

# PET LOVERS JOURNAL AND RESOURCE GUIDE



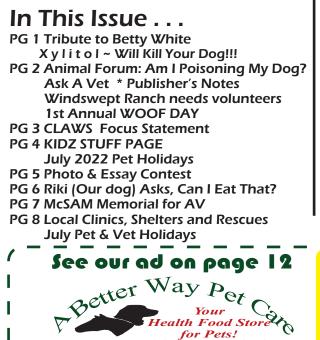
### Remembering Betty White -A Passionate Advocate for Animals Everywhere

April 26, 2022 – Betty White Ludden had a life-long love of animals, a passion she channeled through her tireless efforts to improve their health and well-being. At

Morris Animal Foundation, we are grateful for Betty's long friendship and her s u p p or t o f veterinary health research. While we mourn her loss, we also celebrate her life and all the good work she did f or a nimals.

Betty first joined

Morris Animal Foundation in 1971. Her tenure encompassed 24 years as a Board Trustee and three years as Board President.



During that time, Betty wore many hats at the Foundation, including serving as President of the Canine Division and

assisting with countless fundraisers - from fashion shows (with pets, of course) to personally signed Christmas ornaments for donors. After 40 years, Betty stepped down as one of the longest serving members of the Board and was honored as President Emeritus for her outstanding volunteer service and guidance to the Foundation.

#### Science Supporter

Betty White was not only a Board Trustee, President and spokesperson for the Foundation, she also was a science-savvy donor. Through the Foundation, Betty befriended and followed the work of countless animal health researchers. She was dedicated to science that benefits animals.

Betty personally sponsored more than 30 Foundation funded animal health research studies that have improved the lives of cats, dogs, horses and wildlife, as well as continued on page 11

# Xylitol~ Will Kill Your Dog!!!

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Dog owners know the dangers that foods like chocolate, garlic,\_onions, and grapes pose to their canine companions' health; foods that are harmless to most people.

Another common substance that's harmless to most humans but potentially life-threatening if consumed by dogs is xylitol - a sugar alcohol that is used as a sugar substitute in many human foods.

But for dogs, xylitol poisoning is a major problem, according to Ahna Brutlag, DVM, associate director of veterinary services at Pet Poison Helpline. Brutlag says ingesting xylitol causes a rapid and massive insulin release in dogs, which will manifest itself outwardly to a pet owner as acute weakness, staggering, and vomiting. "Within 15 to 20 minutes, they might even be comatose," she adds, and depending on the amount consumed, a dog can also experience liver failure from ingesting xylitol.

According to the Poison Pet Helpline, cases involving xylitol ingestion are increasing rapidly. In 2009, they were consulted on approximately 300 cases, while in 2015, that number increased to 2,800. Read on for more about what foods xylitol is found in to learn why these cases are multiplying and what you can do to respond appropriately if it happens to your dog.

### Xylitol in Gum

If a gum is labeled as sugar-free, that should be a warning sign for xylitol, though various gums can have vastly different

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Critters Lives ARE Worth Saving

PUBLISHER'S NOTES:

AskAVet Sponsored by North Valley Veterinary Clinic and DR. Larry Bosma and Staff

hi Doc... I have been hearing a lot about "rescue" groups. It seems like every time I turn around - I'm hearing about a rescue group cleaning out another puppy mill or a residence over populated by dozens or even scores of pets many whom were extremely underfed and sickly. My question - How do we know if a rescue group is playing by the rules for the benefit of the animals?

A over the years we have interacted with many people who are attempting to help animals in need and represent themselves as rescues wanting us to work with them. My decision making process is to ask if they have formally filed with the state of California and IRA for their 501C-3 designation as a non profit organization. This shows me that they are serious and committed to advancing their cause to benefit animal welfare.Next I explore in an informal interview fashion their goals and objectives (broad or narrow scope) one three and five years out, their internal organizational structure, experience in doing what needs to be done, what species of animal(s) are they focused on assisting through their efforts and the list goes on. My goal here is to find out if I'm going to be comfortable with aligning myself and my resources (time, effort, knowledge, skills and abilities) with the rescue organization I am evaluating.

