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# Short Paws

The Official Newsletter of Furry Friends P.A.T.S.

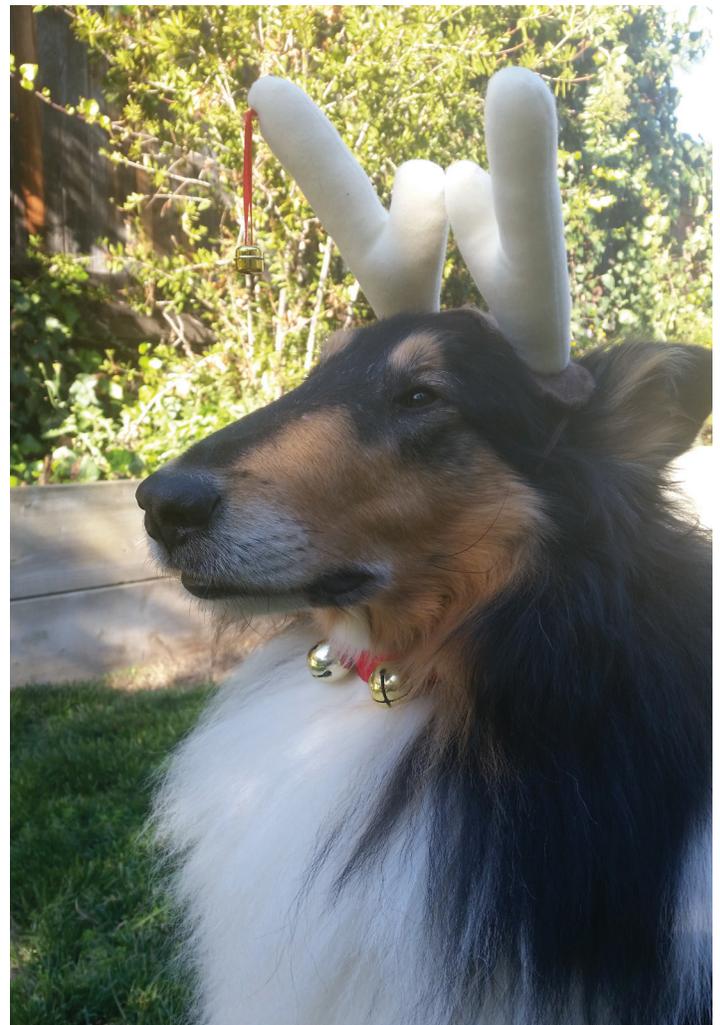
## Critter Doctor

JULIE C. BOND, M.S., ANIMAL BEHAVIORIST



I just wanted to reach out to all of you briefly about our holiday visits. These visits are so important as we are often the only visitors some of the communities we serve receive during this busy time of year. Having said that, I want to make sure that these holiday visits and events that our volunteers do are successful and safe for all of those involved.

We had a couple of issues come up on October visits with animals in costume. Please remember that any costume your pet wears must not hinder their ability to walk or move, should not cover their eyes, and should be something that they happily are willing to wear. I know I review this during the etiquette class, but it bears repeating. Forcing one of our pets to wear a costume when putting clothing or accessories on that pet causes anxiety, is counter-productive and potentially dangerous. Animals wearing costumes when they don't enjoy it are more likely to act out or display their frustration in aggressive ways. So, as we move toward Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas, please do not put pilgrim hats, festive scarves, blinking lights, sleigh bells, or Santa costumes onto your pet unless he really enjoys wearing these items. Better to use a festive collar and/or leash for the season than to risk having your animal act out inappropriately. If you have any questions about this, please let me know! Happy Holiday visiting to you all!





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Our mission is to consistently facilitate delivery of the love and affection of our volunteers and their pets. We enhance the lives and touch the hearts of people with special needs.

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## Furry Friends 2018 Calendar

Furry Friends makes and sells calendars with our furry friends pictures as a fundraiser. Some people have sent pictures during this year for the calendar. If you have not, now is the time to send us your pictures. Your pet doing what they enjoy doing, a visit (without human faces), playing ball, swimming in a lake, sleeping, in a Halloween costume, at Christmas etc.... These pictures will be put on various months on the calendar. We use Shutterfly and the calendar is 8 x 11 inches with a spiral binding. If you could like your pet on a particular day, we can do that also.

Cost is \$20 if you pick them up or \$25 to have them mailed (if you buy multiple calendars we will reduce the mailing cost to actual cost) You can preorder your calendar to make sure you get a calendar. Depending on pre-orders is how many calendars we purchase by using the store on our website.

The last date to send pictures is November 22, 2017. Send your pictures to [calendars@furryfriends.org](mailto:calendars@furryfriends.org). If you have questions, feel free to send an email to the same address.

**START SENDING US THOSE PICTURES NOW!!!**



**Do we have  
your correct  
E-mail Address?**

**If in DOUBT....**

Send an email with your name and current e-mail address to [admin@furryfriends.org](mailto:admin@furryfriends.org)

Dear friends, mark your calendars and dust off your holiday sweaters for the 61st Los Gatos Children's Christmas/Holiday Parade on Saturday December 2nd at 11am.

I will be sending an email to our volunteers with additional information. We hope you join us for this very special event!!

# Holiday Pictures

October 28, 29 and November 4,5 from 10 am to 3 pm

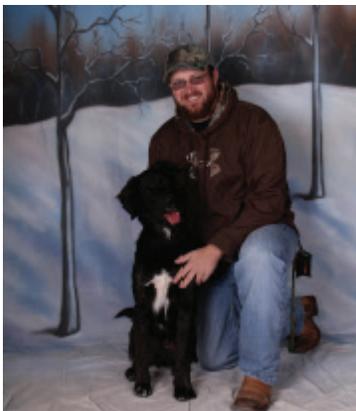
November 2 from 6pm to 8 pm

By appointment contact  
Ranee at [bash@com-ctl.com](mailto:bash@com-ctl.com)  
2633 S Bascom Ave  
Campbell CA

\$30.00 PATS

Randy Fishel will be taking holiday photos. Appointments will be made in 20 minute time slots. You will have the choice of 4 different back drops (winter and Christmas). If you have come before we have new backdrops to choose from. Bring a thumb drive and we will put all the shots taken for you to make your holiday cards or a picture for your wall.

This is some of what has been taken with the two of the backdrops.  
You can take your picture with your pet or just the pet or just you,  
your choice.



## Save the Date!

Furry Friends will be gift wrapping again this year at the Barnes and Noble bookstore at Almaden Plaza. We have two great dates, Sunday December 17 and Friday December 22, from 9am to 4pm each day. We will be able to bring our Furry Friends too, which is a great draw to get people to the wrapping table.

There will be 3 shifts each day: 9-11am, 11-1:30pm, and 1:30-4pm. We need two wrappers per shift, and one person with a pet. Sign-ups will be on a first come, first serve basis, so watch for an email with details!



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# Membership Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names under the same address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Individaul \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Family \$75

Send payment to:

PATS, Furry Friends

P.O. Box 5099

San Jose, CA 95150

or go to our website and pay using PayPal:

<http://www.furryfriends.org/memberRenewal.html>

