

Helping the companion animals of our homeless brothers and sisters since 1998







Our 2024 **SHAP Street Family Photo Album** is overflowing again this year! This past year we faced a record number of folks experiencing homelessness and in dire need of our help. Struggling to find shelter in the hot summer sun or seeking a bit of warmth in the freezing cold is a constant battle on the Street. The need for help has been overwhelming. If it weren't for SHAP's work on the Street, the amount of suffering would be unthinkable. This is why SHAP exists, and why we need your generous support.

Those with beloved companion animals by their side need help to keep their companions healthy and well fed. SHAP stepped in so many times this year to provide veterinary care, food, as well as harnesses, leashes, coats . . . and more!

Providing vital veterinary care for both illness and injury puts a big strain on SHAP's budget again this past year. We helped with an overwhelming number of life-or-death cases. Vet expenses, including spay/neuter, are SHAP's prime purpose and biggest expense. But with generous donors out there like you in this crazy world, we can keep these loyal companion animals healthy and together with their guardians. Together, they are truly devoted families.

So many reasons people become homeless -- loss of job, evictions, death of spouse, abuse at home, inability to work because of disabilities, struggles with addictions. There is never just one simple story to tell. We remain pledged to provide those homeless families with companion animals these crucial services.

Companion animals provide a sense of family, personal responsibility, unconditional love, and a reason to get up each day and keep the faith – while their struggle on the Street continues for now.

The brightest spot in their lives is always the companion animal sitting faithfully by their side. Together, they are family–strongly bonded–pledged to protect and love each other every day.

2024 HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER



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Keep up with SHAP's outreach and activities on the Street.

We love sharing our Street Stories with you!



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2024 SHAP Street Stories



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CELEBRATING OUR SHAP VOLUNTEERS

Desfile de Los Ninos, Pet Parade, Sept 7 Karen Cain and super volunteers Judith Gabriele and Steve Tomich walked flying SHAP's banner in costume and masks!





Paseo Pottery fundraising event on Aug 2 Volunteers Anjani and her daughter Salome joined volunteer Ryan McCauley, and Peggy Laurel, SHAP Marketing & Development Director for this "get your hands dirty" event.



3rd Annual Zombie Run Volunteers - Oct 6



Matador Bar 1st Annual Fundraiser for SHAP hosted by SHAP volunteer Becca Whitaker and bar owner Cesar Forte on Aug 1st.



We thank our volunteers for helping out at all our events, picking up donations, working on the Street for our homeless families, and so much more!













SHAP and the Santa Fe Safe Outdoor Space Project

The partnership between **Street Homeless Animal Project** and **The Life Link** goes back a long way. This year we partnered up with The Life Link for the **City of Santa Fe SOS (Safe Open Space) Pilot program** which opened in April 2024. Christ Lutheran Church donated the land to house the project, and their parking lot went from an empty space into a new first-of-its-kind "Pallet Village" with 10 pallet homes.

With more than 350 people living on Santa Fe's streets, the city now has its first temporary city-sanctioned "camp." This first *Safe Outdoor Space* was a significant milestone in addressing the pressing issue of housing insecurity in our community. It's also a needed step to hopefully transition them into a long-term supportive housing solution.

The pallets are little modular insulated homes with one or two bunks, with heating, air conditioning, a lock, and an address. The inside of a pallet home also includes a desk, shelves, and storage area, among other items. Additional pallets and locations are planned in the coming years.

The Life Link (a nonprofit that serves the local homeless population), operates the pallet shelters. We are thrilled that some of SHAP's clients and their companion animals are currently housed in the pallets.

Paris Rubio, the SOS site coordinator for The Life Link, tells us that they provide case management, employment services, and other community resources for residents while working alongside several partners including SHAP. **Paris praised Karen Cain and SHAP** as invaluable partners in this venture. Karen's leadership, guidance, and daily input contributes immeasurably to this special project and the lives of the residents.





