Truckee-Tahoe animal group works with kids

The Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe just wrapped up its fourth year conducting a successful Pet Pals Humane Education program, which is run almost completely by volunteers.

Funded by a grant from Vail Resorts Echo Program, Pet Pals serves to fulfill the critical education component of the HSTT's mission.

Pet Pals incorporates guest animals and fun interaction to educate kids about important topics such as how to care for a pet and how to be safe around animals. The program also introduces kids to issues that affect the community such as the importance of spaying and neutering your pets, and teaches them about the role of working dogs.

This year's program included a special guest appearance from Officer Pete Mann of the Truckee CHP who did an demonstration with his fellow human and canine officers.

More than 300 second-graders from Truckee and Glenshire elementary schools benefited from this year's program.