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THE SPCA FOR MONTEREY COUNTY, CA

WINTER 2019

Homeless wolfhound is now big dog on campus

Thanks to you, “Jack” overcame his fear of other dogs, and found a family who understands his needs

Jack, a big-hearted Irish wolfhound, was surrendered to The SPCA when his owner had health issues. During his intake evaluation, SPCA behavior staff discovered that Jack was anxious around other dogs and would freeze, growl, and even lunge to maintain his personal space—not good, especially with a large dog like Jack!

Thanks to your support of our TLC program, Jack received one-on-one behavior therapy to overcome his fearfulness, as well as training to improve his manners. With safe, controlled interactions with other shelter dogs, Jack eventually was able to run and play off-leash with other canines in our agility yard. He also made friends with shelter dogs in our Ruff Start program who are being fostered and trained by inmates at the Salinas Valley State Prison. Jack took day trips there to participate in the three-times-a-week trainings we provide for inmates. After four months, Jack was ready for a forever home. We listed him on the SPCA website, but required an appointment to meet the dog.

“For dogs like Jack, adoptions by appointment are essential for a successful match,” said Amanda Mouisset, SPCA Behavior and Training Manager. “He needed a family who would continue his training and avoid triggering situations, who were willing to learn Jack’s body language and comfort levels.”

Jack the hug monster

Katherine and Michael Busch of Monterey had always wanted a wolfhound, but never thought they’d be able to adopt one from a shelter. Katherine is the Dean of Students for the freshman class at



CAMPUS CANINE
“Jack” loves taking walks on the wooded grounds of Santa Catalina School, where he lives with his new family, Katherine and Michael Busch.

Santa Catalina School, and the couple lives on campus.

“We were so jazzed and excited when they brought Jack out to meet us,” said Katherine. “The first thing he did was give us a big hug! He has such a fun personality. When we sat down on the bench he jumped up and sat down right next to us.” SPCA Dog Training Specialist Jon Sparks explained Jack’s special needs, and the couple was enthusiastic about learning the training methods we were already using with him.

“In SPCA training classes we got so much information in a short time,” said Katherine. “It’s a little funny that Jack was so nervous around other dogs because he’s so much bigger than all of them! We learned how to make him feel safe during introductions, and now he has dog friends on campus and at doggy day care. His best friend is a golden doodle named ‘Rose.’”

When Katherine and Michael first brought Jack home he immediately made himself comfortable on the couch, and slept in bed with them that night with his head sharing the pillow.

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24th ANNUAL Wag n’ Walk

to end pet homelessness

Sat., May 4, 9 am
Custom House Plaza,
Monterey State
Historic Park

— Registration is now open! —

Better than a tummy rub, more satisfying than a squeaky toy . . . it’s Wag n’ Walk—your dog’s favorite outing of the year! Join fellow pet lovers and pooches for this popular rite of spring to help end pet homelessness.

Enjoy the magnificent

ocean views along our 2.4 mile course between Custom House Plaza and the Monterey Bay Aquarium—share the fun by forming a team of coworkers, friends, or family to walk for the animals. Wag n’ Walk offers a fun festival atmosphere with vendor booths, educational displays, and our SPCA Boutique. Be sure to check out The SPCA canine agility course, or enter your dog in fun contests like Best Trick, Best Costume, or Best Pet/Owner Look-alikes.

As always, there is a fabulous array of prizes and recognition gifts for our fundraisers. Please check the Wag n’ Walk Participant Center, which you can access on your desktop, smartphone, or tablet. There you can email friends and colleagues, and have your donations tracked automatically. New this year: connect your Participant Center to Facebook, and create a Facebook fundraiser to ask your friends and family to help animals in need!

To learn about sponsorship benefits, vendor opportunities, or forming a Wag n’ Walk team, please call Rachel at 264-5403. To register or support a walker, please visit SPCAmc.org/wagnwalk.



SPCA Share the Love Pet Telethon

Thurs. March 7, 6 am-8 pm,
KSBW 8 & Central Coast ABC

When you watch your favorite shows on March 7 you’ll see heartwarming stories about the animals that you helped rescue! During commercial breaks, KSBW 8 and Central Coast ABC will be airing short segments on how your local, independent SPCA helps pets, people, and wildlife in Monterey County. Spread the word, and open your heart with a phone-in or online donation to help homeless, abused, and neglected animals in your community.