Give SHAP a Place in your Heart with RMDs, Planned Giving, or Legacy Gifts!

SHAP hopes our wonderful donors and supporters will think of SHAP in the coming year and add us to any of your Planned Giving Programs or Legacy Gifts.

Leaving a bequest in your will is a simple and meaningful way for you to **leave a legacy of compassion and health** for our most vulnerable on the Street.

And, if you are 70½ or older, you can give SHAP a **tax-smart gift** today by transferring all or part of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution **(RMD)** to SHAP as a donation. You can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to SHAP taxfree and reduce your taxable income.

We know that it is your passion (and ours) to alleviate suffering for companion animals. Discuss this giving opportunity today with your legal or financial advisor.

Give the Gift of Health and Happiness to Our Most Vulnerable

Scan the QR code below to donate!





On the Street

Thanking our SHAP Street Team







Peyton



Maggie



Judith

Becca



We're proud to be honored again this year as a Top 3 Winner in Santa Fe Reporter's Best of Santa Fe 2024 | Best Nonprofit For Animals! Many thanks and much gratitude to all our supporters and the votes from the community!



SHAP got a new super van this summer for our work on the Street and around town! Three generous donors -- all long-time SHAP supporters -- provided the funds to purchase the vehicle from Capitol Ford to keep our work going strong on the Street. Thank you!



2024 SHAP Activities Timeline

JANUARY Feature article on Sunday, Jan 7 by Claudia Silva in *Santa Fe New Mexican* about SHAP. Read it on our website <u>nmshap.org</u>

FEBRUARY SHAP Valentine's Photo Shoot at PETCO on Feb 10. Thanks goes out to all our volunteers who unleashed love and joy!

MARCH The Richard Eeds Show (March 6). Richard talks to Karen Cain & Dr. Kelsey Dobesh of Smith Vet KTRC 1260 (103.7 Talk Radio)

APRIL Karen Cain interviewed by Murad & Bobbi on radio show *PetChat*. Also, radio Interview on KTRC's *Richard Eeds Show*, and *Living on the Edge* with Xubi Wilson (KSFR).

MAY "A Chat with SHAP and our Street Families" on May 8 at the Santa Fe Woman's Club. Guests included Chaplain Joe Dudziak, Dr. Kelsey Dobesh, Ali MacGraw, with Street clients Pops, Povi, and Robert and their companion animals.

JUNE *Dogs Die in Hot Cars* campaign starts for the hot summer--spreading the word to never leave your animals in a hot car--not even for a second! Funded by the Doris G. Walbridge Foundation.

JULY SHAP wins Top 3 *Best Nonprofit for Animals* in Santa Fe Reporter's 2024 Best of Santa Fe awards.

AUGUST SHAP Executive Director, Karen Cain awarded Animal Advocate of the Year by Animal Humane New Mexico. • Matador Bar fundraiser hosted by owner Cesar Forte & SHAP Board President, Becca Whitaker. • Café Pasqual's owner Katharine Kagel hosts "Show Up For The Underdogs" -- art show for the benefit of SHAP.

SEPTEMBER Richard Eeds interviews Karen Cain about 2024 Zombie Run and SHAP's growing need for help, how to assist those who are unhoused with animals. KTRC 1260 (103.7 Talk Radio.

OCTOBER SHAP 's 3rd Annual Zombie Run FUN-d-raiser at the Santa Fe Railyard Park, Sunday.

NOVEMBER Tasty fundraiser collab with Escondido restaurant's Owner and Executive Chef Fernando Ruiz & Ralph Martinez. We're honored to partner with such amazing people as Sandi Jaramillo, Fernando, and Ralph on an amazing fundraiser benefitting 2 great organizations: *SHAP* and *EIN NM Reentry Program*. Fundraiser. At *Escondido Santa Fe*. Begins Nov 13, on World Kindness Day.

