

# Critter Corner Newsletter

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## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a fun day and night of excitement with family and friends. BBQ's, games and ending the day with a spectacular firework show...big bright wonderful explosions of color, WOW!

But unfortunately our pets don't feel the same way. The days leading up to the fourth are a nightmare for most animals. Loud pops, bangs and booms, followed by screaming and yucky smells every night. To our animals this would have to be the most dreaded holiday of the whole year...

Well we can't stop the 4<sup>th</sup> from coming, and if your family is like mine, we love to have friends and family over, and in the evening gather everyone up for a wonderful fireworks show. But I take steps to make sure my animals are safe from harm.

1. Make sure that your fence and gates are secure. This can help stop escapes out of fright.

2. If your animals need more security, make sure that you have a room or maybe the garage, even an enclosed kennel to help with the 4<sup>th</sup> jitters. The enclosed space can help animals feel more protected.
3. Turn a radio or the TV on to help drown out the firecracker noise.
4. Give your companion their favorite treat or toy for comfort.
5. If the 4<sup>th</sup> just really stresses your animal out, consider talking with your Vet about medications that can help relieve anxiety.
6. If your animal should get away, start looking right away. Don't just assume that they will return later...

Later can be too late...

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Saturday Adoption Sites
- ◆ Volunteer Orientation
- ◆ Hope Spay/Neuter

## Tulare County Animal Shelters and Animal Control

**Tulare County Animal Control**  
14131 Ave 256, Visalia 93292  
636-3647 10am-5pm Mon-Sat  
Takes in animals from the country

**Valley Oak SPCA**  
29016 Highway 99, Visalia 93277  
651-1111 9am-5pm Mon-Sat  
9am-7pm Tuesday

Takes in animals from the cities of  
Tulare, Visalia, Dinuba, Woodlake,  
Exeter, Farmerville

**Lindsay Animal Control**  
23611 Rd 196, Lindsay 93247  
562-6577 3pm-6pm Tue-Sat  
Takes in animals from the City of Lindsay

**Porterville Animal Control**  
782-7400

**Dinuba Animal Control**  
591-5911

**Exeter Animal Control**  
592-3103

**Farmerville Animal Control**  
747-3330

**Tulare Animal Control**  
684-4271

**Woodlake Animal Control**  
564-3346

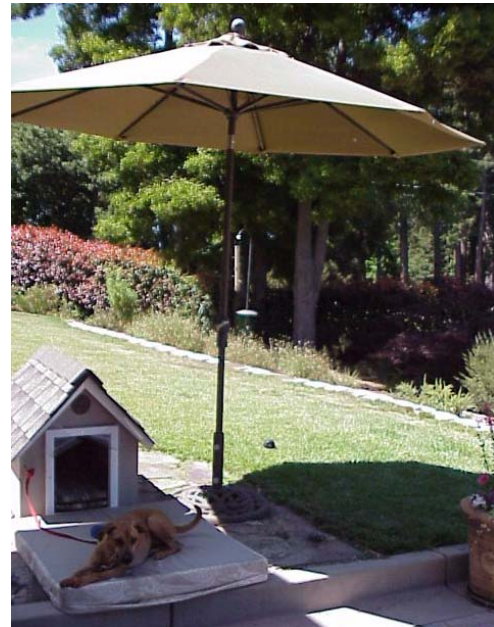
## Kelsey, AKA Faith

Her family writes:

Kelsey is doing well and has not tried to jump our fence, but as a safety measure she is tethered when we can not be with her. Kelsey has been on long mountain walks, to the beach, even sharing office space and playing with her new big sister Emmie. We are all very happy!

Thanks from:

Kelsey, Emmie, Peter and Melissa



## UGG

in now Joshua, and his owner is just in love!  
Pictures to follow soon!



## The Boys!

Hi Donna,

The boys are doing great. They've obviously had some time put in with obedience training, we're just building off that and they're wonderful on walks. We get them out walking at least once a day. Mason is a kick. His bird dog in him always kicks in on the walks and the hardest think is to get him to pay attention. Mason definitely is the skittish one. It took him a week to warm up to my son, but all it takes is for that person he's skittish of to take him for a walk and then he's fine. And Dixon is definitely the clown of the two. We just started letting them come into the house and

they're active noses make it difficult for them to settle down, but eventually they will. Dixon loves to come wake me up from a nap. Of course he has to lick my toes and then jump on top of me and lick my face.

