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Are we there yet?

Notes from founder and president,
Shirley M. Warren

Recall those long trips in the family car before modern in-car electronics as DVD players? Sitting in silence and board, pelting the folks with the ultimate destination question....*are we there yet?* Similar questions as this has come up since inception of the Foundation.

Two years ago when I asked a non-profit animal rescue group how long it took to obtain tax exempt status, they advised me the process would take 2 years and to hang in there and stay the course. At that time, in my arrogance, I was convinced this time frame could easily reduce to a year. I mean, how hard could it be to fill out a bunch of papers? After all, I am well educated. I can master this without a hitch. Since that fleeting thought, I have quietly consumed a sizeable portion of humble pie, which I might add, is best accompanied with a rich merlot infused with a depth and complexity of deep, spicy berry notes, decanted 1 hour and served at room temperature.

The filing process proved a huge undertaking more than I expected. Each time I truly believed we were closer to our goal there would be another step to wade through. There have been discouraging moments along the way, but I never felt this was anything that I could lay down and walk away from. This is the beginning of something big, something good that will even out live me, and I intend to give it my all. I believe strongly in this cause. Medical costs will only continue to rise, even if a health care program is implemented for the human population, the increasing costs will continue to raise adversely impacting veterinary medicine and family pet care.

The facts are that costly, seriously ill yet treatable conditions are often the reason a pet is abandoned at the pound (over-crowding requires animals routinely euthanized to make room for more), or pet companions are euthanized at owner request because treatment is more costly than one can afford. A sad reality. I've seen the confused fearful looks in the eyes of pets dumped at the pound. The pet fully understands where it is and that it no longer is wanted. Still, the it remains loyal and hopeful, eyes fixed on the door expecting the owner to come through at any moment to be taken home. The need for assistance will continue to exist as medical costs continue to climb. The Foundation hopes to offer help to all that apply, and this is my greatest fear that we cannot help someone because we lack necessary funds.

In 2009 we are expectantly hopeful that our tax exempt status is granted. I have been reluctant until now to press for donations feeling that it would not be honorable to make requests if tax emption was not available to our contributors. It just didn't seem appropriate. As this newsletter is prepared, application documents requesting tax exempt status are in the stages of completion. By the time this newsletter is receive the application will be under consideration with the Internal Review Service. Once this goal is achieved the Foundation will begin an aggressive publicity campaign in the Ventura county region to make our presence known and garner more support.

Thank you again for exercising your trust in the Foundation and helping us get our paws off the ground.

Founders Circle

Special thanks to the following individuals that generously helped take the first step toward making this dream a reality. Without their help, this would not be possible.

Thank you.

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WJW Foundation News

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The Foundation is now registered with GoodSearch.com. If you are familiar with GoodSearch, you already know it is a website search engine powered by Yahoo, which raises funds for charities each time an individual searches the internet. GoodSearch has a unique social mission which involves generously giving back to charity, with every Web search a percentage is given to the charity of your choice.

We direct a minimum of 50 percent of revenues (this currently equates to about a penny per search) to the nonprofits designated by our audience. Please note that image, video and site-specific searches are not included (<http://www.goodsearch.com/about.aspx#faq2>)

How it works. When searching the internet you choose your cause first to verify registered with GoodSearch, hopefully this will always be the Woody James Warren Foundation, and then begin searching. GoodSearch does the rest by tracking those

searches under the selected charity name. You can even check to see how much funds were raised since the first of the year broken down by month. More good news. Another division of GoodSearch is GoodShop where a percentage of purchased funds go toward the charity. Among those online businesses that have collaborated with GoodShop are Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Dell, eBay Lands' End, Overstock.com, Target, and PetSmart just to name a few.

Explore the GoodSearch website for additional information, and please consider setting GoodSearch as your new homepage and selecting the Foundation when conducting internet searches or making online purchases.



Collection Boxes

The Foundation garners local interest and support. The Matilija Veterinary Hospital of Ojai has generously allowed a coin collection box with brochures placed on the counter. We are grateful for their support and interest.

Forward Focus in 2009

- ◇ Establish a stronger presences regionally through press releases, participating in events for greater public exposure. Network closely with humane society to build support and broaden profile.
- ◇ Expand collection boxes throughout Valley.
- ◇ Build volunteer base.
- ◇ Expand board of directors.
- ◇ Continue with grant research.
- ◇ Introduce new website design.

Current Foundation Needs & Wish List

- ◇ Volunteers with the following skill set.
 - Internet/library research.
 - Grant preparation.
 - Fundraising experience.
 - Enthusiastic individuals with fresh ideas to assist development of affective fundraising events.
 - Volunteers to assist with site events.
- ◇ Large banner with foundation logo and name for use with EZ-Up canopy.

If you haven't visited the website recently, take a moment and check it out. We've made some changes. WJWFoundation.org website.



Find errors within the newsletter? Good. If I've held your interest thus far, you've read 50% of the newsletter and will have success passing the quiz on page 3.

QUIZ:

- 1. What is an EZ-Up?
A. Stomach disturbance B. Canopy C. Geologic term for a mountain building episode.
- 2. What is best served with humble pie?
A. Mashed potatoes B. Crème brulee C. Merlot
- 3. What online search and shop did the Foundation register?
A. GoodSearch B. GoodShop C. A and C

Almost current events bonus question.

- 4. Michael Vick is:
A. Russian ballerina B. Representative for Mary Kay cosmetics. C. A convicted felon for running a dog fighting ring including for the abusive treatment of those dogs that did not fight well.

Answers: 1. A., 2. C., 3. C., 4. C, Vic is a convicted felon. Although it is rumored that Vick once danced with the Russian ballet, and that he currently sells cosmetics at the federal prison in Petersburg, VA, these rumors remain unfounded at this writing.

Giving was never easier.
Donate safely, directly through PayPal to email address, Donate@wjwfoundation.org; or by Searching online using GoodSearch.com selecting the Woody James Warren Foundation as your charity of choice; or Online shopping through GoodShop retail partners via GoodSearch.com selecting the Woody James Warren Foundation as your charity of choice.
By check made out to the Woody James Warren Foundation to the address below.

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*The WJWF respects your privacy and we will not share or distribute your information.



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Who We Are

The Woody James Warren Foundation is a non-profit organization founded to assist pet medical health care costs.

The Woody James Warren Foundation's first goal is to provide assistance to those pet owners that are among the senior citizens in our community living within the constraints of a restricted income.

The Woody James Warren Foundation is determined to provide assistance so no individual would forego his or her own immediate needs for those of their pet, and that no pet is unnecessarily euthanized because treatment is unaffordable.

The Woody James Warren Foundation relies solely on donations to met this endeavor. Please consider making a donation today.

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