

FLUFF STUFF

“When a man has pity on all living creatures then only is he noble.”

— Buddha

Fetching the Ball in 2009

Dear Friends of the FLUFF Pack,

In June 2005, I founded **Four Legged Friends Foundation (FLUFF)** not knowing what the organization would become three and a half years later. As I look back, I am honored by and grateful for people like you that continue to support our efforts. In 2008, FLUFF was able to help save 30 dogs and cats by providing medical care through **Another Sunny Day Fund**. Along with L.A. Animal Services we also assisted rescue groups adopt out 50 dogs and cats at the Spring and Fall Bow Wow Meows held in Brentwood.

Looking ahead into 2009, I am hoping to touch many more lives by increasing the number of pets we assist. Through our Another Sunny Day Fund we would like to double the number of animals saved and begin expanding the program to assist seniors, the disabled and the sick that cannot afford to provide daily care to their pets (walking dogs, changing litter boxes, feeding, etc.).

Our **Give Me a Paw** rating scale for veterinarians has been launched. We requested clients and supporters to complete opinion surveys on their own veterinarians and submit them to us. Your input can be included by visiting www.flff.org/sunnyday.html. It is our intention in 2009 to post online the results of the surveys that will list the ratings of veterinarians to help people find a qualified vet that is most appropriate to fit their needs, both medically and financially.



The successful new program, **Dancing with the Dogs**, was created in 2008 to showcase the human-animal bond and the joy dogs bring to our lives. FLUFF plans to hold Dancing with the Dogs “fun competitions” at other adoption events and schedule performances at nursing and retirement homes, foster care centers, and schools. We also intend to have Dancing with the Dogs showcase with rescue groups and shelters at local fairs and expos to provide entertainment, education and increased adoptions.

FLUFF has come along way since June 2005 and I am happy with the direction it is taking to help save, assist and bring sunshine to so many dogs, cats and their families. In order for us to continue moving forward we need to expand our supporters, donors, sponsors and volunteers. For this we need your assistance. If you or anyone you know may be able to provide a major gift, a donation, sponsorship or volunteer time for our growing programs, please let me know. I would love to discuss FLUFF with you and your friends and find the areas where our needs and interests meet.



I truly believe that 2009 will give FLUFF the opportunity to make an even bigger difference in so many lives with your support. Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to provide.

May 2009 bring you happiness, joy and sunshine.

FLUFFy Regards,

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P.S. Your help is urgent! With today's economy more and more animals are in need.

Meet Our Event Meow-nager

Hi, I'm **DeAnne Millais**, and I've been donating my services as event producer and stage manager for **Dancing with the Dogs** — FLuFF's showcase and competition — since its inception in 2008. When Sandra Lollino asked for my help, I was excited to support such a unique concept, primarily because it offers the opportunity to increase awareness of FLuFF's programs while spotlighting the animals in need of homes at adoption events.

I first met Sandra in 1997 while working at the same event production firm, and was always impressed by her compassion and commitment for animals. When she later founded Four Legged Friends Foundation, I offered my assistance in any way needed. She often consults with me on upcoming initiatives and events, and it's been a joy to contribute my time knowing that together we are making a difference for so many cats and dogs. I am most inspired by the organization's **Another Sunny Day Fund** that helps those who cannot afford veterinary care for their pets, especially when it supports the elderly.

As a child, my family always found a place for neglected dogs and cats that showed up (literally) on our doorstep, and I had several pets — Sandy, Buster, and my favorite dog, Bear. Since graduating college and moving into my own place in 1997, I had been without a pet, but last year I was fortunate enough to adopt a sweet kitten named Lily, who was discovered underneath a friend's home with her brother and sister. She and I are now best friends.

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Join Our Animal



FLuFF invites you to join our monthly networking meet-ups with others who want to help make a difference within the animal community. Each month, members enjoy a nice dinner at a local restaurant, meet new people and simply discuss each other's interests. Without an agenda the conversation



hits a variety of topics. "It's a great venue to let you talk about your love for animals and also learn about events for helping animals," says member Tammy. These meet-ups alternate between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. For more information visit:

www.meetup.com/animal-community-networking-group/

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Dancing the with the **dogs** **Tour!** www.flff.org

FLuFF is proud to announce that Dancing with the Dogs tour begins at Best Friends Pet Adoption Festival on Sunday, April 26th at Westchester Park!

Showcasing the joy and fun a dog can bring to a home, **Dancing with the Dogs** features handler and dog contestants who perform memorable routines in front of celebrity judges. The show includes beginning and intermediate contestants along with demo teams and group performances. Routines are created by the handlers working with their dog in a variety of movements and fancy footwork that is choreographed to music that best fits their dog's personality. Pictures and videos from past events can be found on our website at www.flff.org/dancing.html.



