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Thank you for joining us and making our first **Woofstock** a smashing success! You helped us raise over \$30,000 for homeless animals in need of medical care at the Agoura Animal Shelter.

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Hippest Event in Town Raises Tons of Bread! **Woofstock Malibu**, Sunday, April 27



It was a perfect Southern California day... blue skies and a cool ocean breeze kissing hundreds of Cool Cats, Stone Foxes, Hunks and Groovy Chicks enjoying our first **Woofstock Malibu**! It was truly a day filled with Peace, Love and Muddy Paws – all for a good cause!

This amazing event was sponsored by Malibu Coast Animal Hospital whose support of HHA and dedication and compassion to homeless pets in need of medical care has no limits. Over the years, each veterinarian and staff member of MCAH has given loving care to these discarded animals, never once making a distinction to their homeless status. Their generosity is astounding and the care they give is unmatched. We thank them for their continued partnership and for bringing us the hippest event in town – **Woofstock Malibu**!



Brad Garrett and Dr. Dean

From the moment DJ Luke got the party started, the afternoon was filled with fun in the sun with vendors galore, an outta sight silent auction, delicious food from some of the most fabulous



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food trucks on the Westside and cool musical performances by Little Caesar, Petty Cash and The Roman Helmets.

Emmy-award winning actor/comedian and Master of Ceremonies Brad Garrett and actor/director emcee Joe Reitman kept everyone

in stitches with their witty banter, playfulness, and love for animals. Guests with their best dog buddies got into the groove when Malibu's own local boys from The Roman Helmets hit the stage with their "garage style" band, performing classic rock songs highlighting their own fusion of remixes and rock-n-roll disco.

A very special moment came when MCAH's own cool cat, Dr. Jimmy, honored local hero and Former Prosecutor of Animal Cruelty, Bob Ferber, for a lifetime of contributions to animal justice. (See article on page 3.) Petty Cash then hit the stage. . . these five guys, all accomplished musicians in their own right and dressed all in black, delivered an amazing rock-n-roll show! Everyone

sang along to the songs of Tom Petty and Johnny Cash. These guys were outta sight!



Petty Cash (above)
Joe Reitman (right)



When not dancing, singing or swaying to the music – or just enjoying everything about Joe Reitman and his presence as emcee -- guests checked out MCAH. Special backstage tours of their multi-million dollar renovation allowed visitors an up close and personal view of how MCAH continues to offer animals of all species the best in compassionate care, using the highest quality, state-of-the art technology.



Ron Young, center, with Little Caesar bandmates

Gruff Appearance and Amazing Sound = a Forever HHA Friend

Nobody knew what to think of Little Caesar, the longhaired, tattooed bikers singing soulful, yet ballsy, rock music, when they arrived on the LA scene in 1987. They simply stood out. On Sunday, April 27, Little Caesar, featuring Ron Young (vocals), Jimmy Hayne aka Apache (guitar), Loren Molinare (guitar), Fidel Paniagua (bass) and Tom Morris (drums) continued to do just that and helped Woofstock Malibu raise over \$30,000!

A big animal supporter himself, Ron says, "You can be a great help in getting care and love to shelter animals so that they feel better and hopefully find a forever home. They deserve it. You deserve it! Everyone plays a part. It was my pleasure (and the band's) to be a part of this event."

Huge thanks to Ron who went above and beyond the band's amazing stage performance by personally serving as production manager for Woofstock Malibu. Ron handled all things related to equipment and staging for the bands. We couldn't have done it without you, Ron!



Rounding out the festivities was the sound of Little Caesar! This cool American rock band brought the house down and brought the event to a phenomenal close! Their talent and energy was amazing! They took the stage as our silent auction was closing and we know their music inspired an increase in bidding. It was infectious! (See sidebar above.)

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Honoring a Man Who Fights to Make a Difference

As an Animal Rights Attorney, Former Prosecutor of Animal Cruelty, Humane Educator, Advisor to Animal Nonprofits, and Animal Rescuer, Bob Ferber has been compassionately caring for animals for over three decades. A 33-year-veteran prosecutor now retired, Bob specialized in animal law and animal rights and fought to make a difference for animals in all that he did throughout his legal career. Today he continues to advise animal nonprofits and rescuers, and tirelessly advocates for the rights of all animals.

