

A very canine Christmas

By Jodi Schneider McNamee, Correspondent

Even though Santa has been real busy in Sisters this holiday season, he couldn't go back to the North Pole without a visit with Sisters' furry kids — it's an annual Sisters tradition.

Loads of super-excited dogs stopped by Sisters Art Works on Saturday to get their Pet Photos with Santa taken with the jolly bearded man in the red suit.

For the second year, Sisters Art Works hosted a Holiday Open House Celebration with Furry Friends Foundation. Various artists showcased their handiwork; wooden boxes by Laurence Dyer, wreathes by Janet Zuelke, knit hats and garlands by Erin Borla, and creations by Kit Stafford, Tonye Phillips, Kathy Deggendorfer and other artistic friends. Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank also benefitted from the open house with the Entry Gallery full of hand-painted platters and textiles for sale by various artists.

"I'm always amazed how many dogs we can usher through the door in three hours, over 60 this year!" said Furry Friends Foundation founder and director, Kiki Dolson. "It's such a fun day, the Sisters community really supports us and for that I am so thankful.

"So many of the dogs come in all energized, with owners very much in tow. It seems impossible they could ever get settled down, but Santa (Sam Hernandez of Central Bark)



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Ann Richardson's corgis have apparently been nice.

works his magic on them and you look over and there they are all posed and ready for their photo shoot."

Santa "Sam" has volunteered his lap every December for eight years, to raise funds for

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