LETTER FROM

SCOTT DELUCCHI,
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

SPCA Humane Officers clear many hurdles to save lives and bring abusers to justice

Let this amazing number sink in: SPCA Humane Officers investigated nearly 1,000 reports of animal cruelty last year! We are the only local agency that employs officers specifically trained to investigate animal cruelty, and we do it with zero help from government funding or tax dollars—only you, our caring donors, support this work.

Handling these calls requires a demanding skill set including thorough investigation and evidence collection, savvy interviewing, and knowledge of the courts and the law. It also takes fortitude, understanding, and presence of mind to witness sometimes horrific suffering while dealing calmly and effectively with mentally ill, aggressive, or even potentially violent perpetrators. Officers must have excellent interpersonal skills to finesse the surrender of animals from uncaring owners, as well as the compassion to help otherwise responsible people who have become neglectful due to illness, family breakdowns, or financial crisis.

Clearing up misconceptions

Despite our successes, we still sometimes see negative comments about our investigations on social media. As a supporter of The SPCA, we hope you’ll help us remedy misconceptions like these:

I called The SPCA and they did nothing! The SPCA investigates every report. Legally, we cannot seize animals unless they are in immediate danger. Most often we must give owners a chance to remedy the situation, and then we can rescue animals if requirements are not met. This is how we build strong cases so animals cannot be returned to their neglectful owners. While it’s hard for those of us with pets who sleep on our beds at night to accept, no laws stipulate that owners must give their pets love, companionship, training, or socialization.

The abuser got a slap on the wrist—ridiculous! While we might agree, The SPCA has no control over penalties set by the courts and presiding judge. Nevertheless, we will continue to bring the full weight of the law to bear against abusers. While sentencing varies, many receive jail time and nearly all receive probation which prevents them from owning animals.

The heart of animal rescue



HUMANE HEROES
SPCA Humane Investigation cases have nearly a 100 percent conviction rate, thanks to the skill and tenacity of our Humane Officers.

You didn’t respond quickly enough! Our four officers must prioritize calls, and they may be on the opposite end of our huge 3,700-square-mile county when a call comes in. For safety, many calls also require two responding officers.

If you had taken this seriously before, this never would’ve happened! Occasionally we have prior history with someone who is later charged with a crime. Insufficient evidence can make it impossible to pursue a case initially. Also, offenders may improve conditions to meet legal requirements, and then let it slide again later. Legal limitations can be frustrating, but we must comply to maintain our working relationships with other enforcement agencies, and protect our ability to help animals in the future.

Despite difficulties, there is much to celebrate. Our officers rescue hundreds of animals each year, and alleviate the suffering of hundreds more. Thanks to their expertise, once the District Attorney decides to prosecute an SPCA case it is almost certain to get a conviction. In fact, a recent perpetrator just received the longest jail sentence I’ve ever seen for an animal abuser—in any jurisdiction. We have extraordinary officers and caring people who speak up for the animals—even the negative comments about our work are from people who, ultimately, care about animals. Some communities don’t have this and we are so lucky we do. Most of all we, are lucky to have you. Thank you for making this vital work possible. 🐾



**The Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals for Monterey County**

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(across from Laguna Seca)
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Monterey, CA 93942

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Salinas 422-4721

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General Information 200
Pet Adoption Center 201

Open 11 am-5 pm weekdays, 11 am-4 pm weekends
Pet Intake/Lost and Found 271
Open 8 am-5 pm daily

Barn Animal Program 237
Humane Investigations 213

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Open Mon-Sat, 10 am-4 pm; Sun noon-4 pm

The SPCA for Monterey County is a nonprofit, donor-supported organization that has been serving the animals and people of Monterey County since 1905. We shelter homeless, neglected and abused pets and livestock, and provide humane education and countless other services to the community. We are the local agency you call to investigate animal cruelty, rescue and rehabilitate injured wildlife, and aid domestic animals in distress.

The SPCA receives no funding from state or federal agencies, or any governing organization. There is no national SPCA, and if you donate to any other animal welfare group we do not receive a share to help our local domestic and wild animals.

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Salinas spay/neuter numbers soar!

1,000 pets fixed—and counting—through our Salinas outreach program alone!

Thanks to your support, over 1,000 pets from Salinas have received spay and neuter surgery since April 2017, when we started our initiative targeting specific neighborhoods there. These surgeries represent pet owners who most likely would not have fixed their animals otherwise, who took advantage of our Saturday appointments for low-cost \$25 surgeries, which also include microchipping and rabies vaccinations. During the first 18 months of the program we've seen a significant drop in unwanted pets from Salinas, which is the largest—by far—source of strays and accidental litters entering our shelter.