Judy Gamet, owner of *Dogs Can Dance*, assisted FLuFF in bringing Dancing with the Dogs to Southern California early in 2008. "When training a team, it is all about the dog" said Judy. "When the handler vanishes into the background and your eyes follow the dog doing his or her routine and beaming, that's what it's all about! When the dog likes the music you can see the response. You can't take your eyes off the dog when the music is right!" Any dog can benefit from dancing, from puppies to seniors. It's a fantastic exercise for every stage of a dog's life.

Judy has trained both the competing and demo teams for the dancing competition and is committed to continue offering workshops for future Dancing with the Dogs shows. All levels are encouraged to participate. It is a great way to have fun with your dog, and dancing with your dog provides him or her exercise, stimulation, confidence and more.

"I just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to both of you again. The Dancing with the Dogs event was executed impeccably and it was such a pleasure to be a part of the special day. Coach, Chris and I couldn't stop smiling all day. Thanks for all of your insight and encouragement. I walked away from our first training session with a skip in my step and feel even closer to my Coachie than ever before." said Contestant Angela who was teamed with Border Collie Coach.

FLuFF invites you to participate and join us at the April 2009 Dancing with the Dogs fun competition held at Best Friends Pet Adoption Festival on Sunday, April 26th at Westchester Park. This Pet Adoption Festival is focused on finding homes for hundreds of homeless animals. The event consists of rescue

Register for Dancing with the Dogs Today!

Now YOU and your DOG can create a routine for Dancing with the Dogs fun competition and perform before celebrity judges at the Best Friends Pet Adoption Festival on Sunday, April 26th at Westchester Park!



Dancing with the Dogs routines take time and practice. Enroll in a freestyle workshop, offered by Dogs Can Dance's Judy Gamet, so you and your dog can learn basic freestyle movements that are used to create a routine for the fun competition.

FREESTYLE CLASSES*

Saturday, March 14, 2008

Beginning Class 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Experienced Class 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
30-Minute Private Coaching Sessions
Available between 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Sign up at www.flff.org/dancing.html,
email info@flff.org or call 310.441.2888.**

**All classes are scheduled at Doggie Central in Culver City.*

groups, shelters, retailers, demonstrations in grooming & training, and pet health care experts to provide information and assistance to the public who have adopted new pets. *This festival has made its mark as the largest pet adoption event in the nation, with an average of 8,000 attendees and 400 adoptions per event.* FLuFF supports Best Friends Animal Society Los Angeles Programs in creating a time when there are No More Homeless Pets, and every cat or dog who is ever born can be guaranteed a good home with a loving family.

If you would like more event information including sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website:

www.flff.org/dancing.html





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Another Sunny Day for Boris the Pug!

Please read Julia's testimonial of her Boris. We were able to provide a pledge toward Boris' care, but only a small one. Our funds run out so quickly and there are so many more that we are unable to help but with your contribution we can offer support to more pets in need of medical care. Please give today!

"Dear Sandra,

Thank You Soooo much for the help!!! I truly appreciate it as does my dog. Having all of this happen right around Christmas was like having my dog as a present all over again.

On 12/06/08 he was hit by a car right outside my house. My roommates heard the thud and came running out. The car was going probably about 35 to 40 MPH at a 15 MPH street corner. Boris' back legs got clipped by the tire and he spiraled on the ground. Thank God he wasn't killed. When I picked him up in my arms it was obvious he was in shock. My roommates shined a light on his legs so we could see

how bad it was. There were no bones protruding but a lot of bleeding.

I rushed him to the Emergency Clinic and he had to be hospitalized overnight. The vet told me he had no broken bones and he seemed to be doing fairly well after being hit by a car. They sent him home with me the next day and he was crying the whole day/night until his visit with his regular vet the next day. He did not urinate or have a bowel movement for over 24 hours. I was so worried about him because every time I tried to take him out to go to the bathroom you could tell he needed to but he couldn't because of the pain in his legs and the fact that he couldn't walk.

His regular vet hospitalized him again and said if they did not stabilize Boris he would die. He had to be attached to a catheter which drained over a liter of urine from his bladder... no wonder he was crying so much!!!

Boris had surgery on 12/11/08 and came home the next day. He still had a limp in his walk due to a torn ligament but at least

he was walking and alive. He had his staples removed the day after Christmas and is getting back to his old self.

Thank you so much again to **Another Sunny Day Fund** and

to all the people who contribute to it for helping to save my dog's life. He is almost like a child to me. I have had him for the past eight years of my life and he almost comes with me almost everywhere. Everyone who has ever met him tells me he is so well behaved and almost has the personality of a human, not a dog. This is truly the best Christmas present I could ever ask for. Thank you SOOOOOOO much!"



— Julia and Boris, December 31, 2008