



The Community Foundation
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S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Evaluation Form

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| Grant Period: January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012 | Evaluation Due Date: January 15, 2013 |
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Organization: ANIMAL SAMARITANS SPCA INC.

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Grant Period: 01/01/12 -012/31/12

Award Amount: \$21,200

Grant Number:

- DESCRIBE THE PROJECT'S KEY OUTCOMES AND RESULTS BASED ON YOUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED AND OTHER RELEVANT STATISTICS.

The Adoptions Alliance is a cooperative program of the cities of the Coachella Valley led by Animal Samaritans. Animal Samaritans provides all the staffing, infrastructure, and volunteers for the program. Since the inception of the program in late April 2011, more than 2,000 animals have been rescued, primarily from the public open admission shelter in Thousand Palms, operated by Riverside County Department of Animal Control (RCDAS.) The animals are placed with rescue organizations, most of which are located in Southern California.

Animal Samaritans stated the 3 below noted objectives in undertaking the project, success is noted in *italics*:

1. Save the lives of at least 1,000 cats and dogs between 1/1/12 and 12/31/12 – *Animal Samaritans has surpassed all expectations and between 1/1/12 and 11/1/12, we have rescued 1269 animals since the first of the year. Animal Samaritans, through this program dropped the euthanasia rate at the County facility by 15% over this period.*
 2. Add five rescue organizations during same to help reach our goal - *Animal Samaritans has again exceeded expectations and added over 25 organizations since the first of the year; but the five most notable include Friends of Orange County's Homeless Pets, Southern California Bulldog Rescue, Hope Ranch Animal Sanctuary, White Rock Horse Rescue, Southern California Abyssinian Rescue, Mutville Senior Dog Rescue*
 3. Increase the number of available foster homes from 30 to 50 by 6/30/12 - *We added 20 new fosters from January 2012 to May 2012: Rancho Mirage = 3, Palm Desert = 8, Palm Springs = 2, Indio = 3, Cathedral City = 1, Desert Hot Springs = 2.*
- WHAT WERE THE CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES YOU ENCOUNTERED (IF ANY) IN ATTAINING YOUR GOALS & OBJECTIVES? HOW DID YOU OVERCOME AND/OR ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES? WHAT WERE THE LESSONS LEARNED?

Any new program brings with it challenges and growing pains, some of which were directly related to this grant.

1. Animal Samaritans immediately identified that it had a foster home challenge. While our resident foster program for our own shelter dogs was sufficient, the nature of this program – rescuing

animals from a public shelter, animals that are subject to time constraints, meant that we needed more foster parents who were flexible to take on **immediate** fostering needs. We change the recruitment criteria for foster parents and managed to find people suited to this type of experience.

2. Education of the foster parents – Animals that come into the public shelters often have communicable disease issues that can easily be resolved, but require care. Our foster parents needed to be trained to understand how to manage communicable disease in their own homes for the safety of humans and pets alike. We created a training program and provided a phone number for “in the moment” questions.
3. Behavior Training – While behavior training is an essential component to a long term foster care program, we identified that the Adoption Alliance is not a long term foster care program and in general, we do not have the time to engage in behavior training. Our hands are full just keeping the wheels turning. As a result, Animal Samaritans has asked the *Community Foundation of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties* to reallocate the behavior training portion of these funds to medical expenses and transportation. Medical expenses remain a more critical need of the program.
4. Funding – In 2011, Animal Samaritans launched the program with \$27,000 of operating funds and \$40,000 of program support allocated to operations (primarily salary for one coordinator) from the cities of the Coachella Valley. In 2012, this funding dropped to \$2,500. This was a big financial blow to the program. Animal Samaritans has to date been able to reach into its pockets to continue to support the program.

- DESCRIBE ANY UNINTENDED POSITIVE OUTCOMES AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS SUPPORTED BY THIS GRANT.

The Adoption Alliance program has direct and measurable benefits in that for every animal discharged to a new facility or organization, a life is saved. The unexpected benefit has been that Animal Samaritans has forged ties with unexpected organizations and expanded our partnership network. For instance, Animal Samaritans has rescued 20 animals from the Indio shelter – a city shelter not usually involved with our efforts.

- DESCRIBE THE OVERALL EFFECT THIS GRANT HAS HAD ON YOUR ORGANIZATION.

