4th FACE golf tournament honors vets, helps pets

honored service men, women, local responders and working dogs on Nov. 2 while celebrating more than 1,300 lives saved at their 4th Invitational Golf Tournament.

This event allowed guests to bring their dogs on the course for a day of golf at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club. Supporting the event were MLB legend Fred Lynn, PGA Major Tour winner Corey Pavin, and local K-9 detectives Mike Aiken and Greg Bisesto, who all golfed alongside participants and their pups in an effort to eliminate "economic euthanasia" in San Diego County.

The Foundation for Animal Care and Education (FACE) works with struggling families and more than 110 local veterinary hospitals to save critically ill or injured animals in need of emergency care. Sadly, euthanasia is often the only option for ill or injured pets whose owners are facing extreme financial hardship. FACE provides monetary grants that give these



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Pro golfers Tyler Sluman and Corey Pavin with golfers and food sponsor at the FACE tournament.

beloved family pets a second chance at life. To date, FACE has saved the lives of over 1,300 family pets, 120 of which belong to local military families and veterans.

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Veteran and FACE grant recipient Edwin and his dog, Myles, attended the tournament to play and speak to guests about their experience with the foundation.

Myles came into Edwin's

life because of his need for a service animal to ease his PTSD. He told FACE, "A dog is more therapeutic, perhaps, than the medicines provided by the V.A." Earlier this year, Myles fractured his femur and needed an emergency surgery, which Edwin could not afford. Without surgery, euthanasia was the recommended alternative.

This is where the foundation steps in: FACE was able to fund Myles' surgery and save this pup's life. "Words cannot express how appreciative we are for the help," Edwin said. "I do not know what I would have done without the FACE Foundation."

After the players completed the tournament, dinner and cocktails preceded a raffle, live-auction, and player prizes. All proceeds from the



K9 Detective Amy with Mike Aiken and Greg Bisesto at the FACE golf tournament.



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K9 Detective Amy Aiken

tournament benefit San Diego families who cannot afford to treat their pets' life-threatening, yet treatable, medical conditions. Funds raised from the dog-friendly golf tournament will help approximately 80 families save their beloved pets from economic euthanasia.

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