



SAVE OUR STRAYS OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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SOSHB is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of lost and stray pets of Huntington Beach.

Boeing Corporation Employees-Thinking of the Animals-Again!

For the third year in a row, Anna Monaco, of the Boeing Corporation, nominated Save Our Strays to receive a grant. The Boeing grant program is 100% funded by employee donations. The program is for local, non-profit organizations but the organization must be nominated by an employee. On December 3, 2007, Boeing hosted an awards luncheon for all the grant recipients. At the luncheon, Anna presented a check for \$2000 to Save Our Strays, which was gladly accepted by president, Karen Chepeka. The funds will be used towards spay and neuter costs, as well as other animal special medical needs.



Anna Monaco and Karen Chepeka

Letter From A Friend

Dear Save Our Strays,

I just wanted to let you know that I took Kumar in last Thursday to get spayed. The staff at Beach Blvd Pet Hospital was great. Kumar did very well during surgery and has healed up quickly. She is to go in next week to get her stitches taken out. I'm supposed to call next month to set up Smokey's appointment to be neutered.

I want to thank you and your organization for taking care of my two babies. I truly appreciate the generosity and cannot rightly express my appreciation. Please let me know if there is anything that our family can do to help out your cause.

Have a wonderful New Year and may 2008 bring you peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Stacey Moses

P.S. I will send you a picture of the two kitties when my other computer gets fixed. It's the one with all of our pictures.

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar! Events are held in Huntington Beach unless otherwise noted. For more information about events, call SOSHB at 714-442-1446.

- Mar 1** Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am
Del Mar Mobile Estates Clubhouse
19251 Brookhurst Street
(between Garfield and Yorktown)
- April 21** Volunteer Meeting – 7:30pm
- May 17** Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am
- July 19** Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am

- Sept 6** Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am
- Sept 13** Pancake Breakfast in the Park
8:00am–12:00pm *Lake Park, HB*
- Nov 15** Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am
- Dec TBD** Pet Photos with Santa Claws

For more information or volunteer opportunities, visit our website at www.SaveOurStraysHB.org or call 714-442-1446.

Keeping Your Membership Current

When we mail you your newsletter, we have a date just above your name. If your date is highlighted, it means it's time to renew your S.O.S. membership. Your membership fees helps to cover printing and mailing costs of the newsletter and misc. other fliers throughout the year.

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Save Our Strays offers numerous membership levels. **To join or renew**, please use the form below. Your membership expiration date appears on the address label of the SOSHB newsletter.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$15

Includes a year's subscription to *Stray News* and discounts at SOSHB events throughout the year.

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Includes a year's subscription to *Stray News* and discounts for the whole family at SOSHB events throughout the year.

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Patrons receive all the benefits of a Family Membership and are listed in *Stray News* and on the SOSHB website.

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Sponsors receive all the benefits of a Family Membership and are listed in *Stray News* and on the SOSHB website.

Four levels of sponsorship exist:

Sponsor	\$100	Gold Sponsor	\$500
Silver Sponsor	\$250	Platinum Sponsor	\$1000

SOSHB Membership/Order Form

Use this form to pay SOS dues and/or to order shirts & frames.

Membership:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sponsor \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor \$500 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Sponsor \$1000 |

T-Shirts: \$10 member \$15 non-member

Select T-shirt color: White Grey

of shirts requested in each size: ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Crewneck Sweatshirts: \$20 member \$25 non-member

of shirts requested in each size: ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Available in several shades of pure white.

Hooded Sweatshirt: \$25 member \$30 non-member

of shirts requested in each size: ___L ___XL ___XXL

Available in Westie White, Bichon White or Samoyed White.

License Plate Frames: 1 for \$5 2 for \$8

SOSHB will not mail frames. Call 714-442-1446 to arrange pick-up.

Name: _____

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City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email (optional): _____

Phone (optional): _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Add \$5 per shirt for shipping/handling, or call 714-442-1446 for pick-up.)

Mail this form with your money order or check (payable to SOSHB) to:

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Pleasing the Palate

Like you, your dog has favorite foods. Find out what your pet prefers with a taste test.

(reprinted from HSUS/ All Animals 2007)

The subject of canine cuisine is often as hotly debated as the Friday night dinner destinations of finicky foodies. Some people stick with a favorite brand of dog food. Others prefer to home-cook meals to avoid feeding their pets preservatives. Still others advocate raw-food diets that mirror what a dog would have eaten in the wild.