I've included a photo. We finally found a toy they like to play with. We can't thank you enough for the opportunity to be part of these guys lives. What wonderful family members they will be.

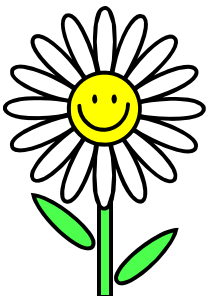
Thanks again!  
Burt

## Squeaky

Squeaky is doing fine.? I have to tell you though that she does not like cats.? I think we may have come to a mutual understanding on that ground though and it seems to be working.? She does not mind taking a bath or having the grandkids come and play with her.? She loves my dad but she gets very upset and starts the "squeaking" when I am going to leave the house or when I come home.? Just a couple of days ago she started getting really protective of the house and my dad.? She was snarling and barking at my son when he came in and went to tell my dad hello.? It was OK though and we got past that.? She is a never ending

source of entertainment for my dad and she loves to be on his lap so that gives him someone to pet and care for.? She has been given toys and she has certain chairs and other areas of the house that have been designated as just hers even though she has free reign of the house.? She is a bright little dog and seems to have adjusted to the house and the pet door just fine.? Thank you so much for rescuing her and putting her online so that I could find her.? Take care.?

Love Maggie, Dad and Squeaky



## The Heat is ON!

Yes spring has come and gone, and now we are left with the heat! 100, 102, 105, 110...it might as well be 200, because hot is hot! Well it's time to start thinking about how to keep cool...

- Make sure you stay hydrated
- Spend time in air-

Remember that we need to take special care of our animals in the hot summer months...

- Never leave your pet in a closed parked car.
- Always make sure that your pets have access to fresh, clean, cool water.
- Make sure you that your

conditioned locations (Mall, Movies, Libraries, Cooling Stations).

- Wear lightweight clothes, loose fitting clothes
- Avoid unnecessary physical activity in the heat.
- Wear a hat and sunscreen

animals can find shade to help keep cool.

- If you and your dog enjoy walking or running, do this during early morning and late evening hours. Please bring water for you and your dog...



*Stay cool, when it's hot!*

### Big Wonderful Cats Need Homes

A local cat rescue will be closing down due to the owners health. There are about 30 wonderful adult cats, all fixed and vaccinated. Pictures of these cats can be viewed at the shelter. These cats will be available for adoption, the adoption fee will only be \$10 for a microchip.



New Volunteers:

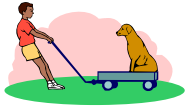
**Welcome to the Critter Crew**  
**Taylor Cabello**  
**Joseph Bryant**  
**Andrew Bryant**

Volunteers are needed at Petsmart! Please call Michelle to arrange your day... 636-3647

Time Sheets are due at the end of every month! Don't forget! ☺

**Special adoption rate for the month of JULY!**  
**Dog Adoption \$70**  
**Cat Adoption \$50**  
**Includes microchip, spay/neuter and rabies vaccination**

## Calendar



Tulare County Animal  
Control

14131 Ave 256  
Visalia Ca 93292

Phone:  
(555) 636-3647

Fax:  
(555) 737-6317

E-mail:  
Mshanley@tularehhsa.org

Please be  
responsible,  
Spay/Neuter

[Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com)  
[Dogsindanger.com](http://Dogsindanger.com)

July 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday No Adoption Site  
July 11 Orientation 8:30am Shelter  
July 11 Adoption Site COS  
July 18 Adoption Site Porterville  
July 22 Hope Spay/Neuter  
July 25 Adoption Site COS

Adoption sites may be  
cancelled due to heat.

Volunteers are welcome to volunteer Monday-Saturday 8am-5pm at the shelter, please call Michelle to schedule...636-3647  
Volunteers are also needed at the adoption sites on Saturdays from 8am-5pm

## National Dog House Repair Month

July is National Dog House Repair Month

So grab your hammer, let's get busy on fixing our loyal companions house. Make sure that their house says "Thank You", for being a great companion, a loyal friend, and a loving family member...

Don't forget to help out a friend...

Friends don't let friends have leaky dog houses ☺



Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a change in our fee schedule:

Adoption:

Dog or Cat (includes Microchip)	30
Dog spay/neuter Deposit	50
Cat spay/neuter Deposit	30
Vaccinations	5
Rabies Vaccinations	10
Horse	50-250
Small Animal (rabbit, guinea pig, ect)	5
Microchip (general public)	20

Dog adoption \$90

Cat adoption \$70

If you have pictures, stories or ideas, please e-mail them to Michelle  
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