### Looking to adopt a pet - Call your local Animal Control



### Am I Poisoning My Dog?

Dr. Misty Hirshbein . . .

drh @northvalleyveterinarianclinic .com Dogs have arguably been the most loyal human companions for at least the past fifteen thousand years. We shared our meals around a fire or on our porches with our most entrusted companions and hunting partners. A proverbial symbiotic relationship between two species. They are often our best friends! However, over the last century, with the Industrial Revolution, the human diet has changed radically. We eat more processed foods, we season our foods more intricately (who else watches the Food Network?), and we now have access to "exotic" foods that were previously not available to us (ie macadamia nuts).

Many of us love to, or feel compelled to, share tidbits from the stove or table with our little doe eyed friend watching our every flick of a fork or every bite we take. While, in some instances, it is ok to share some foods with our furry buddies, other times it is down right toxic! In 2021, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center reported that human food had the third highest toxicity rate amongst animals, preceded by human over the counter and human prescription drug toxicities. Did you know that protein bars can be toxic to dogs?

Xylitol, a natural sweetener, has many beneficial properties, combined with its low cost, that make its use popular in cosmetics, dental health products, diapers, baby wipes, vitamins, and in food items. While xylitol is not toxic for people, it is very toxic for dogs, causing a sudden release of insulin leading to acute, lifethreatening hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and liver damage. Typical food items that may contain xylitol are typically labeled as sugar free and usually include: ketchup, pancake syrup, protein bars, candies, pudding, peanut butter, chocolate, and drink powders, to name a few.

Onions and garlic, while very rarely fatal, are quite common toxicities seen in dogs. They are a part of the allium family, which also include chives, shallots, and leaks. All parts of the plants are toxic to dogs, fresh or dried, by causing damage to the red blood cells, leading to anemia. Onions and garlic are the basis of many

# Greetings,

We are now approved as a 501 © 3 Mutual Benefit Corporation. We worked very hard to establish our non-profit so we can serve the animal loving community at the best possible levels. All Creatures Network, Inc. will be working with local animal clinics and pet shops.

One goal is to build a museum for animals who lives were sacrificed in service.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our writers for their support and diligence in providing articles to fill these pages with information necessary for the welfare and care of our furry friends.

This is our fifth issue and we are finally getting calls asking where to get copies. While that is a normal expectation, print media has taken a negative hit in the last 25 years or so.

I prefer to pickup a local newspaper at my favorite coffee shop for local news. While there are many who think newspapers are dead, I personally disagree.

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## ANIMAL FACILITY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Animal Education at Windswept Ranch, 11354 115th St. W. Rosamond, CA 93560, is looking for volunteers. Volunteers MUST be 16 years old (13 with an adult or parent). For details, contact: windsweptranch @ gmail.com, or leave a message on Windswept Ranch's Facebook or Instagram pages or call (661)972.1901

### Join Us for . . . 1st annual WOOF DAY

It's time for you and your pup to join us at our first annual WOOF DAY! Which will be held at Sam Yellen Dog Park on July 16th between 9am and 2pm, located at 5100 East Avenue S, Palmdale, CA 93552 So mark your calendars now, and get your furry babies ready! We'll see ya' at Woof Day on the 16th of July!

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savory foods and are found in pizza sauce, spaghetti sauce, stews, soups, dips, baby food, and numerous other products.

Grapes and raisins were also high on the ASPCA's food toxicity list. For many years, the cause of toxicity was a mystery. However, that mystery was recently unraveled and the toxic component has been identified as tartaric acid. Ingestion of grapes and raisins lead to acute kidney injury and can lead to kidney failure. I feel that it is also important to note that cream of tartar, a byproduct of winemaking, also contains high levels of tartaric acid. Cream of tartar is used in many baking goods, including making meringues, candies, and homemade playdough.