Numbers don't lie. They tell an important story. Making spay/neuters inexpensive and convenient, and educating pet owners about the benefits, strongly encourages them to act responsibly. Then everyone wins: pets, owners, the community, Monterey County municipal shelters, and The SPCA.

Low-cost spay/neuter has been an SPCA hallmark for nearly 50 years. In 1976, we were among the first humane organizations in the U.S. to open a clinic, and make spay/neuter a central message in our youth education programs. We also operated the first and only south county spay-neuter clinic in Greenfield for 10 years during the 1990s, but had to close it when the funding source ran out and we could not find a veterinarian willing to staff it.

Over the years we've explored many options to resume outreach to south county, and have long thought that a mobile service would be the best solution for pet owners in King City, Gonzales, Greenfield, and Soledad. These cities account for the second largest source of

In addition to Salinas and South County spay/neuters, The SPCA provides approximately 4,000 surgeries to the community each year. As of last fiscal year, we have performed 146,465 surgeries since opening our clinic in 1976! Here, "Pumpkin" is eager to explore the clinic just hours after his surgery, performed by SPCA vet Dr. Andrea Lin.



strays and accidental litters.

As reported in our last issue, The SPCA has formed a collaboration with the nonprofit SNIP mobile spay/neuter bus to bring surgeries directly to these cities, initially sponsoring three clinics and donating post-surgical recovery crates. Building on that success, we have been providing full funding for twice monthly clinics during the fall and winter of 2018, all of which were met with lines of grateful South County pet owners. In just the first seven clinics, 224 animals received surgery. With continued support from our compassionate donors, we will continue this lifesaving service through 2019.

If you'd like to help reduce animal suffering at the source by supporting spay/neuter for communities that need it the most, please make a donation at SPCAmc.org, or use the enclosed envelope and specify "spay/neuter." 🐾



LOVE THOSE HUGS AND RUBS! Ruff Start inmate trainer Danny Franco gives and receives some lovin' from Jack the hug hound.

content just to sit by your side." It's hard to choose what's best about an endearing pooch like Jack, but Katherine's spouse Michael doesn't hesitate when asked.

"The best part is the cuddling," said Michael. "When he goes in for a hug he burrows right into you. I'm so glad we got him!"
To create more happy endings like Jack's, please use the enclosed donation envelope, visit SPCAmc.org, or call 264-5444. 🐾

Wolfhound *(Cont. from page 1)*

"He thinks he's small. When we sit on the couch he wants to sit on our laps!" said Katherine. "Jack is our first dog so adoption by appointment was really nice. Not only did they call and check in with us, they let me bug them with all kinds of questions."

Now Jack loves his daily walks in the fields around campus where he spends considerable time sniffing out the scent trails left by the squirrels, raccoon, wild turkeys, and other animals that frequent the area. His favorite things are car rides, peanut butter, scrambled eggs, chew toys, sunbathing in the backyard, and having his belly rubbed on the couch. Jack also likes meeting up with his human friends on campus, where he has become quite a celebrity.

"Before summer break my students stopped in to say goodbye—to Jack, not me!" jokes Katherine. "He always wants to be around people—he's even been out to lunch and dinner with us! He is such a sweet and funny dog. He's a wonderful companion who is

*In honor of all you do,
the animals invite you to ...*



Bow-Wow Breakfast!

Don't miss this free, uplifting event that honors you, our SPCA animal champions!

We will be mailing invitations to our popular Bow-Wow Breakfast in just a couple months, and we want you on the guest list! Meet other like-minded pet lovers and enjoy a scrumptious sit-down breakfast at this uplifting event—we guarantee you'll have a smile on your face for the rest of the day!

This joyful get-together recognizes our Companions Council members—friends of The SPCA who contribute a cumulative gift of \$100 or more within a 12-month period. Share a table with a staff member from our veterinary clinic, humane investigations, behavior training, barn program, wildlife rehabilitation, or animal care to learn how your generosity is saving lives and improving our community. Executive Director Scott Delucchi will bring you up to date on our latest successes, and you'll hear about the amazing rescues that you make possible. SPCA alumni pets and their new adoptive families will share their stories, and, as always, we'll have some surprise shelter animals on hand to greet you—and possibly find their forever homes.

