



Animal Samaritans SPCA Paws & Tails Newsletter



For Kids and Teachers in English and Spanish

SO YOU GOT A PET AS A HOLIDAY PRESENT

The holidays are a wonderful time to give the gifts that family and friends have been asking for all year long. For children, one of the most desired gifts is a pet. And how exciting to get a kitten or a puppy! They are cute, cuddly and small. The kitten loves to chase a toy mouse and the dog loves to run after a ball. At first you look forward to playing with your new pet, feeding it, loving it and taking care of it. But then the dog gets bigger and the kitten grows up and maybe it is not as fun to play with them anymore and it becomes too much work to feed them and take care of them.

Although most children will say that they would never stop taking care of their animal if they got one as a gift, it happens all too often. A puppy cannot get its own food and a kitten cannot fill the water dish. Those are things you have to do and your pet is relying on you to be there to do so.

WINTER 2006 CRITTER CAMP A GREAT SUCCESS

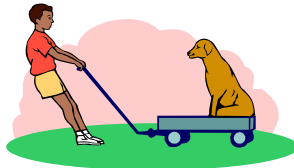
Twenty kids attended the Critter Camp during the holiday recess. The camp was held at the Palm Springs YMCA and was run by Animal Samaritans staff and volunteers. Campers had a lot of fun meeting and playing with dogs, cats, snakes, and birds. A highlight of the camp was when K-9 police officers performed a dog attack demonstration.

Walk With the Animals 2007

It's that time of year again, time for the annual walk-a-thon to raise funds for our Humane Education program. Last year we taught animal care and compassion to over 12,800 individuals in 506 classrooms. We need your help to continue to "Stamp out Cruelty to Animals".

Walk with the Animals will be held at the Palm Desert Civic Center Park on Saturday April 28, 2007. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 8:30 a.m. The event is free, but donations, pledges, and classroom teams are encouraged.

Everyone is welcome, including leashed pets. For more information please call 760-343-0837.



TEACHER'S CORNER

CITY WILDLIFE PRESENTATION

We have just developed a new format for our 3rd grade program. It is based on the City Wildlife unit in *Open Court Reading*. We are very excited to correlate a presentation to a reading program that is used by PSUSD and that is also based on State Standards. Students will get to play a game of bingo that focuses on desert environment, plants, and animals.

Our dog bite prevention program will now be used for 2nd grade classes and has been adapted to 2nd grade State

Wild Worries

Wild animals are not "pets". They belong in the wild because they have a job to do in nature. Unscramble the words and solve the problems with wild animals as pets.

May get the wrong _____ of food. *idnk*

May get b_____n or scratched. *teti*

May feel l_____y. *enol*

May get _____ . *cisk*

May be breaking the _____. *alw*

May feel s_____d. *reca*

May get the furniture _____ up or chewed. *rotn*

May feel b_____d. *reo*



Respect wild animals by looking, learning, and leaving them alone.

