Twin Cedar K9, Amador County Animal Control and Adoption Center and Karma Rescue have formed a partnership to save lives in Amador County – dogs’ lives and inmates’ lives! Last year Karma Rescue and the Amador Animal shelter started a Paws For Life training program at Mule Creek State Prison and Rehabilitation. This 12-week program selects inmates to train shelter dogs to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen test. After the dogs have graduated and passed the CGC test, they are put up for adoption. Two classes totaling 10 dogs have graduated and have been adopted from this program. This program is also saving inmates’ lives by restoring a sense of humanity to the prison setting – a place that houses broken souls. Many of the inmates who participate in the program come from troubled backgrounds, and are unable to connect with or express empathy towards others. There are no words to describe the wonder of seeing these tough-exterior prisoners touch one of the program dogs for the first time, and even more phenomenal is witnessing the first time they experience the unconditional love only a dog can give.

The last class graduated on April 21, and the next class does not start until mid-August which left a large gap without dogs for the inmate trainers. So Margé Blair (owner of Twin Cedar K9), Kelly Reason (director of Amador Animal Services) and Alex Tonner (director of Karma’s Paws for Life program) formed a plan. Five dogs at a time would be pulled from the shelter and taken to the prison for Paws for Life training and socializing. There are approximately 22 trainers that form 5 teams, one team for each dog. Our goal was to get dogs adopted and out of the shelter system. Since this program was started in mid-May, 10 dogs have found their forever homes!

Our goal is to get as many dogs adopted as possible through this program. When you adopt one of these dogs, you are saving more than one life! Please feel free to contact Margé Blair at 209-223-3194 or margaret@twincedark9.com if you would like to learn more about this wonderful program.

Some Dogs Currently Training at Mule Creek:

- **MooMoo**: He has been at our shelter since 11/6/16. He is a wonderful 5 year-old American Bulldog/Great Dane mix. MooMoo does not like cats but loves everyone else!

- **Ben**: He is a 1 ½ year-old DNA-tested American Staffordshire Terrier/Boxer mix. He knows all of his basic obedience and gets along with every dog that he meets.

- **Nala**: She is a little over 1 year old and is an American Staffordshire Terrier mix. She knows all of her basic obedience and loves to play with other dogs.
VETERAN'S CONSTANT COMPANIONS

A-PAL Humane Society has been serving Amador County animals and the people who love them for 40 years. We were happy to help when we received a call from our amazing local Hospice of Amador & Calaveras. Their caring staff told us that a Vietnam veteran had passed away, leaving his cat companions with nowhere to go. These were indoor and outdoor cats with no family or neighbors able to take them in.

Adult cats who had known only one owner, Rascal and Riley are 15 year old cats who were terrified when we arrived to help. They behaved as feral cats would, so we had to trap them. These beautiful senior cats settled down as we put them back together, but they were clearly depressed and refused to eat or interact with people. We soon discovered the secret to their heart was through their stomachs and they loved wet food and back scratches. Slowly they began coming out of their cage, sitting in laps and enjoying attention.

These two went in for a wellness check prior to being made available together for adoption. Sadly, the checkup revealed that Riley had advanced stage cancer, so we provided Hospice care for him. When he began to decline, we ended his suffering. Rascal now has a fabulous new home.

A-PAL has rehomed many cats when their owners pass away without a plan for them. We encourage pet owners to keep their four-legged family members in their estate planning. Pets settle in much better when there is a planned place for them to go when we pass away. A will and trust is a perfect place to spell out your wishes. Asking friends and family if they are willing to accept your pet is the best way to plan for their future.

Call us at 209-223-0410 or visit pawspartners.org if you have questions. Please support us to help animals in the future as you plan your will and trust. We are a non-profit organization with the goal of ensuring the humane treatment of animals in the communities we serve.
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Registration Form

COME CELEBRATE 40 YEARS
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NAME__________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS_____________________________________________________________________

____ I plan to walk with ____ dog(s).

____ I do not have a dog, but am walking to support A-PAL Humane Society.

Each participant will receive a Bark in the Park T-Shirt, doggy goodie bag and doggy bandana.

T-Shirt size for me ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ 2XL crew neck ____ v neck ____

____ I would like to buy additional shirt(s) at $15 each ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ 2XL
Crew neck ____ v neck ____ (Indicate # of each size above)

____ I can't be there, but enclose my donation to A-PAL

WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY - Must be signed to participate in Bark in the Park's walk
In consideration of your accepting entry, I, the undersigned, heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the beneficiaries, organizers, sponsors, advertisers, and employee, volunteers and committee members, state and local governments or private parties on whose property this event will be held, including but not limited to the City of Jackson, the County of Amador and A-PAL Humane Society of any and all injuries or damages suffered by me or my dog while traveling to or from, or participating in this event. I am responsible for my dog being current with his/her rabies vaccine and license.

_________________________________________ Date __________

Signature of entrant (Parent or guardian if under 18)

$______ entry fee and additional T-Shirt(s)

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Signature of A-PAL representative to verify entry date and fee paid entry

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A Jackson Creek Vet called with a client and a patient that needed help from A-PAL Humane Society. Pete, a beautiful gray and white adult cat, was in pain and unable to urinate. He would possibly need an expensive surgery to unblock his urinary tract and his owner had a daughter undergoing expensive chemotherapy.

A-PAL has a program that can provide assistance if a pet is spayed or neutered, current on vaccines, the procedure will rectify the health problem and the owner can pay half of the bill. The great news was that Pete was blocked because of inflammation and did not need an expensive surgery after all.

For Pete's sake, we were thrilled that he could go home to comfort his family member battling cancer. A-PAL Humane Society helps not only pets, but the people who love them, too. This happy ending was made possible by the compassionate staff at Jackson Creek Vet and generous people like you who allow us to provide life-saving programs like this.

SANTA PAWS • December 2, 10am-4pm • Feed Barn in Jackson
Professional photos taken by photographer Bill Lavallie are a great buy at only $5 and come with a beautiful holiday card. All proceeds benefit A-PAL and Amador County animals. Treat yourself to homemade goodies at the Bake Sale, too. Bring the entire family!

A-PAL depends on your support to fund our programs!

**Donation Levels:**
- $20 Friend
- $50 Supporter
- $100 Benefactor
- Other
- Please send me more information about volunteering or becoming a foster parent

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Whiskers & Wine a Wild Success

With a safari theme and prizes for costumes and wildlife calls, a great time was had by everyone who came to celebrate the great A-PAL shelter, volunteer and donor accomplishments from 2016. We learned that the shelter has had a 42% decrease in cat intake and a 27% decrease in dog intake over the last 9 years. The current save rate for animals entering our shelter is also an impressive 91%.

Partnerships save lives, and this fun dinner raised more than $10,000 for life saving A-PAL programs. We were thrilled to have Chaim Gur-Arieh to introduce his MIXED BREED wine to benefit the animals. This delicious wine is for sale at the Kitchen Store in Jackson and at Pokerville Market in Plymouth. A portion of the proceeds from every bottle sold will be donated to A-PAL Humane Society.

Mark your calendar for May 18, 2018 for the next Whiskers & Wine event!