rest of the programs are staffed and run by volunteers (except the Thrift Stores). The office is manned by volunteers 6 days a week, the foster program is all-volunteer caregivers, the cat adoption centers at the Thrift Stores are staffed by all volunteers, the animals that are transferred to other shelters are all transported by volunteers and the governing body (the Board of Directors) is all volunteers. This organization could not function without the volunteers! But, the sad part is there are never enough volunteers!!!

There is a desperate need in all areas of the program for people to volunteer 2-4 hours a week. There are openings at the office to answer phones, answer questions and issue spay and neuter vouchers, there are 2 openings on the Board of Directors(a 2 year commitment), and so it goes! The Society needs you!!!!!!!!!!!! Not only your financial support but your time and effort! It is a rewarding, satisfying experience to know that your little donated time is helping so many furry four- footed friends.

Hope to see you around!

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