



Living Free

A donor supported, non profit animal sanctuary

News

Spring 2011

Meet Lil Joe



If you are looking for a happy, high-spirited, playful, curious, and energetic dog, this Boxer mix is for you. He is highly intelligent, eager, quick to learn, and would do well in competitive obedience.

Meet Peanut



Friendly, outgoing, intelligent and curious. Likes other cats and may get along with a small dog. Peanut would love to be adopted on her own or with her older sister Champagne. She needs to live indoors.

Meet Kimba

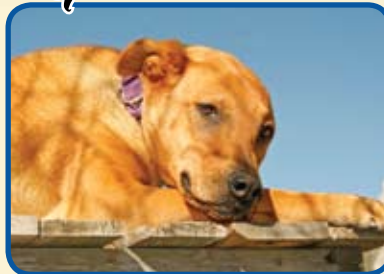


Kimba is very friendly and lovable Kai Ken mix. This breed is very intelligent, proud, dignified and fairly easy to train. She thrives on love and attention, and will do well with older children.



Champagne is available for adoption. A female 6 year old Buff Tabby mix, she is very shy at first, but very affectionate once she gets to know you. She likes warm laps in winter, gets along well with other cats, and will probably get along with a small dog. Champagne would love to be adopted on her own or with her younger sister Peanut. She needs to live indoors. To see all of our adoptables, please visit our Website at www.living-free.org.

Update on Midge and Dillard



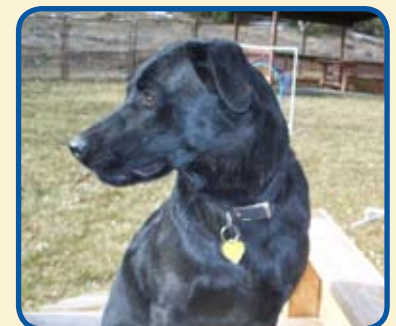
Both surgeries were completed on March 8, 2011 and were pronounced successful. Midge came home two days after surgery to repair her torn cruciate ligament and

began her recovery. It would be another week before Dillard would see his pals at Living Free after surgery to repair severe hip displasia. Both finally back at the sanctuary, the dogs have begun their journey of physical rehabilitation.

Midge and Dillard are very good patients and are enduring the rigors of having to be confined to a small space. The purpose of this is to not compromise the surgery sites and make sure they have a full recovery.

They are getting daily physical therapy which includes massage, walking and range of motion exercises. They have progressed well enough that they can now spend their day time hours in a little larger area outside the kennel enjoying sun and fresh air.

This is a very long healing process and we are hopeful of a good outcome for both.





With Sincere Thanks

We would like to thank all of our supporters, including all that have contributed cash and non-cash items and all of our volunteers who have donated their time and energy to benefit our cats and dogs.

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations. Please frequent them as they are supporters of Living Free:

- California Family Life Center (Hemet, CA)
- Dog Spa Resort & Wellness Center (Desert Hot Springs, CA)
- Grandfathers For Golf (Hemet, CA)
- Mountain High Pet Grooming (Idyllwild, CA)
- Pet Medical Center West Hills (West Hills, CA)
- Tour De Palm Springs (Palm Springs, CA)

E-News & More

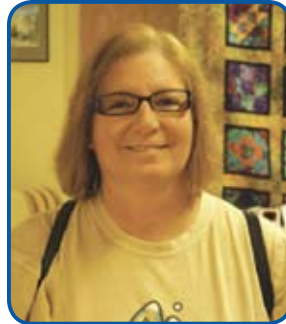
We've started a monthly E-Newsletter with information on the latest happenings at Living Free. Each newsletter includes photos of our newest rescued cats and dogs, recent adoptions, supporter stories and the creative ways they make a difference, and lots of up-to-date information for cat and dog lovers.

If you're not receiving our monthly E-Newsletter, you can send us an email at info@living-free.org and request that your email address be added to our list. As always, the information you provide is never shared with other companies or organizations. Sign up today and keep informed of the latest news from Living Free. Also look for us on Facebook!

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- Karen Price, Treasurer
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- Joan Fagan
- Charles Irvin, DVM
- Geoffrey Treat

Meet Marcy Burkes, Volunteer of the Month



Marcy started volunteering at Living Free back in October of 2010 and is loved by all the dogs at Living Free's Kennel (and by the staff too). She shows up early in the morning and puts in a full day exercising and playing with our canine rescues. They love her for her gentleness and loving spirit — of course it doesn't hurt that she always wears a vest with lots of pockets filled with treats.

It's volunteers like Marcy who help further Living Free's mission of rescuing abandoned and abused cats and dogs facing euthanasia in public shelters.

Pet Medical Center West Hills Donated Dentals



The staff of Pet Medical Center West Hills volunteered their time and talents on April 9th to provide dentals

for our cats and dogs and brought many donated items to help the animals at the sanctuary.

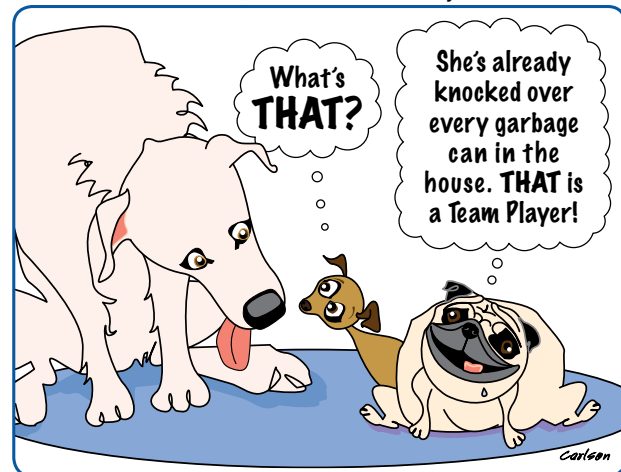
We are grateful to all who participated for your care and support.



