

We Need Volunteers.

If you have one hour, one day or one week a month we could sure use your help.
Please contact the office for more information - (818) 591-7037

Annual Open Board Meeting
October 4, 2009
1 pm
Join us for pizza and cookies

We're on Facebook
Look for Sophie Calabasas and you can also join the Group Sophie.

FOR ADOPTION



Oliver and Oliva -3 year old Brother and sister Scottish Folds- Very sweet, trained and friendly- No dogs please. Must be placed together- spayed/neutered and vaccinated.

Contact Elle at strangestangels.org

SOPHIE News - Fall Edition
S.O.P.H.I.E.
Los Angeles Pet Memorial Park
P.O.Box 8517
Calabasas, CA 91372

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Fall Edition

Save Our Pets' History In Eternity

September 2009



Photo of the Mausoleum taken in the 1930's by Rollin Jones

And the new Board of Directors are...

..the same. We did have the election with over 1300 ballots mailed out. However, we needed a quorum of 455 votes in order to make it a valid election. Unfortunately we did not receive enough votes to certify this election.

We would like to thank every S.O.P.H.I.E. member who did take the time to vote. And thanks to the 10 candidates who ran for the board.

So the 2009 Board of

Directors are Joe Becher, Clarence DeVoe, Wendy Heineke, Joe Mazjel, Nancy Morgan, James Odom, James Speer, David Stiller and Dr. Alice Villalobos.

The Officers are as follows: David Stiller remains as

President, Joe Becher and Clarence DeVoe are co-Vice Presidents and James Odom remains the Treasurer.

You can meet them at the upcoming open Board Meeting on October 4, 2009.

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The Summer drought has left our park in very good condition. Our recycled water has been severely rationed and the grounds crew use every drop sparingly. Our new totally automated sprinkler system has been a great help in making the best use of our allotted water.

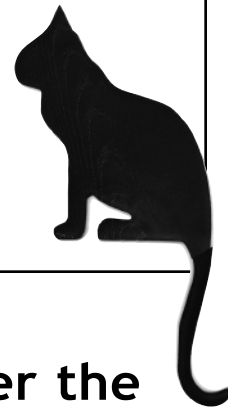
We appreciate everyone who participated in the election. We did not receive enough ballots to meet our quorum and have a valid election and the current board of directors will continue to serve.

Our Client Relations Assistant, Jasmine, has left us. Jasmine was wonderful with pets and people and we will miss her greatly.

Up coming events at the Park include our annual Sophie membership meeting at 1 PM on Oct. 4, 09. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,

Dave Stiller, President



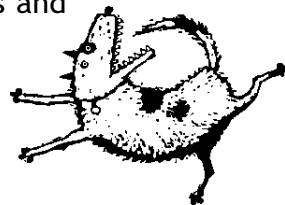
As a reminder, we are still operating under the Las Virgenes Water District's Mandatory Conservation Measures

Mandatory Conservation Measures - Effective March 4, 2009

- * Irrigation is prohibited during business hours
- * Irrigation may not occur during periods of rain or in the 24 hours following rainfall of an inch or more.
- * Irrigation may not run off the property into streets, gutters or onto adjacent properties.
- * The washing down of sidewalks, parking areas and driveways is no longer permitted, unless an approved water broom is used.
- * A trigger nozzle is required on hoses used for home car washing.
- * Restaurants may only serve water upon request.
- * Hotels & motels must give multi-night guests the option to retain towels and linens during their stay.

Violations of the adopted measures will escalate for repeat instances of non-compliance within a 12-month period, including termination of water service

The public may also report violations by calling 818-251-2180.



Are you a S.O.P.H.I.E. Member??

If you received this newsletter by mail you are. Look at the address label and it will give you all the information including whether you have a single or family membership and when your membership expires.

All S.O.P.H.I.E. members are invited to attend the Annual Open Board Meeting on Sunday October 4, 2009 1 pm

A few of your Board Members have arranged for a pet adoption day at the Park as well starting at 10 am, before the Open Board Meeting

Come early to see the vendors and the rescue groups.



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Park Hours:

MONDAY – SATURDAY
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS
8:00 AM to DUSK

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- Clarence DeVoe, Co Vice-President
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- David Stiller
- Alice Villalobos, D.V.M.

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The holiday mailings are coming soon

In the next few weeks you will be receiving your S.O.P.H.I.E. holiday mailing. For those of you who have never received one before, it is the opportunity to memorialize your beloved pets in our annual Memorial Tribute booklet. For a donation to S.O.P.H.I.E., you can have a personal tribute inserted in honor of your pet(s). And for a donation of \$250 or more, you can have an entire page. You will also receive order forms for the 2009 S.O.P.H.I.E. holiday ornaments. They are only \$10 each and will be personalized with a pet name on the back. They will be on display at the Park and will be mailed to you after the holiday season. We know many members have missed our holiday ornaments over the last two years. So we are bringing them back! Also in your holiday packet will be order forms for holiday wreaths and silk/fresh floral order forms. Fresh holiday wreaths can be purchased to be placed on your pet's gravesite during the holiday season. And your 2010 floral order form will now include silk or fresh flowers you can order for all your special occasions in 2010. If you have any questions at all or do not receive your packet, please call the office right away.