By now, we all know that chocolate is very toxic to dogs. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control hotline received 103 calls per day about chocolate toxicity in 2021. That's equal to more than one case every 15 minutes! There are many chemical properties in chocolate that cause many different clinical signs in dogs including vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, seizures, and death.

While we consider dogs our best friends and we want to share most every comfort of modern society with them, sometimes, it's just too dangerous. Stick to AAFCO approved dog foods and treats. If you find that you are compelled to make a homemade diet for your pooch, contact your veterinarian and ask for a list of safe foods for your dog to consume. Last but not least, if your dog consumes any of the above foods, please contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline (888) 426-4435 and seek emergency veterinary care immediately.



### KIDZ STUFF Contests

### We have 2 contests on this page for our younger animal lovers and their families. COLOR THIS AND LEARN

For our kids aged 3 through 12, we have the coloring contest. Ask an adult to help cut out the picture on the right and color it with either crayons or colored pencils. Don't use colored ink because it can bleed through whatever is under the picture.

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR PET

Tell us, in 250 words or less (must be your own and not written by someone else), about your favorite pet. It can be a current pet, one that is no longer alive, or if you do not have a pet, what is your idea of the perfect pet. If you have a picture, send it.

We must be able to your entry read, so either hand-write on white paper with lines or type double spaced. After you finish, write your name, and phone number on a postcard with your birth date and send in a #10 envelope to:

> Kidz Stuff, c/o CLAWS Magazine, 43625 Sierra Highway, Lancaster, CA 93534

Winners will be notified and their work shown in the next issue. Actual prizes will be announced in that issue.

### How Can You Prevent Dog

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**Bites?** Each year, 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs in this country. Most of them are children. There are a number of things that you can do to avoid dog bites, ranging from properly training and socializing your pet to educating your children on how, or if, they should approach a dog. The AVMA has many resources, including brochures, videos, and podcasts. Learn more at: www.avma.org/dogbiteprevention



We welcome your suggestions for **YOUR** KIDZ STUFF page. Feel free to send your thoughts, questions or requests for specific content. We'd like your "Letters to the Editor" on the KIDZ STUFF page to let us and the other readers know. You're never too young for an opinion or request for help on issues about your pets.

Do you have an idea for an article or other contest you'd like to see on your KIDZ STUFF page? Our email address is clawsmag @ roadrunner. com, KIDZ STUFF in the subject line will get your letter to the right editor. Write soon and remember,

### THIS IS YOUR PAGE! John Henderson



Stay calm around dogs. Don't yell or run. Permanece tranquilo cuando estés cerca de los perros. No grites ni corras.

Some gums—like Spry—plainly advertise themselves as containing xylitol because it's good for your teeth and for diabetics. Meghan Harmon, DVM, is a clinical instructor for emergency and critical care at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. She co-authored a 2015 study in the Journal of Veterinary and Emergency Care that retroactively evaluated cases of xylitol ingestion in nearly 200 canines. She lists Stride, Trident, and Orbitz as other gums containing differing amounts of xylitol and echoes Brutlag, saying it's critically important to know what kind of gum was ingested, how much your pet has ingested, and how long it's been since he or she ingested it in order to appropriately treat the problem.

"Most dogs we looked at were hospitalized, usually for about 18 hours," she says. Dextrose is typically administered as quickly as possible in order to bring the canine's blood sugar up. Harmon says that as long as liver health appears normal, once they regain the ability to regulate their blood sugar levels by themselves, dogs are weaned off the dextrose and eventually released.

### Xylitol in Mouthwash and Toothpaste

While not usually containing the same levels of xylitol as gum, dental health products tend to use this sugar substitute because of its appealing, sweet taste and its teethstrengthening, plaque-fighting properties.