What a great way to start the day: celebrating the many victories that you have made possible! For more information, or to check your donation status, please call Stacy at 264-5444. 🐾



ABOVE: Adorable shelter pets spread the love to delighted attendees at Bow-Wow Breakfast. Humane Investigations Supervisor Marty Opseth and SPCA Barn Supervisor Jamie Lima introduce the crowd to a rescued bunny.
LEFT: SPCA Volunteer Janet Butler gets a puppy smooch with help from fellow volunteer Daniela Colbasso. All pets found new homes during or shortly after the event!





Fifty bunnies rescued

SPCA Humane Officers file case on rabbit hoarder—for the second time

Fifty rabbits escaped a terrible fate last October when SPCA Humane Officers rescued them from a known Monterey County hoarder. The owner was in violation of his probation due to a previous animal cruelty conviction in 2017 which prevented him from possessing rabbits.

In the previous SPCA case, our officers rescued 41 sickly rabbits from deplorable conditions. The animals were warehoused in small, stacked cages filled with accumulated excrement. Sixteen deceased rabbits were also found on the property. The court charged the hoarder with a misdemeanor and he received conditional probation. Unfortunately, he was not required to receive medical treatment, and did not receive a waiver of search and seizure rights which would have allowed officers to inspect his property unannounced.

“Statistics show that the recidivism rate for hoarders is nearly 100 percent,” said SPCA Humane Investigations Supervisor Marty Opseth. “If they don’t receive psychiatric care for the illness we know it’s just a matter of time before they begin collecting again. Hoarders have also been known to relocate to escape detection, or keep animals at multiple locations.” Currently, SPCA officers are making regular property inspections for three known hoarders in the county, and are monitoring others with potential issues.



Caught on camera

The current investigation began when an agricultural business on Old Stage Road contacted The SPCA about domestic rabbits abandoned on their property. Officers were able to capture two of the three rabbits, but, sadly, the third is still missing. SPCA Humane Officer Cindy Tobin reviewed surveillance videos from the property and recognized the defendant, who was caught on tape, along with his license plate.

Soon after, The SPCA and the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office served a search warrant at his residence on Manzano Circle in Salinas, where the hoarder had moved since his previous conviction. The 50 rabbits were found in a shed behind the home.

“Recent Google mapping photos show that the shed did not exist just a couple months prior, indicating he built it specifically for rabbit breeding,” said Officer Opseth.



SNUGGLE TIME
SPCA Barn Supervisor Jamie Lima comforts rescued rabbit “Smoky.” Below: With loving care from staff and volunteers, “Theo” and all the rabbits are learning to trust humans.

“Thankfully, we discovered these rabbits early on, before their conditions degraded to the point they had the first time.”

Early intervention aids recovery

An SPCA rescue team transported the rabbits to The SPCA where they received immediate evaluation and medical treatment. The rabbits were still of decent weight, but many had respiratory infections and long, curled-under nails in need of trimming. All the rabbits were fearful and unsocialized.

“As with the first offense, we will be asking for jail time, probation with an assigned probation officer, mandatory counseling, restitution to The SPCA, and—most importantly—waiver of search and seizure rights,” said Officer Opseth. “We cannot predict what the final ruling will be, but violating probation is a felony so we are optimistic about getting an outcome which allows us to inspect his property and prevent future suffering.”

As we go to press, SPCA officers are prepared to testify at an upcoming preliminary hearing. The sick rabbits are fully recovered and enjoying their clean new surroundings, fresh hay and salads, and toys and treats. Sadly, three of the total 52 rabbits had to be humanely euthanized to relieve their suffering. SPCA staff and volunteers are socializing the bunnies and their sweet personalities are emerging. When ready, they will be made available for adoption or transferred to our cooperating rescue groups for placement into loving homes.

If you are concerned about an animal, please call 373-2631 or 422-4721, ext. 213, or report online at SPCAMc.org. All reports are strictly confidential. 🐾

Create a better life for you and your dog!

Train with SPCA experts!

When you train at The SPCA you tap into decades of experience with every breed and behavior problem imaginable. Our professional team and small classes ensure that you get the high quality, one-on-one attention you need to get results. Check out our wide variety of fun classes—best of all, your training fee helps homeless pets in need! Basic five-week classes meet at the SPCA Training Center. For details, dates, times, and registration, please visit SPCAmc.org, or call our behavior team at 264-5422.



“Tille was very fearful of people, and overexcited around other dogs. After just three private consults with Wendi I learned some simple techniques that turned it around very quickly. Now Tillie loves meeting all the dogs and people when we go to SPCA play group on Sundays!”
—Emily Castillo and “Tillie”

Puppy Classes

Puppy Level 1
—in Carmel and at SPCA—
(3 to 4 months old)
Lots of socialization in this 8-week session held Saturdays at SPCA and Pet Food Express in The Crossroads. Start anytime, and sign up for one or all classes.

