

# FLUFF STUFF

“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.”

— Anatole France

## Apollo’s Mission & Beyond!

Dear Friends of the FLUFF Pack,

I’m always running across stories about how animals influence us in such positive ways. That’s what keeps me motivated to continue growing and expanding Four Legged Friends Foundation.

There is one special story that I just have to share with you because it touched me so deeply. It shows how the simple touch of an animal can make a huge difference in someone’s life.



Meet Apollo and Laura. They are an animal-assisted therapy team from PAC (People-Animal Connection) at UCLA’s Medical Center. PAC volunteer-dog teams offer friendship and warmth to more than 400 critically ill children and adults per month. The program was founded to enhance physical healing and emotional well-being through the natural bond animals have with patients of all ages and cultures.

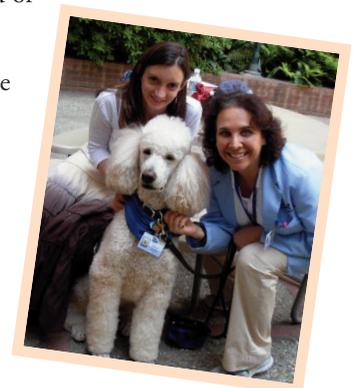
Laura shared with me many of her experiences volunteering with Apollo. When they walk into the Cardiac Care Unit together, Laura instantly notices the heart monitors dropping to a calming rhythm. A nervous blind girl in an elevator senses Apollo sitting next to her as her father describes the dog and she quickly relaxes.

The one visit that touched me the most is when Apollo and Laura made their way to see a little girl who appeared to be in a coma (PAC teams are not allowed to ask about a patient’s medical condition). Apollo sat next to her for 15 minutes during which the girl’s parents moved her hand to pet Apollo while calling his name and describing him. Then Apollo and Laura said good-bye and made their way to their next patient. Later that day, Laura was told that shortly after leaving the little girl in a coma, the girl woke up asking for Apollo! The next day, Laura brought Apollo to visit the girl again, only to find she was no longer in need of hospital care and had gone home.

Animals are precious in our lives and stories like this prove the value of the human-animal bond. Four Legged Friends Foundation is committed to these animals and the people they serve. Please support us by giving today. Your gift will support animals in need and help organizations like PAC through our upcoming **Give Me a Paw** rating program. Thank you!

FLUFFy Regards,

Sandra Lollino  
 Founder/President



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# Digging Our Web Master

Hi, I'm **Eddie DeAngelini**, Four Legged Friends Foundation's Web Designer (pictured with FLuFF advocates, Melissa and Zorro). I design a variety of different websites and believe that it is important to take time and give back to our local communities. When Sandra Lollino approached me to help with FLuFF's website, I was excited about the opportunity to give back with an organization that I believe in. You see, growing up I had a dog named **Butch** who was a big part of my life and my best friend. That special connection I had with him is something that I want others to have and experience which is why I am happy to support Four Legged Friends Foundation.

Being hands-on with Four Legged Friends Foundation from the beginning, I've seen more and more families being helped through the **Another Sunny Day Fund** and an increase in animals being adopted at the Bow Wow Meow. I enjoy watching the difference FLuFF is continuing to make and proud to announce that we have now updated [www.fiff.org](http://www.fiff.org)! Check it out to read about the animals and families helped through **Another Sunny Day Fund** and visit **THE FLuFF SHoP**, where you can purchase items for people and their pets knowing the proceeds are helping out those in need.

If you are interested in being a FLuFF SHoP vendor, just let me know!

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## Give Me YOUR Paw!

Four Legged Friends Foundation has started the first **Give Me a Paw** rating survey for veterinarians. FLuFF wants to provide the community with a resource for finding the right veterinarian for the needs of their pets and promote those veterinarians and animal hospitals that have assisted us in helping animals in need with **Another Sunny Day Fund**. We are looking for veterinarians, specialists and animal hospitals that you would recommend to other pet owners. If you have a veterinarian that you would like to refer to us, please visit [www.fiff.org](http://www.fiff.org), click on **Another Sunny Day Fund** and fill out the **Give Me a Paw** survey. *A FLuFFy Thanks to You for Your Help!*

Visit our new and improved website [www.fiff.org](http://www.fiff.org) which includes **THE FLuFF SHoP**, an online store where proceeds benefit Four Legged Friends Foundation!

