



PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

Jake, a Belgian Tervuren, cuddled up next to Santa for a festive photo to support Furry Friends Foundation.

Santa poses with Sisters canines

Santa has gone to the dogs.

Even though Santa has been really busy in Sisters this holiday season, he had time to pull up his sleigh at Sisters Art Works last Saturday to put in a special appearance for Pet Photos with Santa that benefits Furry Friends Foundation.

Loads of folks brought their beloved dogs inside Sisters Art Works building to get a special portrait with St. Nick.

And the “big dog” himself posed with nearly 70 canines!

The holiday open house celebration displayed work by artists Kathy Deggendorfer, Tonye Phillips, Kit Stafford, Al Krause and more. Plus, there was food, drinks, and holiday gifts to purchase upstairs.

“Pet photos with Santa was an overwhelming success this year,” said Furry Friends Foundation founder and director, Kiki Dolson. “A record number of dogs attended to wiggle their way onto Santa’s lap.

“I want to thank Santa (Sam Hernandez of Central Bark). Since many of the dogs recognize who is under the Santa suit they leap

onto the chair with him. The Furry Friends volunteers were all great, and a big thank-you to pet photographer Jodi Schneider. I really appreciate all who turned out to support Furry Friends.

“I think part of the success for this year can be attributed to the renewal of Kathy Deggendorfer’s Open House at Sisters Art Works,” Dolson added. “It was so generous of her to include Pet Photos with Santa as part of the day’s festivities.”

Funds from this event will go to help pay for pet food for the holiday pet food drive in conjunction with the Sisters Kiwanis and Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Spirit of Giving.

“Though we are getting a very generous donation from American Nutrition (Atta Boy) again this year, it does not include cat food,” Dolson noted. “We need about 80 bags of dry kibble, and yesterday’s fundraiser will go a long way toward that purchase.”

Photo disks can be picked up at *The Nugget* office, 442 E. Main Ave. beginning Friday, December 9.

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