The Pet Poison Helpline cites gum as the source of nearly 80% of cases involving xylitol. While gum manufacturers have the options of using other sugar substitutes, like erythritol and Stevia, xylitol is the only one experts know of that causes such adverse reactions in canines, according to both Brutlag and Harmon. Manufacturers of dental health products aren't facing the same scrutiny as the food industry, meaning their share of xylitol cases may increase in the coming years.

### **Xylitol in Baked Goods**

Because packaged xylitol can be bought in bulk at many food stores, baked foods are becoming a more common source of canine health emergencies. "It's a good option for diabetics who like to bake," she says. Similarly, you might find some already-made baked goods containing xylitol at bakeries and specialty stores. And because cupcakes and cookies have a lot more sweetener in them than mouthwash, a pet that consumes a baked good packed with xylitol is in danger of facing a life-threatening situation.

"You need to call your vet or the Pet Poison Helpline immediately," Brutlag says. "Give them as much information as you can. Depending on the severity, they may suggest feeding [the dog] syrup or honey—something sweet to help keep their blood sugar up temporarily while you drive to seek emergency help."

### **Xylitol in Sugar-free**

**Groceries** Xylitol is found in trace amounts in many fruits and vegetables, but

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because it's occurring naturally and in such small amounts in these cases, it's hardly ever a problem for pets, Brutlag says.

On the other hand, many grocery stores have started carrying sugar-free foods like ketchup, peanut butter, protein bars, pudding,

## Photo Contest&EssayContest



Include Pets Name and Age

CLAWS Photo Contest will accept your pet photos throughout the year. PLÉASE NO IDENTIFIABLE PEÓPLE. Our goal is to build an annual calendar to raise funds for low income families and their pets medical care. Winners pets will be featured and receive special discounts to be determined throughout the year. **CLAWS Monthly Essay of 500 words or** less can cover any RESCUE pet & family related uplifting occurrences. Photos and Essays are due on the 15th of each month and MUST INCLUDE your name, age (for children) address & phone number. We will call to verify your entry...

clawsmag @ roadrunner.com 43625 Sierra Highway\* Lancaster, CA (at W. Ave K) and more that contain xylitol as one of their primary ingredients. Harmon even says there is a brand called Zapp! that manufactures condiments, sauces, and other groceries that are marketed primarily on their being made with xylitol. "In this case, it's very clearly labeled," she says, "but in most other instances, you'll need to check the ingredients list on the label to know if something sugar-free is made with xylitol or some other substitute." And in some cases, products that are not labeled as sugar-free still contain xylitol. It is important to always carefully read the entire ingredient list of any food before giving it to your dog.

### **Xylitol in Medications**

Brutlag says most medications that contain xylitol are of the "meltaway" variety. These accounted for 12 percent of xylitol cases referred to a veterinary emergency facility, according to the Pet Poison Helpline—the second most behind gum.

You also might see xylitol in some medications containing melatonin, liquid prescription products, and gummy vitamins.

# Xylitol in Lotions, Gels, and Deodorants

You're probably thinking, "Wait, why does my deodorant contain an artificial sweetener?" Fair question.

