

## Serving the Santa Barbara Community

Shiva's Center for the Human-Animal Bond provides pet loss and grief counseling services, free of charge, to anyone in our community who is struggling with the loss (or anticipated loss) of their companion animal. Counseling groups can provide much needed support for those grieving the loss of animal companionship and celebrating the memory of animals in their lives.

We also provide access to safe, emergency housing and medical services to lost, abandoned and/or injured domestic and wild animals within Santa Barbara County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To accomplish this, Shiva's Center works in partnership with the 24-hour regional veterinary hospital as well as other local agencies.

Shiva's Center provides education for the veterinary medical community as well as the community at large about the Human-Animal Bond. The goal is to identify a "standard of care" that will inform the veterinary community about how to manage and support human relationships while providing high quality medical treatment for animals. Trained volunteers offer consultation and literature that provide guidelines to care for people and their animals across the lifespan.



And, Shiva's Center sponsors veterinary residency programs to ensure that state-of-the-art medical care remains available for animals in the Santa Barbara community. Our goal is that pets that are aging, ill or injured will have the medical services they need within their community.

## How You Can Help

Shiva's Center is a non-profit agency with no government funding. We retain minimal expenses and rely on our supporters to accomplish our mission. How you can help:

- Spread the word about the services available through Shiva's Center, including the free pet loss support groups.
- Volunteer your time to help us with our educational and promotional efforts.
- Donate goods or services by selecting items on our web site's "Wish List".
- Create a bequest in your Will or Estate Plan designating Shiva's Center as the beneficiary.
- Provide monetary donations to Shiva's Center in support of its many services. You may also designate a specific service.

## To Donate

Send check or money order to:



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PO Box 3980  
Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3980  
805-687-7001

Or online at [www.shivascenter.org](http://www.shivascenter.org)

Please call or email with any questions, donations, or to volunteer at [info@shivascenter.org](mailto:info@shivascenter.org)

**Your donations are greatly appreciated!**



*Providing services for the animals, pet lovers, and veterinary community of Santa Barbara County in support of human-animal relationships.*

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## Our Mission

Shiva's Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that seeks to provide underserved animals access to medical resources and to provide community education regarding the value and benefits of the human-animal bond.

## What Makes Us Unique?

Shiva's Center is a human and animal welfare organization that aims to provide access to four specific services not previously available in Santa Barbara County. Most people seek medical care for their companion animal because they are as dedicated to their pet's well-being as they are to the well-being of the human members of their family. Shiva's Center addresses a critical gap of services in our community by offering pet loss counseling, providing funds for lost and/or injured animals to obtain shelter and/or medical care, providing educational resources for humans in relation to their animal companions, and by sponsoring residents at the 24-hour regional veterinary hospital in order to sustain state-of-the-art medical care within our community.

*Dr. Trish Lane, Founder of Shiva's Center with Shiva in 2003.*



Shiva's Center has taken a leadership role in the community by promoting bond-centered practices and philosophies that celebrate our relationship with animals.

## Shiva's Story

Shiva Berlin Lane (1990-2003) was a Golden Retriever and a long time friend and companion of Shiva's Center founder, Dr. Trish Lane. Like many very special companion animals, Shiva was witness to her human companion's experience. She exemplified the unconditional love that humans typically aspire to but rarely embody.

Shiva's health began to decline in late 2002 yet there were no specialty veterinary hospitals available in Santa Barbara. Locals were forced to drive to neighboring counties for specialized services in support of their animal companion. Shiva and her family had utilized specialty hospitals in other areas and recognized their value in our community. In July 2003, Shiva is credited with the establishment of Santa Barbara's only regional veterinary hospital offering 24-hour, state-of-the-art medical care. At the time of Shiva's death in 2003, Santa Barbara did not offer pet loss support groups.

Shiva's life and death highlighted the need for several services within our community. In addition to pet loss support, we recognized the need for funding for sick or injured strays and wildlife, as well as the need for assistance for pet owners experiencing financial hardship. And finally, both the public-at-large and animal service providers expressed a desire for education about the human-animal bond (e.g., how to support children with the loss of a pet, how veterinarians can reach out to a grieving client, etc.)

***Until one has loved an animal,  
a part of one's soul remains  
unawakened.***

***- Anatole France***

## The Human-Animal Bond

Shiva, like so many companion animals, was more than a pet. She and her family shared a bond. The human-animal bond refers to that strong positive interaction that exists between humans and animals – the special bond that enhances human quality of



life. Promoting human-animal interaction leads to positive benefits for all members of the community.

Our ongoing commitment to Shiva, and to our community, is that you and your family members will have access to the same kindness, compassion and love that Shiva deserved – though had to travel to obtain. In Shiva's memory, it is our privilege to bring medicine, technology, kindness & compassion to the animals and citizens of Santa Barbara County, CA.



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