Puppy Level 2
(5 to 6 months old)
Basic manners and problem-solving with plenty of time for fun socialization.

Puppy Level 3
(7 to 18 months)
Build on the basics to reach higher levels of skill.

Puppy Socials (\$10, repeatable)
(8 weeks to five months old)
Fun and safe socialization on Tuesday evenings.

Basic Dog Training Classes

Family Dog Level 1
Learn basic skills in a fun, friendly environment.

Family Dog Level 1 in Carmel
At Pet Food Express in The Crossroads.

Reactive Rover
Does your dog react poorly in certain situations? Learn techniques to keep your dog calm, confident, and happy.

Advanced Dog Training Classes

Family Dog Level 2
Build on Family Dog 1 and learn a new trick or two to show off your pup’s skills.

Out and About in the Real World
Increase skills in public places.

One-session Workshops (\$20, repeatable)

Loose Leash Walking
Solve common leash problems like pulling.

Reliable Recall
Make “Come here!” irresistible to your dog.

Agility Play Date
Learn how to safely lead your dog through our beautiful beginner’s course.

Carnival Tricks
Amaze your friends with your dog’s new tricks! Work as a team and improve your dog’s focus.

Sniff and Search
Fun scent detection class builds confidence.

Canine Good Citizen Workshop
Review and practice requirements to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen test (test scheduled separately).

People-only seminars

Therapy and Service Dog Seminar
Get the facts on earning certification.

Reactive Rover Seminar
Learn what reactivity is, why it happens, and which strategies improve behavior.

Sunday Dog Socials (\$10, repeatable)

For friendly canines over six months old.
Held in The SPCA agility yard.
9-10 am for dogs under 30 lbs.
10:15-11:15 am for dogs over 30 lbs.
11:30 am-12:30 pm for dogs over 30 lbs.

Private training in your home or at The SPCA
Affordable, personalized training. Especially good for shy, aggressive, blind, or deaf dogs. Great for canines with special problems, or to train service or therapy dogs.

For details and registration, please visit SPCAmc.org, or our behavior team at 264-5422.

Thank you ♥

Give 'em the business!

We salute the businesses, organizations, and individuals who support The SPCA. Their generous and creative giving is building a more humane community!

debra C, The Crossroads, made a huge donation of new designer clothing to the SPCA Benefit Shop. Owner Debra Couch generously makes regular donations for the animals.

EA Horsemanship, owner Erin Adderley, provides training to rescued SPCA horses at a discounted rate.

Girl Boy Girl boutique in Carmel made a very generous donation of designer inventory to The SPCA Benefit Shop. Owner Sweet Pea regular donates to support pets in need.

Weber Goldsmith Gallery provides expert identification and pricing of jewelry donated to The SPCA Benefit Shop.

Businesses that help the animals

Diggidy Dog, dog and cat boutique, generously donated new toys, collars, beds, and other supplies worth over \$1,500.

Bar SZ Ranch helps homeless SPCA pets big and small by fostering and training our horses and other barn animals.

California Custom Logos graciously provides discounts on SPCA uniforms and Animal Camp crew hats.

Tractor Supply Co., Gilroy, and A Home for Every Horse made a large donation of horse feed for SPCA equines.

Ottone Leach and Ray, LLP generously donate legal services to The SPCA on a regular basis.

Hill’s Science Diet provides a discount on pet food for SPCA shelter animals.



Honoraria (Cont. from page 4)

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The SPCA Legacy League: helping animals through estate planning

With utmost gratitude we acknowledge the newest member of The SPCA Legacy League:

Teresa Gavaletz (old)

The Legacy League honors those who have remembered The SPCA for Monterey County in their estate plans. Their generosity will improve the lives of countless animals for many years to come. For more information on creating a lasting legacy that can increase income and tax savings, please contact Susan at 264-5421.

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What a difference your support makes!

How a little hawk made a big comeback

John Nooyen and his wife Madelyn Burke always enjoyed seeing the raptors around their wooded Monterey property, including a sharp-shinned hawk that they had observed hunting. The sharp-shinned species is the smallest hawk in North America. These forest-dwellers have evolved short wings and very long tails which help them maneuver swiftly between branches to capture smaller birds.