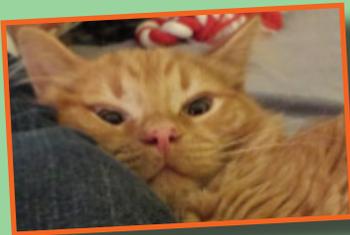


Bob with Rat and Mr. Wobbles



Dr. Jimmy (left) and honoree Robert Ferber (right)

Bob also runs a humane education program where he brings unwanted animals to inner-city schools to teach our next generation about compassion, non-violence and reverence for all life. One such animal is Mr. Wobbles, a cat born with cerebral hypoplasia which causes balance and coordination issues, who Bob recently adopted from the Agoura Animal Shelter. Bob's work is inspiring, his devotion immeasurable; his compassion and caring unrivaled. It was a thrill to honor Bob's lifetime of contributions at our first Woofstock Malibu event to show him our appreciation for all he has done in the fight for animal justice and the war to end animal homelessness.



More about Mr. Wobbles: Mr. Wobbles (whose medical care and lab tests were funded by HHA) and his one-eyed friend named Rat, accompany Bob when he visits local schools to promote compassion for special needs animals. Despite Mr. Wobbles' disability, which causes him to have a wobbly gait (hence his name!), he has learned to navigate his way all over the house. He continues to amaze Bob with his determination and has easily adapted to his animal siblings in his new and loving home with Bob.

I Swear -- I Did it for the Animals

In the Catholic Church, Lent is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. During this 6 weeks or 40 days preceding Palm Sunday, many people give up something like chocolate, candy, red meat or soda, while others choose to do random acts of kindness for others.

Ashlee Harper, 25, found a special combination this year. After chatting with her mom over what she would do for this Lenten season, Ashlee took it to heart when her mom said she had a "potty mouth." Acknowledging that she did swear more than she'd like, she decided to start a swear jar. It was a simple concept . . . every time she slipped up and said a bad word she had to drop money in the jar.

"I decided this year was about making me a better person and I could use the money to buy myself something really nice. Then about a week into Lent I was playing with Zeke, my 2 ½ -year-old Pit Bull Labrador Retriever mix. He has made such an amazing difference in my life. Then I realized so many animals are abandoned and left homeless. Right then, I knew exactly what I was going to do with the money. I was going to donate it. I work right down the street from the Agoura Animal Shelter and through Denise Rosen I learned all about Healthcare for Homeless Animals."



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Through her swear jar, Ashlee raised \$87 but because the jar was kept at her workplace (at UL Everclean), her co-workers knew she planned to donate the money when Lent was over. So when she was heading to the shelter, her co-workers happily added to her fund, and Ashlee proudly gave HHA a total of \$118!

"I was thrilled to know that by trying to make myself a better person, I actually helped make many animals' lives better too. There is no better feeling in the world!" she said.

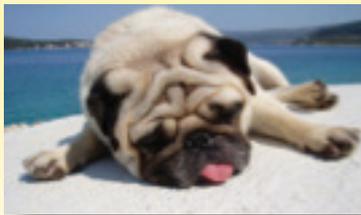
Denise Rosen (left) with Shasta and Ashlee Harper



Dog & Cat Days of Summer: Beat the Heat and Keep Your Pets Safe

Our summer can be uncomfortable, even dangerous for our beloved fur-friends. Remembering (and following) a few basic safety tips can help during our hottest months.

Never leave your pets in a parked car: Not even for a minute. Not even with the car running and air conditioner on. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise quickly to dangerous levels. For



example, on an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees with-

in 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Pets may suffer irreversible organ damage or even die from this intense heat.

Watch the humidity: Animals pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs, which takes heat away from their body. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves, and their temperature will very quickly skyrocket to dangerous levels.

Limit exercise on hot days.

Don't rely on a fan: Fans don't cool pets off like they do people.

Provide ample shade and water: Any time your pet is outside, make sure he or she has protection from the heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water.