This grant has been invaluable to off-setting the medical costs associated with transporting animals from the County Animal Shelter to rescues across Southern California. Animal Samaritans, in its Adoption Alliance Network Agreement, promises that to the best of our knowledge, the rescued animal is “healthy”. To be able to promise this, we perform examinations; render vaccinations and general care to the animals; and on occasion perform surgeries to remedy acute care issues.

This grant and this program overall has had a wonderful effect on staff and community morale. Animal Samaritans operates a small shelter (40 cats & 4 dogs), that affords us an important but limited opportunity to save animals. This grant has directly facilitated the saving of over 1,000 animals. This directly supports our animal welfare mission of “improving the lives of animal and people” and allows for the community to see that there are always solutions, if you look hard enough for them. It has been such a successful program that we have installed the program as its own “department”.

- TELL US A FEW SUCCESS STORIES THAT MADE AN IMPACT ON YOUR ORGANIZATION AND/OR COMMUNITY AS A RESULT OF THIS GRANT.

Cara is a perfect example of the medical crises that can arise when you work in rescue. We are all used to hearing about Upper Respiratory, Parvo, Kennel Cough, even Distemper, all things that are very observable while you work or volunteer in a shelter. However, oftentimes there are underlying issues that even the most trained eye cannot spot. *Cara* is a young, spunky dachshund who seemed happy and healthy. When the rescue group that pulled her sent her to be spayed, their veterinarian noticed she was having some breathing issues, and upon closer examination, discovered she was suffering from a

diaphragmatic hernia. This was no simple surgery. Every rescue we work with is a 501 3 c non-profit charity, and many do not have the kind of funds necessary to be able to take on such a delicate surgery. Rescue contacted Animal Samaritans and they were distraught at the thought of possibly having to return her to the county shelter. Animal Samaritans agreed to assist and perform the surgery and partially assist in the funding for the surgery as well. However, due to complications that arose during the procedure, the final cost for the surgery had increased from a few hundred dollars to over one thousand. Cara is a perfect example of medical necessity and unforeseen circumstances that cannot be controlled.

The Bucket Baby Epidemic - All year long, people are abandoning puppies and kittens in parks, in front of stores, out in the desert – young animals left to fend for themselves with no food or water. In the summer, this is an obviously dangerous situation. Many of these animals come in starving, severely dehydrated, or sick. They often times require immediate medical attention. Some are too sick to survive. Animal Samaritans has partnered with several other local no-kill shelters including Save a Pet and Humane Society of the Desert to help ensure no abandoned puppy will ever be left behind, and we have been incredibly successful thus far in finding rescues outside of the Coachella Valley if a local organization cannot take them in due to limited space. But the medical costs for these babies can escalate quickly, especially if the parvovirus is contracted by a puppy. Our survival rate in our foster program for parvo cases has been incredibly high, having lost only a few out of almost 30 parvo cases, thanks in part to a wonderful foster who has plenty of experience and medical assistance from our clinic.

- PROVIDE A FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE USE OF YOUR GRANT FUNDS (EXPENDITURES).

| Line Item Description | Line Item Explanation (Formula/equation used as applicable. Example: 40 books @ \$100 each = \$4000) | Requested Amount From TCF | Expended (YTD) 2012 | Comments |
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| Behavior Training | 40 animals @ ave. @ ave. of \$250 ea | \$10,000 | \$250 | Animal Samaritans has requested that these funds be reallocated to medical expenses. If TCF agrees, then we will “charge” other procedures conducted on Adoption Alliance animals throughout the year, but paid by Animal Samaritans operating funds to show how it was expended prior to year end. If TCF requests that we spend it in the new year, then we will gladly do so. Or, we can return the unexpended funds. |
| Medical Care | 50 animals @ ave. of \$200 ea | \$10,000 | \$ 9,583 | Animal Samaritans provided medical exams, spay and neuters, and vaccinations to over 50 animals throughout the year. By year end, we will expend the remainder of these funds. |
| Transportation | 4 flights @ ave. of \$300 ea | \$1,200 | \$4,130 | Animal Samaritans went well over budget in its transportation network for this past year. Animal Samaritans widened its network of rescues across Southern California and into Canada and the Northeast. |
| TOTALS: | | \$21,200 | \$13,963 | |

- ❖ Please send copies of publicity and other promotional materials.
- ❖ All variances or time extensions must be approved by The Community Foundation's Grant Committee. Please contact us at 951-684-4194, ext. 114 immediately if a variance or extension becomes necessary.

Please return the completed form to:

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