



Animal Samaritans SPCA Paws & Tails Newsletter



For Kids and Teachers in English and Spanish

CRITTER CAMP

This summer Animal Samaritans and Palm Springs YMCA hosted a week-long camp about animals. The camp was a lot of fun and participants had the opportunity to play animal-themed games, create "animal-art", and go on a "backyard hike". All types of pets came to visit including dogs, cats, rats, hamsters, and Fiona the guinea pig. One of the highlights of the camp was when Lori Wiano from Dream Dogs came with her dog Mitch to demonstrate how to clicker train your dog.

Another Critter Camp is scheduled during the holiday recess. The dates are December 18th - 22nd and camp runs from 8:00am-12:00pm. Extended afternoon care will be available with the YMCA. If you want join the fun, have your parents call the Palm Springs YMCA at 760-320-6430 for more information.

AFFORDABLE ANIMAL FIELD TRIPS

Animal Samaritans SPCA and the Department of Animal Services of Riverside County are now offering field trips to our animal campus in Thousand Palms. This is a great opportunity for students to meet an Animal Control Officer and to see how an animal care facility operates. All grade levels are welcome. Field trips are hosted on Tuesdays 10:00am-12:00pm.

Animal Field Trips are \$2.00 per student with a minimum of 20 participants. All proceeds benefit Animal Samaritans education department services. Partial scholarships are available.

PAWS FOR LOVE

Thank you to all of the classrooms that participated in Paws For Love. Last year 43 classrooms participated in Paws for Love and raised over \$1,200 for shelter animals. This large amount of money was raised by classrooms collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters or even dollars.

Paws for Love is a charity program and each classroom gets a picture of an "adopted" pet to inspire support. Animal Samaritans appreciates the tremendous dedication by elementary school students and we hope that your classroom with be a part of this valuable program during this school year.



Don't feed your pets Halloween candy. Treats like chocolate could make your dog or cat very sick. Have a safe Halloween!

Teachers Corner

It's not too late to sign up for classroom presentations. The presentations are grade appropriate, can be in both English and Spanish and based on the State Standards. For more information, call the Director of Education at 343-3477 ext. 307 or email at education@animalsamaritans.org.

NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Two new rats have joined the Animal Samaritans Humane Education Department. Their names are Darwin and Trixie and they are hairless rats. Darwin and Trixie are only a couple of months old, but are already used to being handled and enjoy human companionship. They go to the schools about once a week. Students think the rats are really cool because they have grey skin, curly whiskers, and no fur.

Critter Poetry

Fill in the blanks below to create your own animal poem.

I wish I were...

_____ (animal you wish you were)

_____ (where you wish you were)

_____ (What you wish you were doing)

_____ (one word that tells how you would do it)

Example:



I wish I were a black bear cub by a sunny woodland stream chasing butterflies happily