Ralph's grocery store donates funds to nonprofit charities through their Rewards Card program. Every time you purchase groceries at Ralphs using your Ralphs Rewards Card, points are donated to Living Free, at no cost to you. Simple log onto www.ralphs.com and click on "Community Contributions" to add Living Free as your preferred charitable organization.

Porthos & Punkin & Kaya

by Caroline Carlson



Boy Scout Eagle projects are available at Living Free! Please go to our Website at www.living-free.org for more information.



Youth Group Makes Dog & Cat Beds

As a group project, the girls in the Empower Youth Group from California Family Life Center in Hemet donated ten handmade denim dog beds they made from discarded blue jeans. In designing these denim beds the girls thought of everything. They're washable, durable, very comfortable, and are a huge hit in the Kennel.

California Family Life Center's mission is to provide safety, comfort, and healing to abused and abandoned children. For more information on the California Family Life Center visit their web site at: www.cflickids.org.

Photo: On the left is Krystal Williams, Program Coordinator, and Antonia Mateo, Community Business Liaison, from California Family Life Center holding a couple of the denim dog beds.



Grandfathers For Golf Holds First Living Free Golf Event

On March 27, 2011 the first Living Free Golf Event took place at Golden Era Golf Course in Hemet. It was sponsored by the Grandfather's for Golf Program with all proceeds going to Living Free.

The day began rainy and fears mounted as the rain continued. Would anyone come to play? As it turned out 60 players from Hemet, Idillywild, Temecula and San Jacinto participated. Many visiting Canadians were there and said the rain would not have deterred them as they were used to this kind of golfing weather in Canada.

Newphie, one of Living Free's rescues, came along with his buddy Gus, a rescue who brought his owner, Linda Williams, to cheer the golfers on.

Various golf games were a part of the day with participants winning prizes provided by Living Free.

Home made baked goods, fruit, and assorted muffins, bagels and homemade jam were served to keep up the strength of the golfers. The sun did shine eventually and the day was a great success. Profits from this event will go toward various projects planned this summer at Living Free.

Thank you to all who participated and for your support to Living Free.



Thank You Tour De Palm Springs

On behalf of *Tour De Palm Springs*, Bob Leidner (front, right) presents President Steve Carlson a check for \$2,500.00 in support of Living Free. For more information on *Tour De Palm Springs*, check them out at www.tourdepalmsprings.com

Yard Sale — Memorial Day Weekend

Get ready for the Yard Sale of the year! A large variety of donated merchandise will be on sale during Memorial Day weekend on the grounds of Living Free. This is a fundraiser to benefit the rescued cats and dogs at Living Free and further our mission to save abandoned and abused cats and dogs from imminent shelter euthanasia. You're sure to find incredible deals on household items like power tools, garden equipment, electronics, and much more. So contact your best shopping buddies and plan to join us on Saturday and Sunday, May 28th and 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Salable Donation Items Needed:

Spring clean-up time is just around the corner, so why not donate those unused items you have laying around the house and garage to a wonderful cause? If you have any gently used household goods, appliances, clothing, books, toys, and such that you would like to donate for our yard sale event, please call to schedule a drop-off at Living Free by contacting us at **951-659-4687**, or email us at info@living-free.org. Living Free is a 501c3 non-profit organization, so your generous donations are tax deductible.

Our Wish List

Cattery

Cat beds, baskets
Cat condos & cat trees
Breakaway collars (small & medium)
Science Diet Nature's Best (dry food)
Friskies, Fancy Feast (canned food)
Kitten Formula KMR
Canned Kitten Food
Tall Scratching Posts
Good Quality Paper Towels
6" Paper Plates
Bleach
Petco/Petsmart gift certificates

Clinic

Autoclave
Dental unit

Digital scale for small animals
Digital scale for medium to large Dogs

Administration

Letter sized file folders
Paper Plates
All purpose copy paper
Laundry Soap
Gift Certificates needed:
Staples, Office Depot, Smart & Final,
Walmart, Stater Bros. & Von's

Dog Kennel

Kirkland's dog food (wet & canned)
Nylabones (small, med. and large)
Snap on Collars (small, med. and large)
Trees for kennel yards

Kuranda Beds
Ground Umbrellas
Triple Two Concentrate
Orange All
Biscuits of various sizes
Laundry Detergent

Maintenance

lawn mower
Wrenches, Screw Drivers
Batteries (all sizes)
Masking, Duct Tape
Paintbrushes
Tarps
Car Care Products
Home Depot & Lowe's Gift Certificates



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Visit our Web site at www.living-free.org for all of the ways you can help

In Loving Memory



Charlotte S. Cowan

May 4, 1933 – January 21, 2011

Board Director and a devoted volunteer at Living Free for many years, Charlotte was a voice for all animals. She dedicated her life to their help and care, and her joy in spending her time with and for the cats and dogs at Living Free showed every day. She is deeply loved, will be dearly missed, and has left us all better for her presence at the sanctuary.

Supporter Spotlight

Elsa Park recently celebrated her 5th birthday with a cat-themed party at home. As an animal lover, cats being a favorite, Elsa chose to forego gifts for herself and instead requested donations to the Living Free Animal Sanctuary's cattery. Twenty five of her friends and family who attended the party fulfilled her wish by generously bringing collars, brushes, cat toys, gift cards for pet supply stores and lots of cat food! Elsa was thrilled to personally deliver the donations to Living Free and meet the cats in person. Thanks, Elsa!



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We are located 1/2 mile east of Mountain Center on Hwy 74, just 15 minutes from Idyllwild