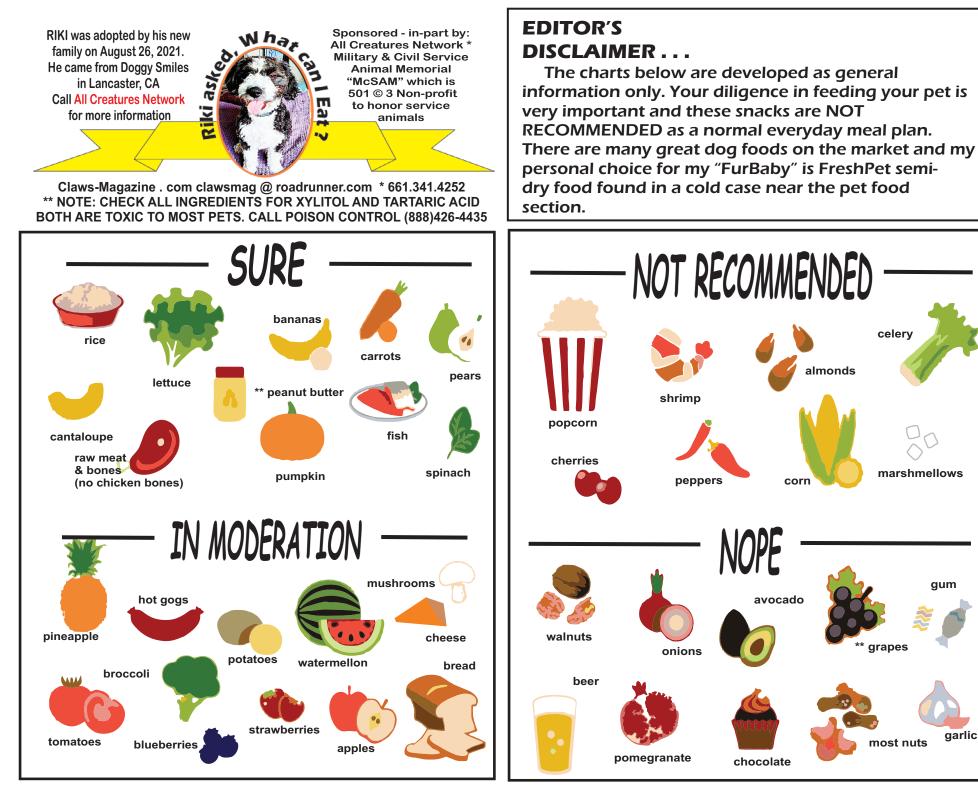
"Xylitol has humectant properties," Brutlag explains. "This means it can help a product retain moisture, which makes it perfect for products like this."

Brutlag says this is a relatively new development, meaning even many veterinarians aren't aware of the dangers of dogs digesting deodorants—at least when it comes to xylitol. As with everything on this list, it's best to keep such products in a cabinet or on a high shelf—completely out of reach of your four-legged friends.

# *This article was verified and edited for accuracy by Dr. Jennifer Coates, DVM*

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### On a personal note . . .

The publisher first met Dr. Larry Bosma in 1991 when we rescued a small Terrier mix who had swollen gums and sensitive teeth. NVVC and Dr. Bosma recommended full dental work-up and found serious dental disease! Maggie was only 18 months old when we got her and, with Dr. Bosma's compassion for pets, he did a thorough cleaning and minor surgical repair.

From that point on, we paid close attention to all our rescue's dental and general health care.

By the way, Maggie, with regular dental and health check-ups, lived to be 19yrs old.

I personally recommend regular DENTAL & HEALTH check-ups for your 'FurBabies'

#### John Henderson

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### PROSPECTUS: Military & Civil Service Animal Memorial Hereafter referred to as "McSAM"



### **PURPOSE:**

To establish a national memorial honoring service horses, dogs and birds that have contributed to the military, law enforcement and civil service sectors of service to humankind.

### **OUR FOCUS:**

To develop a database that will serve to honor the heroic efforts of service animals in all sectors including military, law enforcement and civil service to include horses, dogs and birds as they provided transportation (equine), assistance in search and rescue (canine), and in communication (homing pigeons).

The following databases will include textual and photographic records (when available) that will chronicle the events that surround the efforts of those animals and their stories.

## A Lil' Wag O' Wisdom

- \* Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies. Gene Hill
- \* Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read. \* Groucho Marx
- \* Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! \* Anne Tyler
- \* Man is a dog's idea of what God should be. \*

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Aviary * MA	Aviary * LE	Aviary * CS		

### **OUR GOAL:**

To create a physical memorial, located in Lancaster, CA, honoring those animals so recognized and to make that physical memorial portable to be available for tour to locations where those animals and their heroic efforts were demonstrated.