DECEMBER *Sillagé Salon* Silent Art Auction for benefit of SHAP on Dec 8. • Collaboration with *Santa Fe Tails* for 1st Annual Giving Tree • KRQE features "SHAP Annual Canine Coat Drive & Guardians Too"--coat donation drive runs through Feb 2025.





May 8 | "A Chat with SHAP & Our Street Families" | Santa Fe Woman's Club

As part of our advocacy and education outreach program, SHAP offered an evening for the public to join us to ask questions, get answers, and listen to shared stories from three of our Street families: Pops & his pup Tarzan, Robert & Zoso, and Povi with her faithful companion K'La.

We talked about: What is it like to be homeless in Santa Fe? What does your companion animal mean to you? How has SHAP helped you and your companion animals? How can the community help? What does offering compassion and understanding mean to our homeless on the Street?

Joining the "fireside chat" and leading discussions were Karen Cain SHAP Executive Director, Dr. Kelsey Dobesh from our partner Smith Veterinary Hospital, Chaplain Joe (Dudziak) from Chaplain Joe's Street Outreach, and SHAP Board President and SHAP Street Team Member, Becca Whitaker.

We welcomed special guest Ali MacGraw, SHAP's "Dogs Die in Hot Cars" spokesperson, actor, and outstanding animal advocate to the audience.

Chef John Connell, and cherished SHAP Volunteer, whipped up some tasty snacks, sweet treats, and beverages to celebrate the evening.

With the help of our great volunteers Carrie Klauber, Judith Gabriele, Lauren Longworth, Mary Anne Ryan, Julie Rodriguez, Audrey Elkins, and others, this special evening turned out as a great success with new understandings and information for all attendees.



A Chat with SHAP & Our Street Families Wednesday, May 8, 2024 Santa Fe Woman's Club, 1616 Old Pecos Trail 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Meet & Greet 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Speakers Karen Cain and Dr. Kelsey Dobesh of Smith Vet Hospital with SHAP's Street Families Sharing their Stories

SHAP Presents

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August 12 | Animal Humane Presents Karen Cain their 2024 Animal Advocate of the Year Award

We're so proud of **Karen Cain**, SHAP's founder and Executive Director, who was chosen as **Animal Humane New Mexico's** *2024 Animal Advocate of the Year*! Karen was honored during the New Mexico Humane Conference on August 12, 2024. The conference was held August 12 - 13 at the Embassy Suites on 1000 Woodward Place NE in Albuquerque.

Joining Karen at the awards ceremony were two of our SHAP Street clients, Pops and Povi, who Karen and Street Homeless Animal Project has helped over the years in Santa Fe. The heartfelt speeches given by Pops, Povi, and Karen sincerely expressed the compassion, care, love, trust, and appreciation that is shared between them.

The Street stories of Pops and Povi represent just a few of the hundreds of our homeless brothers and sisters with companion animals that are helped every year by *Street Homeless Animal Project*.

SHAP continues to strive not only to help those homeless on the streets, but to support them, when possible, in finding help, support, housing, and other assistance to improve their chances of leaving the street for a better life as a family with their companion animal.

Pops, and his companion animal Tarzan, have recently secured housing in Albuquerque, and Povi is currently housed in the new Safe Open Space facilities with her pup K'La, located at Christ Lutheran Church in Santa Fe.

SHAP strongly renews its belief every day that no companion animal of a homeless person should be hungry or in pain just because their guardian doesn't have a roof over their head or money in their pocket.





Pops making a speech, Povi holding hands with Karen at the awards ceremony



(Left to right) Pops, Povi, Karen Cain



(Top to bottom) Povi, Karen Cain, Pops







START START

SHAP's THIRD ANNUAL ZOMBIE RUN Santa Fe,

held on October 6th at the Santa Fe Railyard Park, brought our community together once again to support SHAP's mission -- with dollars, compassion, and generosity of spirit! We not only raised funds for SHAP's mission, but awareness in the community of what we do every day out there on the Street.