“At first we thought the hawk was a kestrel due to his small size and speed,” said John. Soon after the sighting, the couple was gardening after work when they saw a flutter of wings in the grass—the little hawk was floundering on the ground. “We had seen him dive-bombing through the tree branches going after songbirds, so it was shocking to find him injured.”

The couple called The SPCA after-hours number, and our on-call rescuer Marissa Jacky, one of our Wildlife Center Rehabilitation Technicians, arrived to rescue the bird.

“We were really impressed with how Marissa carefully and confidently captured him,” said John. “When we expressed concern about the hawk she encouraged us to check on his progress.”

Down, but not out

At the Wildlife Center, a medical exam revealed a mid-shaft break in the bird’s right ulna, which was confirmed with radiographs. SPCA staff splinted and wrapped his wing, and administered pain medication, anti-inflammatory drugs, fluids, and nutrition. The bird was housed in a small intensive care enclosure so his wing would heal properly, and two veterinary specialists were consulted during his treatment. Two weeks after rescue, a second set of radiographs confirmed that the bone had healed.

“We removed the splint and began physical therapy, gently extending and stretching the wing to get the joints and muscles

A sharp-shinned hawk treated for a fractured wing is now flying free back in his home range.



moving again. This ensures that the raptor can get full extension,” said Wildlife Center Supervisor Leah Gast. “After that, we moved him to an outdoor aviary and began flying him outdoors on a creance line so he could regain muscle mass before release.”

Meanwhile, John and Madelyn had been calling regularly to check on the hawk’s progress, and had agreed to release him back into their yard.

“We had been out of town, and when we got off the plane there was a message that day from Marissa that the bird was ready to go. We were at the Wildlife Center first thing the next morning!” said John. “I had no idea how big the center was and that they treated so many animals. It’s very impressive work, and all for a great cause.”

One month after his rescue, the sharp-shinned hawk made the return trip back to his home range, but this time he was healed, feisty, and ready to reclaim his life in the wild.

“I opened one side of the transport box and the bird immediately released himself,” said John. “He flew into a fruit tree, paused there for eight seconds to get his bearings, then took off strong again. . . . I’m confident I saw him a few days later. It’s so rewarding to know he’s back in the neighborhood!”

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Thank you...



Celebrate happy endings!

A new brother for Bo, the three-legged husky

Lifesaving surgery led to a new, fun-filled life for these two husky mixes

When “Bo” was surrendered to The SPCA it was a medical emergency. The 2-year-old husky had been hit by a car and could not walk. SPCA veterinarians provided immediate pain medication and medical care. Sadly, X-rays revealed that the dog’s femur was crushed beyond repair, requiring an amputation to give him a chance at a pain-free life.

Thankfully, surgery went well and Bo was walking the very next day—it was obvious he was feeling much better without the painful limb. Through our TLC program Bo received physical therapy with progressively longer walks and targeted exercise in our agility yard.

As luck would have it, Claire Baldal, a husky lover, saw Bo on our Facebook page and thought he might make a good companion for her own husky mix, “Duke.”

“When I met Bo at The SPCA he climbed right into my lap and pressed into me,” said Claire. “I just melted! When I brought Duke into the play yard they hit it off right away, running around and playing—and they haven’t stopped since!”

Bo’s missing leg has not prevented him from participating in all his new adventures with Duke, whether they’re chasing a ball into the water at the beach, or playing with other canine

friends during their daily visits to the dog park.

“Bo has adapted so well and has no problem keeping up,” said Claire. “He and Duke are so sweet with each other and constantly follow each other around. They are like brothers together. Duke is the larger one and is protective of Bo. If a group of dogs comes up to Bo at the dog park Duke will put himself between Bo and the other dogs.

“They are like brothers together.”

“Both of them are so smart and have so much personality. They talk to me constantly. Sometimes they both stop playing and run up to me together to tell me something with their little howls!”

Bo and Duke love riding in the car, which Claire has specially outfitted just for them. Her friends tease her for having a “fur momma car” instead of a “soccer mom car.” On a recent trip, Claire drove the dogs to Paso Robles for a Halloween party at her sister’s house. Duke wore a Forrest Gump costume, and Bo was dressed as Lieutenant Dan, Gump’s amputee friend in the movie.

