



ANNIE'S BLANKETS

Spring/Summer 2010

ANNIE'S BLANKETS HITS 50,000 GOAL

In just five short years, Annie'sBlankets has far exceeded Founder Edie Achterman's goal of rounding up 5,000 blankets and towels for animals in need. In 2009 alone, Annie'sBlankets collected and distributed 14,610 blankets and towels to 45 donation destinations with 20 Annie'sBlankets volunteers participating in the successful endeavor to provide comfort and warmth to homeless animals awaiting adoption and aid. Animal services agencies and shelters, veterinary clinics, rescue groups, and wildlife centers in eight counties received the bundled bedding. Annie'sBlankets also continued its outreach efforts, sending bedding to the Villalobos Pit Bull Rescue in Southern California, the California Underdog Rescue in Oakland, and the Solano County SPCA in Vacaville.

It takes a village to run a nonprofit, however, and in 2009, as in each of the years of Annie'sBlankets' existence, many additional groups and community organizations assisted in collecting and distributing bedding. Annie'sBlankets thanks the staff at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, the Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, the Watsonville and Soquel High School ROP programs, the students at North Monterey County High School and San Benito High School, the staff at Star One Credit Union, riders at Ridgemark Farm, students and staff at San Benancio Middle School and Elementary School, and the Daves Avenue Elementary School in Los Gatos. We also extend our gratitude to the fabulous families involved with the National Charity League, Crystal Springs chapter, for their ongoing help and support.

Upcoming Events

Woof to Woof

Scotts Valley
Saturday, June 5, 10 am -3 pm
Skypark Soccer Field

Volunteer Potluck

Annual Volunteer Potluck - TBA

WOOFSTOCK WEST SPRING DOG FESTIVAL/MAY

The Coastal Dog Owners Group hosts this annual May event at Soquel High, and a good time is always had by canines and their companions. Below, Los Gatos Volunteer Coordinator, Kristin Stephens, staffed the booth with the help of Taylor, Penny, Elayne, Shylynn, Regina, and friends.



Do You LOVE animals?
 40 blankets? 40 towels?
 Support Annie's Blankets! www.anniesblankets.org

Donate your used blankets and towels
 Join us for a "Fold & Find" Where? When?

Friday, February 26
 During Activity Period

See Bransford Middle School
 In the MPR

YOU CAN HELP!
 Bring your clean blankets, old or new, to school and put in the barrel provided. Then join us for the "Fold & Find" on Friday, February 26. We will bring the blankets and towels and distribute them to various animal shelters, veterinary clinics, and animal hospitals all over the Central Coast.

DONATE! FOLD! GIVE TO SHELTERS!

POOCHES IN THE PARK/APRIL



KIDS WHO CARE

San Benancio Middle School held its first fold fest on February 26. Bundling bedding donated by Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, Community Hospital of Monterey County, and the students of York School, Mollie Mustoe along with 20



friends folded 385 items in just two hours. Lending a paw was Belle, an SPCA adoptee belonging to the Douglas family.

The bundles were delivered to the Salinas Animal Shelter, Monterey County Animal Services Center, the SPCA of Monterey County, and All Creatures Great and Small.



Taking advantage of a rare sunny January day, the Ridgemark Farm horse riders and their family members held a fold fest between lessons.

The bundled bedding went directly to the Watsonville Animal Services where the staff was thrilled to get the much need warm bedding.



New Life for old
blankets and towels

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Volunteer Spotlight: MEET KAT WILSON

If you stop by Aptos Feed to drop off donations for Annie'sBlankets, you're in for a visual treat! Local muralist Kat Wilson is turning Annie'sBlankets barrels into works of art.



Born and raised in New England, Kat moved to Santa Cruz in 1983 to continue her education in mathematics and also earned a nursing degree. "I am a muralist and an animal lover. When I landed a job working with young

people as a professional muralist and mentor, I had to learn to paint so that I could teach them. I fell fast in love with paint and what I could do with it and it has remained my favorite medium for the past ten years."

At first Kat worked on murals designed by other artists but now does her own designs. I've painted huge walls, whole rooms, canvasses, furniture and now barrels! I can paint any subject but I particularly enjoy painting animals and doing portraits and human figures. Have paint, will travel!"



Annie'sBlankets feels fortunate to have such a talented artist volunteer in the ranks wielding her brush. Thanks Kat!



Annie'sBlankets Volunteers:

Tracy & Vin Achelis, Laura Angeloni, Carol & Nick Artman, Shylynn Barlow, Virginia Barr, Maureen Bird, Maureen Brennan, Julie and Emily Cory, Louise Derichswiler, Jocelyn Douglas, Reina & Richard Harbison, Jennifer Hendee, Marthann Howes, Marge Jones, Sheila LeClaire, Kelly Luker, Maribel Martinez, Jim & Penny Mount, Parker-Grummon family, Frank Perez, Liz Pulcheon, Kerri & Emily Ramirez, Valarie Robbins, Elayne Roeth, Regina Schulz, Ritchey, Sierra Kristin & Taylor Stephens, and Carey Welsh.

Annie'sBlankets is a 501(c)(3) community-supported, volunteer-run non-profit organization based in Salinas, California. All donations are tax deductible.
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We're on the web @

www.anniesblankets.org

Thanks to the many businesses who host Annie'sBlankets collection barrels.



Please refer to our website for barrel locations.

Note: Some locations are currently in flux. We hope to have this resolved soon.