BIG THANK YOU TO Z-RUN SPONSORS So many fantastic sponsors stepped up to make our spook-tac-u-lar 2024 FUN-d-raiser come to life again this year!

Enterprise Bank & Trust, Café Pasqual's, Harry's Roadhouse, Back Road Pizza, The Raven Fine Consignments, Dolina Café & Bakery, The Matador Bar, Café Fina, Teca Tu, Plaza Café Southside, Carolyn H. Gonzales CPA, Capitol Ford, The Critters & Me, Indigo Baby, Ranch House, Center Barber Shop, Laura Comeau DDS, Kakawa Chocolate House, Running Hub, Bartons's Blooms, Counter Culture Café, Sconery, Trader Joe's, Baked & Brew, and Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Events included the 3K Zombie Run/Walk, Monster Dawg Zombie Walk (with pets in costume), and Monster Mash Dance Contest! Our mummywrapped MCs, Murad (Española Humane) & Bobbi (Felines & Friends) from the Radio talk show PetChat (1260 KTRC and FM 103.7) brought lots of fun and quick wits to the day's events.

Other ghoulishly fun activities included Tarot With Tiffany, Bright Brush Face Painting, Torii Taiko Drumming, Snapshot Selfies, Zombie Prize Raffle, and the *dare-to-enter* Horror Lounge–decorated in glorious bloody detail by our own Executive Director, Karen Cain, a lover of Halloween and all the ghoulish fun that comes with it.

Big "THANKS" to all the volunteers who helped us on the day of our 2024 Zombie Run! Giving muscle, assistance, brain power, dressing up as Zombies and Ghouls, keeping events on track, setting up and cleaning up after! John Connell, Peggy L, Megan Robert & husband Josh Bailey, Mary Anne Ryan, Michael Abernethy, Levi, Cisco, Carolynn B., Anjani Z., Julie Rodriguez, Joy Milliman.



1st Place 3K Winner Shane Jaramillo Age 13, Glorieta, NM

2nd Place 3K Winner Sebastián Esparza Age 32, Santa Fe, NM

3rd Place 3K Winner Angel Tovar Age 33, Santa Fe, NM









New volunteers Anjani and her daughter Salome joined another new volunteer Ryan McCauley, along with Peggy Laurel, SHAP Marketing & Development Director, for this "get your hands dirty" event. We introduced visitors to SHAP's mission and had a great day on the pottery wheels. This SHAP fundraiser was sponsored by the fabulous folks at Paseo Pottery. Thank you, Angela, Joan, Jordan, and Izzie, for inviting us into your wonderful world of pottery.

August 25 | SHOW UP FOR THE **UNDERDOGS | Art Auction for the** Benefit of SHAP | Café Pasqual's Gallery

The fabulous Katharine Kagel, chef and owner of Café Pasqual's restaurant and Café Pasqual's Gallery, curated a fantastic art show for the benefit of SHAP called "Show Up For the Underdogs" which ran from August 1 to September 8.

This exciting art benefit was highlighted by a special "Green Drink" Reception hosted by Ali MacGraw (actor, animal activist, and friend of SHAP) on Sunday, August 25, at Café Pasqual's Gallery, located at 103 E Water St, 2nd Floor, in Santa Fe.

Over 30 artists donated stunning pieces to benefit SHAP and support the companion animals of our homeless community. Featuring many original oil paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photography, lithos, paper mache, etchings, and mixed media. The perfect plan to unleash the community's passion for art and compassion for animals created this vibrant showcase of art. Truly, it was Art meets Heart.

Thank you so much, Katharine Kagel! Your long-time and never-ending support of SHAP and our work is truly a blessing we never take for granted.











Sunday, Aug 25, 2p - 4p



(left to right) Chaplain Joe Dudziak, SHAP volunteer Steve Tomich; Karen Cain; owner Café Pasqual's, Katharine Kagel; actor & animal advocate, Ali MacGraw; (bottom center) Pops.