

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW SHELTER

Jean Macomber, Chair

The New Shelter Steering Committee has been behind the scenes for the last six months, but that isn't to say inactive. We have been busy working to lay the ground work for a Capital Campaign anticipated to launch in the fall.

The New Shelter has begun a whole new phase. With the allocation of the 6.93 acres by the County, which we will lease, we started the Public/Private partnership with Calaveras County. Working with the County is a cooperative effort. Soon our partnership will be launched with a Memorandum of Understanding or MOU which will put in writing our mutually agreed upon plan of action.

We are contracting with a Capital Campaign Coordinator to guide us through the process of raising the needed funds to build. Calaveras Humane Society has received a very generous gift from Barbara Brooks in her estate. Barbara was a founding member and lifelong supporter of Calaveras Humane Society. Over \$500,000 is in the building fund and the balance is set aside for ongoing shelter program costs.

In July, the New Shelter Steering Committee will send a Request for Information to architects specializing in animal shelters. The committee has toured two shelters which reflect the demographics and budget constraints of the animal care needs for our county. The committee carefully evaluated design, equipment, and difficulties the shelters are experiencing in an effort to avoid the same pitfalls.

Your Shelter Steering Committee is working hard to see that our animals have a new and safe place to stay while they await their "Forever" home. Our place will be an affordable, welcoming, comfortable animal and PEOPLE friendly place to meet each other and form lasting companionable relationships.