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Recently Project Give awarded the Boys & Girls Club in LA's Compton district a special grant. The kids chose to award PAWS a generous donation from the children on their next visit. Project One Song then generously matched the children's gift. See story page 6. *Courtesy Photo*

## PAWS' Founders Thankful for Long Overdue Ordinance

Elephant rides a featured attraction during 2009 when the Cole Bros. Circus played Cal Expo in Sacramento.

On Tuesday, July 20, 2010, the Sacramento City Council voted unanimously to pass an ordinance which will require operators of commercial animal exhibitions to acquire a permit from the City which will include, but not be limited to, the following information: the number of days and hours of operation; the number and types of animals maintained; and proof of insurance coverage required by the City's risk manager.

The ordinance includes a prohibition of cruel and inhumane treatment of animals and allows the Animal Care Services Manager the authority, at all times during the permit period, to inspect any commercial animal exhibition to insure proper and humane treatment of all wild and domestic animals.

After 26 years of frustration and disappointment, PAWS founders, Pat Derby and Ed Stewart, joined a group of their colleagues from Born Free, PETA, IDA, Action For Animals, Sacramento SPCA, Active Environments, Dr. Mel Richardson and many local animal advocates in support of council member Sandy Sheedy's long overdue ordinance. Ed Stewart commented that the pioneer group had been appearing before the City Council since the days when "we all still had brown and blond hair." The older campaigners were joined by an inspirational group of young animal advocates who spoke eloquently in defense of the ordinance.

Please join PAWS in thanking council member Sheedy, Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, and all other council members for passing this important ordinance.

## Calling Pleasant Valley Recreationalists

**Lawsuit to Re-open Pleasant Valley Trails (in Alpine County) to Public Access Needs Your Help!**

The Friends of Hope Valley (FOHV) has filed a lawsuit to re-establish public access to Pleasant Valley in Alpine County. The trails through the Valley have been cut off from public use by a private landowner since 1999.

FOHV is seeking members of the public who used Pleasant Valley before the 1980s to serve as witnesses to the trail's historic pattern of public access. Securing trail users from the 1950s, '60s, and '70s as witnesses is crucial to asserting the public's legal right to access these pristine trails.

Hikers, anglers and others who used Pleasant Valley from 1950-1980 are urged to contact Friends of Hope Valley at [info@hopevalleyca.com](mailto:info@hopevalleyca.com) as soon as possible. For more info about the lawsuit, visit <http://www.hopevalleyca.com/issues.html>.

## DFG Invites Artists to Enter 2011 California Upland Game Bird Stamp Design Competition

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is sponsoring an art contest for the 2011 design for the state's upland game bird stamp. This is the third in the Encore Edition after reinstating the use of original artwork for the stamps image in 2009.

The contest is open to all U.S. residents ages 18 and over. Entries will be accepted from October 25, 2010 until the November 19, 2010 contest deadline. The species to appear on the 2011 upland game bird stamp is the wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*, Rio Grande subspecies) and must depict a pair (male and female).

An upland game bird stamp is required for hunting migratory and resident upland game birds in California. The money generated from stamp sales can only be spent on upland game bird related conservation projects, education, hunting opportunities and outreach. DFG sells about 200,000 upland game bird stamps annually, including sales

to collectors who value the stamps for their artist depiction of upland game birds. In addition to the stamps, DFG typically issues signed, limited edition prints that are sought by art collectors.

The upland game bird stamp contest will be judged by a panel of citizens with expertise in the fields of ornithology, conservation, art and printing. The winning artist will be selected during a public judging event to be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

The winning entry will be reproduced on the 2011 California Upland Game Bird Stamp and may be available as collectible limited edition prints. For contest information and entry forms, please visit the DFG website at [www.dfg.ca.gov/upstamp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/upstamp).

**THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR, July 14 - August 1, 2010. More at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org). New Dates, New Adventures! DON'T MISS IT! Exposition Blvd.**

## Cruise Away Your Caregiving Worries

If you or someone you know is a devoted family caregiver, you understand the stress that comes with caring for a senior loved one each day. What better way to relax than to cruise your cares away?

The Home Instead Senior Care® network is sponsoring a free, five-day cruise for one lucky caregiving hero and guest. Or, if you nominate a friend or family member for this relaxing getaway, you could be eligible to win a laptop and camcorder.

Go online to <http://cruise.caregiverstress.com> before the August 15, 2010, deadline to learn more about the contest and to nominate yourself or someone else for the drawing, which will be conducted August 16, 2010.

The \$4,200 valued Caregiver Cruise in the Caribbean is scheduled for Jan. 3 to Jan. 8, 2011. Included is 40 hours of free care for their loved one while they are away.

## Calaveras Community Foundation Offers Grant Funding

The Calaveras Community Foundation (CCF) invites local non-profit groups to apply for funding of 2011 programs targeting youth, health services, education, music, the arts and history. This year the Foundation celebrates its tenth anniversary. Since 2001, nearly \$250,000 has been awarded in scholarships and grants, with funding ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Application deadline is August 31, 2010.

Kathy Zancanella, chair of the Grant Committee, states "Last year community groups requested more than \$107,000 and we were able to award nearly \$29,000 to 19 local organizations. For Grant applications & instructions packets: [www.calaverascommunityfoundation.org](http://www.calaverascommunityfoundation.org). Call 736-1845 for information to mail applications.

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