Change of address

Please make sure to notify us when you change your address. It will help us save money on postage. You can do so quickly and easily by just emailing us your new information.
lapetcem@sbcglobal.net



The Park is now a drop off location for Operation Blankets of Love, a non profit group that distributes these much needed blankets, towels and beds to all the pounds and rescues in Southern California.

New advertising opportunities at The Park

We are now offering advertising in these quarterly newsletters to help offset the rising costs of printing. A business card size ad is \$35 per insertion.

We are also offering an advertising program in the showroom where businesses can display their information and business cards. It is \$40 per quarter, \$75 for 6 months and \$100 for one year. Please contact Margie at (818) 591-7037 for more information.



Joe Becher with his dog Amanda as taken by The Picture People who will be here on Pet Adoption Day

From The Desk of The Client Relations Manager

By Sandy Dunaway



Hopefully cooler days and a little rain are just ahead of us.

The crew has been working hard to keep the grass green, however it is not easy with the Las Virgenes water restrictions.

Please, when visiting the cemetery respect other gravesites and do not remove flowers or other items in vases.

Jasmine, our Client Relations Assistant has left the staff. She is a very special and caring person and she is greatly missed. She had been a part of the S.O.P.H.I.E. family for 6 years.

We wish to welcome Jason Sutton to our staff. He is the new Park Executive Assistant/Marketing Director.

Make sure to listen to the Warren Eckstein Show on Saturday mornings. He has a great show and says wonderful things about The Park. And we are getting a lot of responses.

Also make sure to stop by and see the gift shop. There are lots of new memorial items and great gift ideas. And for the first time we are selling SOPHIE commemorative ornaments for 2009. There are two designs available. And they will be personalized with your pets name on the back. They are available to see in the office.

Our open Board meeting is October 4, 2009, At 1 pm. Hope to see you there.

Sandy



Size Requirements for Decorations Allowed for Lots:

All (extra) decorations that a lot owner would like to place on his/her lot must be inserted into the vase container, which is provided and imbedded into the ground. Acceptable items are flowers or floral arrangements, pictures or photographs, windmills, and wreaths. The maximum height, length and width allowed is 30". However all decorations must remain within the borders of the individual's lot, for example an 18 x 36 would translate to 18 x 30 and a 24 x 48 lot would be 24 x 30.

You will be notified by The Park Relations Manager if any of your decorations are not in compliance with these specifications. You will have the opportunity to adjust your decorations to the specifications. If you do not then your items will be removed.

Anyone who has been notified in person or by phone call, your items have been removed and are available for pickup from the office

Fresh flowers shall be removed within seven days, or upon their natural expiration.



SOPHIE's Angels

Thank you to the angels who have contributed to SOPHIE thru August 31, 2009

Scott and Cheri Tesar

Estate of Marjorie Caraplis

Janis Gage

Yu NanTang-Martin

Cathy Laubscher

Charles & Patricia Rasmussen

Lisa Forchette

Dorothy & Joseph Orlando

Nancy & Frank Guiffre

Neil Anapol &

Robert Martin

Carolyn Seeman

Carole Morton

Sharon Dean



Scott and Cheri Tesar in memory of J,K,K,R

Doris Trader in memory Mary K. Thomas

Mr & Mrs William Timms in memory of Mary K. Thomas

Barbara Becerra in memory of Mary K. Thomas

Marcella Ramirez in memory of all her pets

Richard & Donna Oliver in memory of Spitz and Fluffy

Mari Grimaud in memory of Margeaux

John Friedenthal in memory of Herman

Karen Burgess in memory of Katie

Cindy Watts in memory of Lee & Colby

Special thanks to Julie Harmon

Special thanks to Kathleen Santora for her generous donation

Special thanks to Jim and Terry Odom

Great Gift Ideas

With the holiday season approaching and money still being super tight, we have some suggestions for heartfelt gifts that will not only be meaningful but will benefit The Park as well.

Memorial Tribute Bricks - \$50 each

A tribute to your pets or a friend's pet will last a lifetime and be displayed in our memorial walkway.

They will be mailed a certificate indicating your donation

S.O.P.H.I.E. Holiday Ornaments \$10 each

For the first time we are offering S.O.P.H.I.E. 2009 collectible porcelain holiday ornaments that we will be hand personalizing with your pet's name on the back. They are now on display at the Park. There are two designs available and they are only available this year. The are porcelain and just under 3" in diameter.



St. Francis Ornament



The Park Ornament

Special thanks to:

Volunteers

Jonah Dotan
Clarence & Flory DeVoe

We need volunteers for help with filing
clean up
organizing
scanning
newsletter design
PR folders
etc.



Headstone maintenance

The Park is now offering a monthly headstone maintenance service. For a prepaid monthly fee your headstone will be cleaned weekly. Please contact the office for more information.

Please
remember all
pets must be on
a leash when at
the park.

