

Press Release

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Let's turn this tragedy around.

On Saturday night, January 7th, at 10 p.m., the San Felipe Animal Rescue in Las Minitas, Mexico was broken into and vandalized. The double wide trailer which housed their clinic and ALL their supplies, food, and medicines, as well as newborn puppies and sick dogs was set ablaze and burned to the ground. Thirteen dogs were killed senselessly.



Hopalong Animal Rescue, based in Oakland, CA has worked with this group which rescues animals from the streets in Baja. In an effort to try and help them re-build, Hopalong has put together a cooperative effort with Contra Costa Humane Society and Second Chance Rescue in Marin County. They have collected food and supplies and new metal veterinary cages to send down to SFAR. Now what is needed is an effort to help raise some money. While the media and the world responded to the devastation in New Orleans, this worthy group has been struggling to literally rise from the ashes.

Like SCR and Hopalong, SFAR believes in spaying and neutering as a major component in cutting down the populations of dogs and cats that wind up in shelters, on the streets, and ultimately euthanized. SFAR has spayed and/or neutered nearly 2000 stray and indigent dogs and cats since it became a non-profit in 2003. The animals they save have wound up fostered and adopted throughout the Southwest and California.

Help us help our friends re-group. They will be sending a truck up here on Wednesday, Jan. 25 to collect supplies. The media is invited to this photo opportunity as we load the van to return to Baja. They will also bring some dogs for adoption which SCR and Hopalong has offered to help place.

Please contact Paula Vlamings, Executive Director, SCR at (415) 506-0161 and Andy Sharkey, Deputy Director of Hopalong via email andy@hopalong.org or 510-457-6562 for further information. You can also go to the website www.sfanimalrescue.org for more photos.