

Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation

Fur Ball

By **Devon Pettengill** / CASA

IT WAS AN AFTERNOON OF FURRY FUN AT CABRILLO ARTS PAVILION on June 1st, as local friends of the fuzzy gathered to benefit the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation (SBCACF) at the 6th Annual Fur Ball.

“We need the partnership of the community,” shared Animal Care Foundation President and CEO Linda Greco. “When the community does their part, together we can help give animals a second chance.”

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Tami Hurley with Gracie

County Animal Services and other private shelters, SBCACF’s mission is to promote animal welfare through education, outreach, and the promotion of responsible treatment of all animals. The Foundation has contributed to many aspects of animal care, including the donations of anesthesia machine for use at any shelter, funding for rabbit cages at the Lompoc Shelter, and the education of local public school children about responsible pet stewardship.

The Mistress and Master of Ceremonies were actress Caryn Richman and Leslie

Bisno, with special guest actor Dean Butler, but one of the real stars of the evening was Gracie, a gray tabby cat described by SBCACF as a “gentle, loving, homeless mother of four.” By the end of the event, a local couple agreed to adopt Gracie and one of her kittens.

The afternoon’s entertainment included the dogs and humans of the West Coast Musical Dog Sports Group performing a musical canine freestyle dance. There



SBCACF Boardmember **Tracey Walters**, SBCACF President/CEO **Linda Greco**, and SBCACF Boardmember **Kerry Steele** with **Pepper**



SBCACF Boardmember **Debbie Leppo**, SBCACF Treasurer **Tami Hurley**, and SBCACF Vice President/Secretary **Joyce Cole**

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were also two silent auctions, including a signed poster donated by Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan, and a live auction to benefit SBCACF’s spay and neuter programs for dogs, cats, and rabbits.

Contact SBCACF at 260-2386 or visit www.sbcanimalcare.org. Contact Santa Barbara County Animal Services at 681-5285.



Caryn Richman, Dean Butler, and Katherine Cannon Butler



B.U.N.S. bunnies **Dixon** and **Mason**



Jan Glick, Director of SB County Animal Services, and **Michael Pennon**, Supervisor of Animal Services



Lesley Fagan and **Phil Seymor** of Bunnies Urgently Needing Shelter (B.U.N.S.)



Santa Barbara City Councilmember **Iya Falcone**, and **Vincent Falcone**