“Duke is only two years old, but he’s always acted like a sleepy old man. Now with Bo around he’s always playing and having so much fun. It’s a totally different dynamic,” said Claire. “You would never guess I’ve only had Bo for a month. He’s already a complete member of the family!” 🐾

Fiona finds her forever home

Sick and abandoned, this little pony regained her health and learned to trust again at The SPCA

“Fiona,” a neglected gray pony, was suffering from numerous health issues when her owner abandoned her in a rural Salinas field. The 11-year-old mare was blind in her left eye and had an infected shoulder wound, severely overgrown hooves, dental issues which made eating painful, and an itchy skin infection that had caused her to rub off her mane and tail hair. Thanks to SPCA donors, Fiona received veterinary care, farrier visits, medicated baths, a nutritious diet, and the love and attention she needed to regain her well-being.

Best of all, Fiona is now with a loving new family, adopted as a

SURROUNDED BY LOVE “Fiona” (right) and her new brother “Indy” get friendly with their caring companion, soon-to-be-mom Heather Brandon.



companion for their 22-year-old quarter horse, “Indy.”

“They look a bit like Mutt and Jeff because Indy is so much bigger, but it was a match made in heaven from the start!” said adopter Heather Brandon. “When I brought Fiona home they immediately started grooming each other and by the end of the day they were both covered in slobber marks. Indy’s only went up to her mid-belly because that’s as far as Fiona can reach!”

Fiona now has a healthy winter coat, her tail is filled out, and her mane hangs three inches long instead of being a Mohawk. She is Indy’s new best friend, and Indy serves as another set of eyes as they trot around and play together. Indy has been Heather’s companion and riding horse since college. Now when they hit the trail Fiona ponies behind them.

“Many horse people are unnerved at the thought of adopting a rescue, but my SPCA experience has shown me how much more rewarding and affordable adoption is,” said Heather. “The SPCA wants forever homes so they are honest and up front in a way that someone selling a horse may not be. We got a full analysis of Fiona’s training, behavior, ridability, and health issues to ensure a good match. I urge anyone who wants a horse to check The SPCA and trust the process!”

Heather and her husband Jeff are both lifelong animal lovers. Their “Forever Farm” acreage in Hollister is also home to a cat and five rescue dogs. Heather reports that “Peanut” the Chihuahua has taken a special interest in Fiona, following her around the pasture, while “Princess” the cat is the boss of everybody, including the horses.

“We’re having such a fun time with Fiona,” said Heather.

“She’s developed quite the sassiness in just a couple months. Every morning she greets us at the gate nickering. She comes at us with her good eye and checks all our pockets to find her treats. She loves to nuzzle and has the softest nose. We love her and want to take in more SPCA horses!” 🐾

“She loves to nuzzle and has the softest nose!”

Stray tortoise brings home a buddy

When “Big Al” got lost, he found a new friend

“Sully,” an affectionate 60-pound pet sulcata tortoise, was reluctantly surrendered to The SPCA by his owner who no longer had a place to keep him. Sully was the lone tortoise in our care for almost a month—until Big Al arrived. Resembling a small tank, the 108-pound tortoise was rescued as a stray by SPCA Wildlife Center staff.

Since tortoises need a lot of space, and Sully was already housed in our largest outdoor enclosure, we decided to see whether the two reptiles would get along. It took three staff members to safely

“As soon as they see you they come running.”

carry Al to his new temporary home, where he and Sully showed an immediate camaraderie. African sulcatas are typically loners in the wild, but as pets they can sometimes be kept in pairs or groups, given the right personalities.

“They ate their hay and veggies together off the same tray, and then started following each other around exploring,” said Wildlife Center Supervisor Leah Gast. “It made us smile to see them munching on grass together, or napping side-by-side in the sun.”

While Al was getting four-star service at the SPCA bed and breakfast, his caretaker Ted Umbour was driving all over looking for him, putting up posters, and talking to neighbors. Big Al had broken through a fence at his Prunedale home of 30 years and wandered off. He was four miles from home when we rescued him!

“I thought The SPCA was only for cats and dogs, so thank

goodness my daughter told me to call there,” said Ted. “We were so relieved. It couldn’t have been easy to rescue Al, so thumbs up for The SPCA!” When Ted showed up, we thought Sully would be losing his new friend, but then something wonderful happened. “When we picked up Al, he and Sully were munching grass together and there wasn’t three inches between them,” said Ted. “I thought that maybe Al wanted a buddy!”

Long story short, Sully and Al are now enjoying their own large tortoise haven, under the attentive care of Ted and his wife Marsha. The couple grows and markets exotic houseplants, and their greenhouse adjoins the tortoise compound. Big Al and Sully have plenty of room to wander and browse. They enjoy sunbathing, eating dandelion salads, and foraging on cactus and nasturtiums. At night they have the option of bedding down in their brand new condos with heating pads.