We are currently preparing the forms and application for the establishment of a 501C3 non-profit service and educational organization.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT** MILITARY & CIVIL SERVICE ANIMALS

The American, Allied forces and civil service workers enlisted many millions of animals to serve and often die alongside their soldiers and rescue workers. These animals were chosen for a variety of their natural instincts and vast numbers were killed, often suffering agonizing deaths from wounds, starvation, thirst, exhaustion, disease and exposure.

> For more information, John Henderson e-mail: up2data @ roadrunner.com



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### **Awareness Months**

- \* National Lost Pet Prevention Month™
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### Awareness Weeks

- \* July 27–August 3 National Feed a Rescue Pet Week
- \* July 4–10 National Farriers Week
- Holidays and Awareness Days
- \* July 1 ID Your Pet Day
- \* July 4 Independence Day
- \* July 6 World Zoonoses Day

- \* July 10 National Kitten Day
- \* July 11 All-American Pet Photo Day
- \* July 15 National Pet Fire Safety Day
- \* July 16 World Snake Day
- \* July 21 National Craft for your Local Shelters Day
- \* July 22 AAHA-Accredited Hospital Day
- \* July 25 National Parents Day
- \* July 26 National Dog Photography Day
- \* July 30 International Friendship Day
- \* July 31 Mutt's Day

# Local Clinics, Shelters and Rescue Groups

911 Vet Care Animal Hospital 42053 10th St West Lancaster, CA 93534 661.874.0000

**All Care Pet Clinic** 

3135 Rancho Vista Bl, E, Palmdale, CA 93551 661 265 7373 **Mission Animal Hospital** 

845 W Palmdale Bl, Palmdale, CA 93551 661 526 1300

**Quartz Hill Veterinary Clinic** 42237 50th St W, Quartz Hill, CA 93536 661 943 7896

**AV Animal Hospital** 1326 W Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551 661 273 1234

Pets R Us 40125 Tenth St W, Palmdale, CA 93551 661 272 1600

Palmdale Veterinary Hospital 38568 Sixth St E, Palmdale, CA 93550 661 273 1555

**AV Veterinary Center** 1055 W Columbia Way, 103, Lancaster, CA 93534 661 729 1500

North Valley **Veterinary Center** 43619 Sierra Hwy, Lancaster, CA 93534 6**61 945 7906** 

Westside Animal Hospital 42052 50th St W, Lancaster, CA 93536 661 943 0303

**Animal Medical Center of The Antelope Valley** 2270 E Palmdale Bl, Ste C, Palmdale, CA 93550 661 441 1011

Lancaster Pet Clinic 2060 W Avenue K, Lancaster, CA 93536 661 949 9389

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**High Desert Animal Care** Hospital 3243 E Palmdale Blvd, Palmdale, CA 93550 661 272 1616

**Blvd. Veterinary Hospital** 354 W Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster, CA 93534 661 942 1489

**Smith Veterinary Hospital** 44623 Tenth St W, Lancaster, CA 93534 661 948 5065

**Sears Veterinary Hospital** 565 W Avenue I, Lancaster, CA 93534 661 948 5911

**Desert Equine Hospital Inc** 42636 Sixth St E, Lancaster, CA 93535 661 948 1113

The following list of local shelters and rescues has been provided as a public resource only, and covers the cities of the Antelope Valley. To reach their website, type the URL without spaces, then hit enter on your browser...

A Passion for Paws Akita Rescue, Inc. apassionforpaws. org/

Aussie Rescue of Southern Calif Inc.

aussierescuesocal. com/ A Pet Rescue Kennels, Inc. petfinder.com/shelters/CA913.

