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A Wide Range of Programs and Services

A supporter noted the SPCA's good-sized budget with a raised eyebrow. "It takes a lot to do a lot," I explained.

If we focused only on rehoming dogs and cats, we would be like many SPCAs. We are that and so much more. We rescue rabbits and other small pets, horses and other barn animals, pet birds and reptiles, and sick and injured wildlife. The wildlife center treated 167 *species* this year! All of the incoming wildlife and the great majority of domestic animals need days, weeks, or even months of specialized care.



Few SPCAs or humane societies handle horses and wildlife; their care requires adequate space and equipment, staff expertise, and community support. The care for one horse can last well over a year and surgery for an injury can exceed \$10,000.

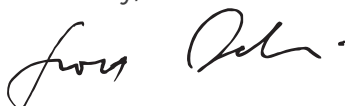
Next, consider spay/neuter. We offer low-cost surgeries every weekday, we operate a mobile clinic for under-resourced areas, and we provided grant funding to six additional groups to expand assistance for pet owners.

We reach thousands of children annually through our education department, and offer a range of dog training classes and private consultations to help dog owners, some at their wit's end. The SPCA maintains a team of investigators to rescue pets from neglect and abuse. And, as you've seen far too often, we respond to help animals and pet owners impacted during disasters.

We also share innovative partnerships with Meals on Wheels, Salinas Valley State Prison, and Central Coast College that help pets and people in our community.

Thank you for enabling us to maintain this life-changing, and eyebrow-raising, scope of programs and services!

Sincerely,



Scott Delucchi, President & CEO

Did You Know?

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Different animal species lovingly cared for at SPCA Monterey County this year. Including 167 wildlife species. Thanks to your support we are here for all types of animals when they need us.



Rescued Great Horned Owl Nestlings Safe in the Wild

The SPCA Wildlife Center received a call about a tiny Great Horned Owl nestling whose nest had blown from a tall tree. Thanks to your support, we immediately responded.

While the SPCA Wildlife Center team successfully rescues and rehabilitates injured and orphaned wild animals, parents are always best at raising their young. So when the kind citizens who found the baby called to say they spotted the parents, SPCA volunteer Phil returned to see if he could reunite the young family. And he brought an orphaned Great Horned Owl along, too. Raptors are great parents who will often accept orphans if there is room in the nest.

We secured a new SPCA-made nest high in the tree

and placed the youngster and orphan inside. We played a recording of Great Horned Owl nestling calls to encourage the parents to return, and left the recordings with the neighbors to continue playing. That evening, the neighbors sent pictures of the parent owls perched next to the nest. Complete success!

"Whenever I reunite babies with their parents, I feel so responsible for them," says Phil. "I'm anxious and want to check every day to make sure they're OK until they're out and flying! It feels great to see this success."

"It's an amazing thing!" says Jack Hawkins, the neighbor who called us about the baby owl. "The nests the SPCA makes out of willow are unbelievable. Now we can all see the nest from our property and keep an eye on the owls. My wife was watching and could see the babies sitting up and eating."

The young owls will stay in their nest for another six weeks, and will be tended to by their parents for many more months while they learn skills they need to survive on their own.

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Bandit's Ruff Start to Recovery

Bandit arrived in our care with obvious signs of long term neglect. He was underweight and missing over half the fur on his tiny body.

"Since Bandit was a stray, we don't know his history or how long he had been suffering," says Dr. Kate Riley, SPCA Medical Director. "But we knew that thanks to the support of our donors, we could help him."



Bandit was obviously in a great deal of discomfort. His exposed skin was thick, greasy, red, and very irritated. Our skilled veterinary team

carefully treated him with antibiotics and special baths.

"Even though he was scared at first, he was a very good boy," says Dr. Riley. "We moved slowly with him, giving him lots of treats with his baths so he learned to trust and feel safe with us. He grew to love bath time!"

Since Bandit's recovery would take months, once he was stabilized and starting to improve, we moved him to our Ruff Start Program at Salinas Valley State Prison, where he flourished with loving inmate caretakers. They continued his medicated baths and worked on his training and socialization.

"The SPCA's donors are wonderful people for giving thought to these animals who often have been forgotten," says Melanie, who alongside Gabriel was one of Bandit's loving inmate trainers. "They are making a huge impact in these animals' lives."

"I have to say thank you, thank you, thank you to all our donors," says Dr. Riley. "Because of you, we have programs like Ruff Start and the capacity to give pets the time they need in a safe and stress-free environment to recover. Thanks to