Cool your pet inside and out: Do-It-Yourself popsicles are a great idea.

Watch for signs of heatstroke: Signs include: heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness.

Be prepared for a power outage: Create a plan to keep your pets safe from heat stroke and other temperature-related trouble.

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A Smile to Melt our Heart

In the course of one year, thousands of homeless pets come through the gates of the Agoura Animal Shelter seeking a new life. Every day, HHA meets dogs, cats, puppies, kitties and more that need a second chance at love. One such pet is a 4-year-old female Pit Bull mix named Shasta.

Shasta has the most incredible smile, one that you simply can't resist. Her zest for life is inspiring. When she looks at you, she'll melt your heart and warm it in the same second.

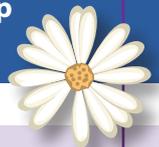
You may have noticed in the picture here that Shasta is missing an eye. She came to us that way. (HHA funded her exam with an animal eye specialist, Dr. Da Silva Curiel with Animal Eye Care Specialists who said that she's fine and it doesn't cause her any pain. Although she has another eye that looks normal, she's completely blind. Her sweet, loving nature continues to shine through as does her desire to be with humans more than anything else. This girl is a joy to all she meets.

She has the gentlest way about her, especially as she sniffs to find her way around the yard. She

walks remarkably well on leash and is not timid about exploring or being in a yard on her own. Her confidence will continue to grow after she is adopted as her new family takes her into their lives and shows her the lay of the land. It's very simple: just keep everything in the same place and she'll have it down in no time! If you are looking for a gentle girl to show you the loyalty that "Pitties" are known for and you have a special place in your heart for a girl with slightly special needs, Shasta is ready to be adopted into a new family that will adore her for the rest of her life.



UPDATE: Just as we were going to press Shasta, now known as Lucy, was adopted to a Special Education teacher and his wife! They are thrilled to have her as part of their family and we are grateful that this gentle special needs pup has found a loving home!



You Can Always Help:

Healthcare for Homeless Animals is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. That's why community support from individuals, businesses and groups is so important to keeping HHA the strong resource that it is for the homeless pets in need of medical care at the Agoura Animal Shelter. Thank you for your generous support. www.healthcareforhomelessanimals.org is available 24/7 to receive your online donations.

Beer, Food and Bingo: The Trifecta that Made for a Great Fundraiser!

Highlighting the fundamental ingredients that The LAB Brewing Co. was born from and known for, the 3rd Annual LAB Brewing Co. event was a fantastic success featuring craft beer, great food and merriment!

Scores of community members joined us and shared in our commitment to making lives better for our homeless animals. We had a blast! Combining proceeds from bingo, donations, a matching gift from The Walt Disney Company and the LAB's donation of 15% from the day's take, we raised over \$2,400!

Enthusiastic shouts of BINGO! were heard from the patio along with pet adoption stories and the comedy of Laniea Dominguez -- all fueled by the flow of microbrews and delicious food. A heartfelt thanks to The LAB Brewing Co. whose manager not only adopted one of our HHA pups, but also hosted us for this great fundraiser for the third year in a row! We can't wait for next year's event!



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If you would like to add an animal lover to our pack or if you prefer to receive an eNewsletter, please send the name, address and email address to: Maureen@malibupetcompanions.org

How much difference can your gift make?

People often ask if small donations really make a difference. The answer is a resounding "Yes!" They make a tremendous difference! Your donation, big or small, helps us provide prescription medications, surgeries (including spaying/neutering), diagnostic testing and special foods for shelter pets in need.

Other Ways to Give or Help:

- Join I-Give and Conejo Deals and designate **Healthcare for Homeless Animals** as your charity of choice.
- Honor a special friend, a special pet or a special occasion with a Tribute or Memorial Gift to HHA. Acknowledgment will be sent and, if you wish, the amount can remain confidential.
- Consider including HHA in your trust or will.
- Consider a monthly contribution to HHA through payroll deduction.
- Ask if your employer matches donations when you donate.
- Consider keeping an HHA piggy bank on your counter. You'll be amazed at how quickly your loose change adds up!

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