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# Bow Wow Meow

## The 4th semi-annual Bow Wow Meow Animal Adoptions and Pet Expo

took place on Sunday, April 6, 2008, along with The Greater West LA Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and the Brentwood Art Fair. It was the biggest yet! About 10,000 people came out to enjoy over 160 pet, business and art exhibitors, music, Dancing with the Dogs competition, dog agility shows by Nimble Dogs, and more. Most

importantly, over 20 cats and dogs found new homes, thanks to LA Animal Services, Best Friends Animal Society, The Rescue Train, and Bark Avenue Foundation.



The highlight of the day was the Dancing with the Dogs competition. Owners and their dogs paired up to perform the freestyle dance routines they created to hits like Beyonce's "Crazy in Love" and Billy Joel's "Uptown Girl." All the pairs did a great job and displayed the special bond between each handler and their dog. The team that best showed this off was Angela and her Border Collie, Coach (pictured at left). You can see their winning performance at [www.fiff.org](http://www.fiff.org). And since Dancing with the Dogs was such a big hit, we are bringing it back for the Fall Bow Wow Meow on September 14!



Four Legged Friends Foundation thanks all the sponsors and exhibitors that caused the

Bow Wow Meow and adoptions to take place. Special thanks to our celebrity judges, who helped make Dancing with the Dogs such a success!

The Bow Wow Meow was coordinated by the Four Legged Friends Foundation on behalf of The Greater West LA Chamber of Commerce.



We hope to see you all at the next Bow Wow Meow Animal Adoptions and Pet Expo on Sunday, September 14, 2008!

— Photographs by Ken Hammer Photography

## Dancing with the Dogs Sign Ups

If you want to participate in the Fall Dancing with the Dogs at the September 14th Bow Wow Meow, be sure to sign up for a Dancing with the Dogs training workshop held on Saturday, June 21st or Saturday, August 2nd, at [www.fiff.org](http://www.fiff.org).

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## Sunny Days Are Here Again...

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“Thank you again for helping Ella back in December. As you can see she’s well recovered and onto celebrating her first birthday in July!

Last November I “rescued” Ella when she was returned and it was then discovered that Ella had a loud heart murmur. The breeder was planning to put her to sleep. I had just lost my 14 year old Maltese Lucy and guess I took on Ella to try and help save a life. The murmur was in fact a correctable PDA (*Patent ductus arteriosus* is a birth defect representing the second most common congenital heart defect in dogs). I raised \$3,000 for the surgery — Sandra and Four Legged Friends was our first donor. That got the ball rolling. Thank You!”

*Ella and Deborah Gilels*

Lisa came to us seeking help for surgery to save her 1½ year old kitty Tiger. He needed surgery to correct continuous blockages from blood and crystals in his urine that can be fatal in cats.



“Without the help of Another Sunny Day Fund, Lily would have been left without a brother. Now Tiger is safe at home with the entire family thanks to the support of Another Sunny Day Fund.”

*Tiger and Lisa Marie Talavera*



Brianna found a dog on the streets wet, cold, bloated and limping. The dog, now named Abbi, was diagnosed with dual hernias, bloated with diarrhea and had a broken leg that was never repaired. So Brianna took on the care of Abbi and adopted her. “Abbi’s tummy is all healed from surgery, and she is doing great. She is still limping around, but it hasn’t stopped her from going on long hikes and playing at the dog park. I don’t know what I would have done without help from Another Sunny Day Fund. Thank you so much for helping me save this little girl’s life.”

*Abbi and Brianna Tarnower*

There are so many other families in need of care that are turned away because of lack of funding. Please give a gift payable to **Another Sunny Day Fund** so we can help more animals in need!