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Dear New and Long-standing Friends and Supporters,

As true partners in lifesaving, we look forward to seeing you at the annual Holiday Open House, Silent Auction and Boutique Fundraiser. We will join together on Sunday, November 10, between 11am and 4pm to renew friendships, compare photos, listen to speakers, and have a little lunch. You can continue to support PZF for another year by shopping at our Boutique and Silent Auction and purchasing raffle tickets for a number of special prizes, or simply by making a donation.

Here are some things we have done together this year: At the request of a shelter, Patches came to PZF with a fractured jaw and eye socket at the tender age of six weeks. He was the happiest kitten! After an MRI and surgery, he healed in a foster home. Silver was about a year old, hit by a car, and taken to a shelter. After three surgeries and several months, this beautiful girl moved from her foster home to her forever home. We have taken in a lot of Silvers and Patches this year, as well as litters of orphaned bottle-babies. Most of these felines have no other way out of a shelter alive. Our admissions of at-risk or injured cats and kittens from the community represent animals deflected from shelter intake. Our backbone for taking these long-term cats is the foster network. Each of our volunteer fosters has saved several lives this year. Without them, we would be crippled for space. Cats are healthier in foster, and cages are available for shelter cats needing immediate rescue. Please consider joining that cadre of volunteers; we never have enough.

Sadly, Los Angeles continues to have one of the nation's highest shelter kill rates of cats and very young kittens. This year, despite combined spay/neuter efforts among rescue groups and shelters, the intake numbers rose. PZF continues to take as many neonates as we can fit into foster homes until they are big enough to be fixed and adopted. The difficulty then is finding adopters for all these perfect youngsters. We utilize Internet, print, and social media forums, and attend off-site and special event adoptions to help find homes. Each home found makes a space for another threatened shelter cat. PLEASE keep spreading the word in all forms of communication you use. You are a serious part of the rescue team extending our reach. Every time you share on social media, chat with friends, or put up a picture at work about our adoptable felines, you are actively saving lives. That is something to be proud of.

Spay and Neuter is the solution to ending shelter animal deaths. Each surgery represents preventing a succession of unwanted litters. Your generosity has enabled PZF to continue expanding in all aspects of this endeavor. We have budget for a dedicated outreach volunteer focused on several low-income areas to do trapping assistance, food distribution, and S/N appointments at various provider

partners. Partnering with the Latino Alliance for Animal Care Foundation, another PZF volunteer has organized staffing for fully sponsored mobile surgery clinics to provide feline spay and neuter for low income residents of LA County. They also are part of our network of spay and neuter providers for dog as well as cat sterilization. PZF issues partial or fully paid S/N vouchers with provider partners, depending upon income status. Another volunteer coordinates this service via an application process using website and telephone requests, linking the applicant and provider selected by email. From January 1 through August 30, PZF pledged financial assistance of \$28,040 to spay or neuter 492 animals.

Which brings us to a very special individual. Carol Christensen joined the PZF Volunteers several years ago. With a background in data management and personnel leadership, Carol took on the database of our cats and supporters, creating reports and registering microchips much more efficiently. When grants were offered for a shelter cat enrichment program, Carol applied for PZF. When it was awarded, she managed the volunteer group with boundless positive energy, implementing Jackson Galaxy's "Cat Pawsitive." Our withdrawn cats became interactive, feisty ones redirected their energy, and the rest enjoyed "working" before they went on quickly to their forever homes. These are tools we now can use for all of our cats' welfare. Carol then became the spay/neuter voucher coordinator, with the intent to clarify duties and integrate vouchers more fully with the website. From there, she created a written job description, which could be assumed more easily by successive volunteers. Carol and her son Sean were the guides through implementing a new shelter data management program replacing our previous one. She helped the volunteers involved with adoption, foster and medical coordination create records for every feline, tracking them through foster homes, and in-house to adoption. In addition to providing adopters a brief medical record, the data integrate nationally with other rescue and shelter facilities, and document for PZF how we are doing. At home, Carol and her family are usually caring for foster kittens as well. PZF is so fortunate to have Carol as part of our volunteer family, and we celebrate her as the 2019 Volunteer of the Year.

Thank you for supporting and partnering with the PZF volunteers. As we put your generosity to life-saving work, we feel a direct connection with you, the donor. For the 12th year, PZF has received a \$10,000.00 matching gift challenge. Donations totaling this amount by December 31, 2019, are needed to receive the gift. We ask you to continue your partnership by taking advantage of the opportunity for PZF to meet this goal.

Continue to feel a part of PZF. You are why each of the innocent, but broken or hopeless, cats and kittens find a happy home. We are caring for them together, and are grateful for the opportunity you have given them for life.

Most Sincerely,



Dr. Alice Villalobos, Founder



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