“I grew up on a farm with a lot of different animals, but Sully and Al are the most interesting,” said Ted. “A lot of people equate reptiles with a lower IQ, but I can tell you that is totally wrong—they know exactly what’s happening!”

“They both have a fondness for humans and love to have their heads rubbed,” said Ted. “As soon as they see you they come running. Well . . . I hesitate to call it running, but they hurry! Especially if you hold up an apple!” 🐢

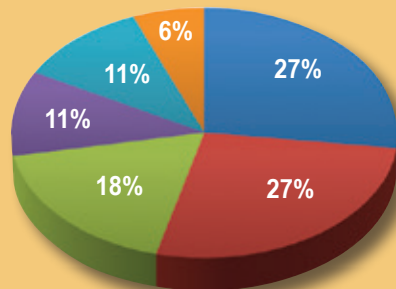
HUSKY HEAVEN
Tripod husky “Bo” (left) and his new brother “Duke” are always up for a new adventure with their doting mom, Claire Baldal.

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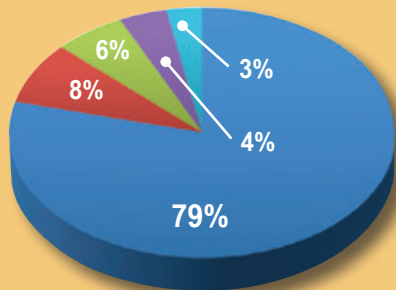
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Fiscal year income
\$9,872,895



- Contributions—27%
- Bequests—27%
- Program revenue—18%
- Investment income—11%
- Fundraising events—11%
- Benefit Shop sales—6%*

Fiscal year expenses
\$8,272,101



- Animal care and programs—79%
- Fundraising costs—8%
- Administrative expenses—6%
- Benefit shop expenses—4%*
- Fundraising events—3%

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TREAT TIME FOR THE TORTOISES
Ted Umbour spends some quality time with his buddies, “Big Al” (chomping the apple) and “Sully.”



IMPACT REPORT

How your donations make a difference for pets, people, and wild animals in need

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

2,881

PETS ADOPTED

Cats, dogs, horses, rabbits, barn pets, exotic animals, and more adopted into new, loving homes.



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TURNED AWAY

Thanks to you, The SPCA is here for all animals when they need us. We never turn away any pet due to breed, species, health, or behavior.

2,580

WILDLIFE RESCUED

Your support funds the only emergency hospital for injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



981

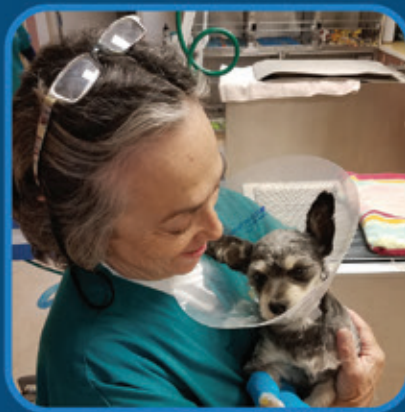
CRUELTY RESCUES

Our officers rescued animals, investigated and submitted cases for prosecution, and provided education to stop animal neglect and abuse.

14,553

KIDS EDUCATED

Children educated about humane treatment of animals and each other to build a more compassionate community.



1,078

TLC



Animals rehabilitated through our TLC program, providing lifesaving second chances for pets who had no one else to help them.

3,971

PETS TRAINED

Pets kept in homes thanks to compassionate, positive, and affordable training classes for all abilities.



37

RUFF START GRADUATES

Inmates training shelter dogs with love and compassion (and getting the same in return) to find them lifelong homes.

5,092

PETS SPAYED & NEUTERED

Low-cost surgeries prevented the birth of thousands of unwanted pets.



In 2016, 27% of all pets arriving at The SPCA were from Salinas. Thanks to your support, we now offer extremely low-cost surgeries to Salinas pet owners. Since April 2017, **1,068 PETS** have been spayed and neutered through this program, resulting in significantly fewer unwanted animals.

Incoming Salinas pets July 2015-June 2016



1,632

Incoming Salinas pets July 2017-June 2018



1,217



Average adoption fee



\$145

Average spent to make a pet healthy for adoption



\$1,200

YOU MAKE THIS POSSIBLE

Your SPCA is not a chapter of any other agency and we receive no funding from taxes, the ASPCA, or HSUS. Everything we do is only made possible by you!