**Basset Hound Rescue of S. Calif** bassethoundrescue. org

California Miniature Schnauzer Rescue (CMSR) schnauzers. us **California City Animal Control** 

californiacityca.gov/CC/index.php/animalcontrol **CA Animal Rescue & Education** Sanctuary (C.A.R.E.S) facebook. com/groups /1517407391890058/

**Community Effort Animal Rescue** (C.E.A.R.) (Former: AV Dog & Cat Rescue)

communityeffortanimalrescue. com **Dachshund Rescue & Placement** 

doxykeeper. net/

**Doberman Pinscher SOS** dobiesos. net/

Doggy Smiles Rescue ( see pg 4 ) calcitypd. org/Animal-Control.html

Forgotten Angels Cat Rescue, Inc

forgottenangelsrescue. org/

French Bulldog Village Rescue frenchbulldogvillage. org/

GreySave Greyhound Adoptions greysave. org/

Halfway to Home halfwaytohome. net/

**High Desert Angels for Animals** highdesertangelsforanimals. com

The Homestretch Greyhound **Rescue Adoption** homestretchgreys. org/

Lange Foundation langefoundation. org

L.A. County Animal Care & Control: Lancaster animalcare. lacounty. gov/

**Ruff Patches** ruffpatches. org/

SecondHand Animals lpsecondhandanimals. com

Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue sclrr. org/

Sunny Saints sunnysaints. org/

Westside German Shepherd Rescue of LA sheprescue. org/

Woof Project woofproject. org/

We offer a free listing to all clinics, veterinarians and rescue groups. If we missed your endeavor, feel free to email us: John Henderson \* clawsmag @ roadrunner.com - the 3 or 4 line (Name, Speciality, Contact and website or email) listing and we will include you.

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informed policies that helped protect vulnerable species. Her support led to: Major breakthroughs in post-surgical pain management; Research that reduced sea otter deaths; Improved diagnosis of congestive heart failure in dogs and deadly blood clots in cats with heart disease; Improving length of dog lives by launching a major canine cancer campaign to fund cancer research; Innovative ways to improve the health and reduce disease of shelter cats.

#### Animal Health Advocate

Betty lost many animals over her lifetime, some to old age, some to diseases such as cancer. She knew what it took to provide pets with the best care possible.

In one of the last Board meetings Betty attended, she passionately spoke to attendees about how there were still too many unanswered questions in animal health and the way to get there was to invest in research. Betty noted the lack of animal



health research funding and the great need for better diagnostics and treatments for the pets and animals we love.

For Betty, research was a word of hope for animals. Research was a way to continually improve veterinary care of animals, whether in your home or in wild places. Research was a way to give animals a healthier tomorrow.

### Wildlife Enthusiast

While Betty was passionate about dogs and cats, she had a soft spot for wildlife as well and knew they needed help, too. During her tenure on the Board, the Foundation expanded its funding to include wildlife, especially species in crisis, from mountain gorillas in Africa to sea otters in California.

Betty had a special connection to wildlife. Dayle Marsh, former Trustee who served on the Board with Betty, recalls a Board meeting outing feeding the giraffes at the zoo.

"There was this huge male giraffe in the background who [apparently couldn't] be bothered with us. Then Betty's little truck pulled up and she got out. The male giraffe looked right at her as she walked over to the fence. She had no food, but the male giraffe walked across the pasture, leaned his head over the fence as Betty reached up, and he touched her hands. That giraffe was on the other side of the compound. That's just how she was with all the animals." In 2010, Morris Animal Foundation established the Betty White Wildlife Fund – honoring Betty's passion for wildlife – and Betty was the first donor.

This fund is active today and supports wildlife research to address pressing health concerns for birds, reptiles, amphibians, land and ocean mammals and even tiny invertebrates. Early studies supported by the fund include boots-on-the-ground investigations of mass die-offs of Saiga antelope in Mongolia, studies of dolphin health following the massive Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and preventing sea lion die-offs off the coast of California.



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# Jhanx Betty for being such a great friend to animals everywhere . . .



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