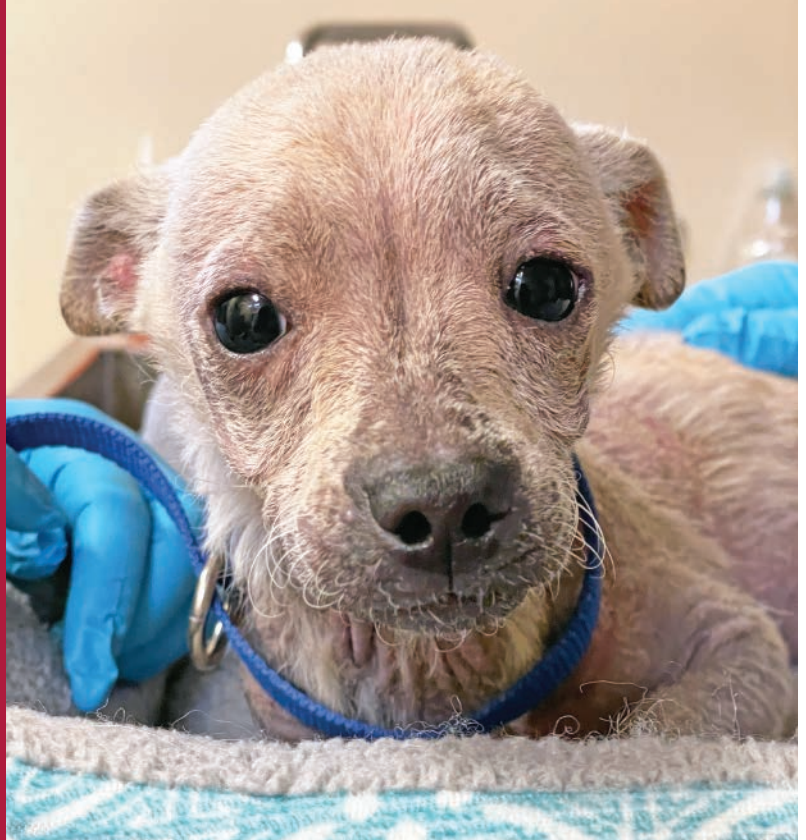
Make a Gift of Love and Shelter

The holidays are around the corner, and you can get started on your holiday giving list with a tribute gift in honor of a loved one.

Visit www.SPCAmc.org/tribute and make the holiday bright for pets in need this winter.



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you, we can pay attention to pets' mental and emotional welfare in addition to their medical welfare."

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"I barely recognized Bandit when he came back, he looked so good!"

Bandit was adopted just two days after returning to our shelter. He now spends his days hiking with his family, romping on local beaches, and playing with squeaky toys.

"Bandit stole my heart," says his adopter, Kerri. "We would like to express our gratitude to the SPCA and the Ruff Start program for taking such good care of Bandit. He is doing really well, making friends all over the peninsula. He brings so much joy every day!"

"I love our little patients," says Dr. Riley. "Thank you for letting us always be here for them."



Rescued Ponies Learn Love and Kindness

Clementine and Maizy were found all alone deep in Carmel Valley. They had likely been abandoned for quite some time. We rushed them back to our barn for nutritious food, safe shelter, and love.

Both young ponies had rough, dull coats, showing a long-term lack of care and proper diet. They were long overdue for hoof and dental work, and suffering from internal parasites. They were both afraid, but they slowly learned that people can love, comfort, and show kindness.

After months of care, training, and veterinary work, Clementine and Maizy were adopted. Thank you for your support that lets us rescue all animals who need our love. Our rescues simply wouldn't be possible without you.



Snowy Plovers Hatch and Thrive at the SPCA



Our SPCA Wildlife Center recently cared for Snowy Plovers hatched at the SPCA.

Because Snowy Plovers are a threatened species, our skilled SPCA wildlife rescue team incubates and attempts to hatch rescued plover eggs. The eggs had been washed out of their nests by waves and abandoned.

One of the eggs was in the process of hatching but had sustained damage, leaving us unsure if the baby would survive the trauma. With some assistance from our skilled team, the tiny plovers safely hatched.

After weeks indoors with supplemental heat and care, they moved to an outdoor aviary to acclimate to our weather and learn to forage for food. They were safely released back into the wild. Thank you for your support that helps us care for this beautiful threatened species!



Your Love Saves Luna

A dog attack left Luna with multiple punctures in her chest and a shattered hind leg. Yet this tiny kitty, who weighed just five pounds, snuggled and purred the moment she arrived in our care, seemingly knowing she was now safe.



Radiographs showed air inside her chest, but outside her lungs, serious open wounds that needed to heal first to ensure she would survive anesthesia.

Once in surgery, our skilled team amputated her gravely injured leg, spayed her, and fixed a wound that pierced her abdomen.

"There were large puncture wounds close to her major organs, but thanks to you we saved

her," says Dr. Kate Riley, SPCA Medical Director. "We're so grateful to our donors that we have the equipment we need to help animals who are suffering, and the staff available to perform emergency surgery when pets need it."

With surgery, antibiotics, pain medication, and lots of cuddles from staff, Luna healed quickly.

"From the moment she arrived, she was very sweet and friendly," says Dr. Riley. "When we pet her, she would roll over and purr, even with her serious injuries. We are so thankful we could help her."

Little Luna was quickly adopted into a new, loving, indoor home where she will be safe.

"Luna is the biggest snuggle bug, she sleeps with me every night," says her adopter Anna. "It's important to support the SPCA so they can continue saving animals like Luna."

GIVE THEM HOPE

Donate and help animals like Amelia get the lifesaving care they need.



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