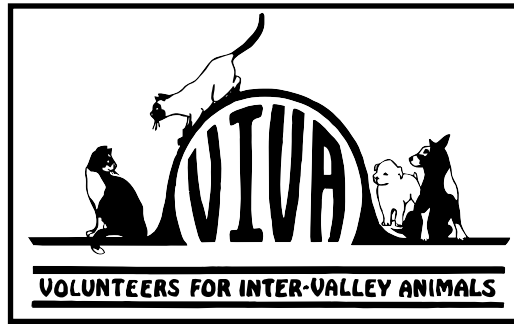


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- Cattery
- Low Cost Spay/Neuter
- Adoption Services
- Foster Homes
- TNR Assistance



- Feral Sanctuary
- Lost and Found Service
- Animal Placement Service
- Pet Owner Education
- Cat Boarding



Babs



Figaro



Yaya Yárdley



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Adoption Center
Street Address:
133 North D Street
Lompoc, CA 93436

Hours:
Saturdays from
10 to 4 or
by appointment

Phone:
(805)735-6741

Mailing Address:
VIVA
PO Box 896
Lompoc, CA 93438

Website:
<http://vivaonline.org>

Email:
info@vivaonline.org

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12/7: VIVA's Open House

12/7: Day of the Horse

Adoptions are held every
Saturday 10AM - 4PM

Or by appointment

DECEMBER: Give a cat or dog
a "forever home" for X-Mas!
THE SOROPTIMIST BAZAAR

We did well, considering the economy and fewer donations than last year: \$741 which is our second highest total since we began our participation years ago. Thanks to all who donated baked good and items to sell; special thanks to the four women who worked the sale.

CAT-LOVING TURKEY COOKS!

We had good response to our plea for Thanksgiving turkeys for our cats. Now we need some Christmas turkey cooks. Call us: 735-6741.

A VETERINARIAN IN NEED

Dr. Ron Faoro, DVM, is the chair for the Spay/Neuter Task Force and donates countless hours in support of animal rescue groups and shelters. He owns a vet clinic in Santa Barbara where he cares for many SB Shelter animals.

The Faora Family lost everything in the recent Tea fire. A collection is being taken in their behalf for a gift card to Paseo Nuevo Mall so they can purchase clothing, house wares, and other items. If you are willing to help this family, contact Stacy Silva @ 805-934-6981.

THE NOVEMBER REPORT ON OUR 1,000 CASES FOOD DRIVE

We continue to make progress toward our goal. Some members are both donating money AND bringing in cans/cases of Friskies. See the update:

Goal:		1,000 Cases
Donations: \$5,548	=	504 Cases
Food:		<u>165 Cases</u>
		669 Cases
		331 Cases to Go

The following people have recently donated food for our cats: Teresa Thorson, Thelma King, Martha Hicks, Madeleine Evans, Marsha East, B. J. Barber, Judith Benda, Kerry Johnson, Michelle Hamilton, Lisa & Andy Toth, Jim & Amy Wilson, and Diane & Doug Rodgers. Sorry if we missed anyone or spelled names incorrectly. Thanks to all who donate!

NEWS FROM THE FERAL CAT SANCTUARY ...Shirley Cram

Thank you to all the people who donated food and money to help care for the cats at our sanctuary. Without your help, it would be difficult to feed our growing colony. Pet food prices are so very high now.

All of the new arrivals are settling in nicely. It always amazes me how many of the cats that come to the sanctuary as ferals are actually tame. All it takes is a little time so they feel safe and I can soon pet them. Many of these cats could be adopted and could go back to our adoption center. The problem with that is our adoption center is always full. Once the cats feel secure and settle in, I would hate to make them move to our shelter even if there were room for them.

The sanctuary has two new residents: our chicken flock has grown from three to five. It was a bit of a challenge to raise two baby chicks with so many cats, but they did survive and are now almost full size. We still give tours the last Sunday of each month. Anyone interested can email me: shirleycram@juno.com or leave a message at 735-6741.

SB COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES SAVES THE DAY!

At least a couple of times a year, we actually have more cats and kittens awaiting spay/neuter surgery than our wonderful local veterinarians can handle. We had reached that point in early November when we received a call from Stacy Silva of Animal Services inviting us to another low cost spay/neuter clinic on November 9th, just in the nick of time. We transported 35 cats to the clinic and spent a total of \$748. What a deal! Dr. Barnes of Animal Services, Dr. Stanton of Santa Maria Humane and Dr. Corbo of Village Veterinary Clinic in Lompoc worked tirelessly to spay and neuter a total of 96 cats. Dr. Ron Faoro, who lost his home in the Tea fire, was scheduled to participate but he was injured in an accident the day before the surgery and found himself under the scalpel instead of holding one. We wish him well.