No matter which theory of canine nutrition you subscribe to, one thing is certain: Dogs have discriminating taste buds, just like you. They crave favorite foods and turn up their wet noses at their dishes. The easy way to find out what your dog likes is to perform a taste test that can clue you in to his or her preferences. This exercise will also help you come up with recipes your pet will be sure to enjoy.

Before you start playing chef, consult your veterinarian about food allergies and dietary restrictions. It's also important to avoid toxic foods such as chocolate, coffee, raw fish, and onions. And because dogs can have sensitive stomachs, conduct taste tests over a few hours or a few days, especially if you want to test multiple foods.

On the first day of your taste test, select two foods you think your dog may like and place a small amount of each (one or two tablespoons is sufficient) into separate bowls. Try foods such as peanut butter, crackers, bananas, raw or cooked carrots, cooked broccoli, white or brown rice, or even tofu. Ask your dog to sit, and then place the two bowls of sample foods on the floor. Watch to see which items your dog first smells, tastes and then eats-and which he or she chooses to leave behind.

Over the next few hours or days, repeat the exercise, and record those foods that most pique your dog's interest. Take note of the top three foods at the end, and you've discovered your dog's favorite dishes-and the most effective bribe in your next training session. Bone appetite!

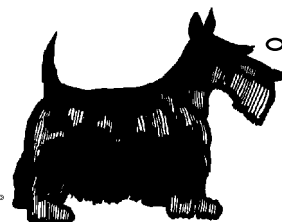
Time For Dessert

Here's a simple recipe for a tasty treat for your dog.

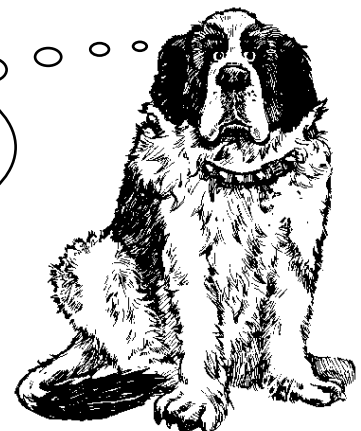
Peanut Butter Yum-Yums (Makes 3-4 dozen)

- 1-1/2 cups wheat flour
- 1/2 cup white flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 cup peanut butter (chunky or smooth)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup soy milk

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with foil and set aside. In a bowl, combine wheat and white flour and baking powder.
2. In another bowl, combine peanut butter, vanilla, and soy milk, mixing to as smooth a consistency as possible.
3. Gradually add peanut butter to flour mixture and combine well.
4. Knead dough on a floured surface until it's pliable, about 2 or 3 minutes. If the dough is difficult to work with, divide it into two sections.
5. Roll the dough until it's 1/4 to 1/2 thick. Cut it into 1-by-2-inch rectangles.
6. Arrange rectangles on a baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes.
7. Cool completely on a rack and store in sealed plastic bags or a plastic container. Refrigerate up to 1-1/2 weeks.



Mmmmm...these do sound yummy!



Spay/Neuter/Microchip Program Update

As most of you know, Save Our Strays sponsors a low-cost spay/neuter/microchip program for residents of Huntington Beach. We are able to offer this service because of a grant from the City of Huntington Beach. Since May 2003, when the program began, it has grown each year. Program to date, we have spayed and neutered 358 dogs and cats and microchipped 576 pets. Of those, 74 of these residents were Medicare or MediCal recipients. Last year, 2007, was our busiest year with 103 spays/neuters and 74 microchips. It appears that 2008 will be even bigger as we are on track to surpass last year.

This is indeed some exciting news as this is one of the important goals of SOSHB. Pet overpopulation is an issue in which we can ALL have an impact. We strongly encourage EVERY pet parent to spay and neuter their pets. What is interesting is that we have done twice as many spays as we have neuters. Is this because some believe that male dogs and cats do not need to be altered? Putting the pet overpopulation issue aside (albeit it is an important one), male animals should be altered for purely

health reasons. Some forms of cancer which are prevalent in male dogs and cats are directly attributed to the lack of sterilization.

By microchipping all your pets, the chance of a lost loved one being returned to you increases dramatically.

These services are offered to residents at a significantly reduced rate. Our spay/neuter program requires only a \$30 co-payment (paid directly to the veterinarian). If the resident is a Medicare or MediCal recipient, the co-payment is only \$5. By offering these services at a discount, some pet guardians who would otherwise be unable to afford these services, can now take advantage of them. Our microchip identification is available for a co-payment amount of only \$5 to all residents.

Working together, we can have a positive impact on the number of animals who are euthanized each year and reduce the number of animals entering our shelter system. If you would like more information about this program, please call us at 714-442-1446 or email SaveOurStraysHB@aol.com.



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