

PRECIOUS PAWS

Precious Paws is a no kill dog and cat rescue 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. While still a small, fairly new organization, our volunteers have been involved with animal rescue since the early 1990's. In fact, everyone with Precious Paws is an unpaid volunteer. Our policy is never to euthanize an animal unless it is beyond medical help and is suffering, we maintain the pet's care while they are with us until their adoption and if not adoptable for their whole life.

With our current struggling economy, donations are far and few between. We have to rely on creative type fundraising to bring donations in to our group, and it is not easy by any means. It becomes quite difficult to have to continually seek out donations to keep us afloat in addition to the hands on caring of our many fosters and everyday nonprofit duties. We are a small group with a great group of volunteers and many rescues.

In the past six months we took in a mom and her litter of 10 puppies and 4 adult dogs. We had them all spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. We took our puppies to a special event in the park in April; unfortunately, one of our puppies picked up Parvo and was very close to death's door. Due to the diligence of one of our board members, Fluffy is now in a loving home and enjoying a normal life. It was a true miracle. Each life is worth the work and effort to save them no matter what the cost.

In the past three months we have assisted with one cat, Spice, whose owner one day put her out on his balcony with plenty of food and water and then proceeded to step in front of the Metro link and end his life. Spice is currently up for adoption. A month later, one of our board members' neighbor filled his 2 dog's, Shank and Ripper's feeder and waterer and then headed outside and hung himself. On his birthday his father and sister came over to surprise him, they found him hanging in his backyard, he had died two weeks prior. It is tragic stories like these that we cannot turn our backs on. Not all stories are this heartbreaking, but they are for the animals that have lost their home or are homeless. If something were to happen to you, have you made preparations for your pets, to make sure they are taken care to they won't end up at the shelter or be put into a rescue group. Unfortunately, most people have not made provisions and rescue groups get more calls with these sad situations than you know.

We have taken in a great number of dogs and cats this year, Kitten season has been especially overwhelming, we have dozens of litters in our group right now that are still not yet adopted. Each kitten will be spayed/neutered, blood tested for FIV/FELV, vaccinated and micro chipped before they are placed.

We are in dire need of funds right now, September 2008, this is why I am sending out this plea for donations. We are behind in our vet bills and monthly bills, it is dismal. We are desperately seeking donations for these babies and to keep afloat. It is hard to say no once you see their face and know if you don't do something, odds are they will die. In the animal world, it isn't like if you say no that someone else will take care of the animal; odds are they will be killed in the shelter.

We want to be able to continue doing what we do, saving lives, assisting people, education, but without your help we cannot do it. If you can help us by making a donation of any amount, nothing is too small, it would be greatly appreciated. It is a day at a time for us right now and just getting caught up on back bills and being able to prepare our litters to be ready for adoption would be huge. If you can't donate but know of others that can, please feel free to forward this letter.

You can go to our website www.preciouspaws.org and make a donation through PayPal or send us a donation to Precious Paws, 18034 Ventura Blvd., 430, Encino, CA 91316.

Our rescues and volunteers thank you very much!

Georgyne La Lone, Carla Roselli, Paula Robertson, Suzanne Welke, Jeanna Crawford, Barbara Hammond, Penny Juday, LeAnn Moen, Suzette Maffi, Susan Olsen and Karen Troncane



Tammy

Shank & Ripper

Spice

Fluffy

Eric