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## Mobile Clinic Helps Pets and People



When Gonzales, Greenfield, Prunedale, and Salinas dogs and cats stepped into our low-cost mobile spay/neuter clinic, their owners could not have been more enthusiastic or appreciative at drop-off and pick-up. Some walked to our clinic, parked in their city's heavily-trafficked town centers.

We're targeting communities where low-cost spay/neuter will curb pet overpopulation, serving as an extension of our campus clinic.

This resource addresses a goal set just a few short years ago. Our on-site clinic provides more than 5,000 low-cost surgeries annually; we operate this community's only low-cost clinic offering daily spay/neuter appointments, saving thousands of unwanted litters. Still, pet owners living in corners of our county have trouble getting to our campus which can be over an hour's drive away. We're bringing our service to them, thanks to your support.

Mobile spay/neuter clinics join the growing list of community resources including school and library visits to reach students, free pet food distribution, animal cruelty investigation, our free behavior helpline, wildlife rescue, and disaster response.

Future mobile spay/neuter clinics — like all SPCA programs and services — are made possible only by generous support. We thank the Kinnoull Foundation for their significant support of this exciting and important acquisition, and for their generous support over the years.

Claude Kinnoull, for whom the Foundation is named, was an SPCA employee and board member, and was responsible for our 200-acre campus being gifted to the SPCA to serve future generations.

Sincerely,



Scott Delucchi, President & CEO

Thanks to your support, the SPCA never puts time limits on our adoptable pets. Roy was in our care for 972 days before being adopted into a loving, lifelong home.



# Rescued Ponies Find Love

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**Last year, SPCA Humane Officers rescued three young ponies who were abandoned for months on Mount Toro, scared and alone.**

"They were very skittish and apprehensive of humans," says Jamie Lima, SPCA Barn Manager. "They had scraggly coats with lots of tangles and burrs, and had obviously been surviving on poor nutrition for quite some time."

After a thorough veterinary exam, the SPCA barn team worked slowly and carefully with the fearful ponies, providing healthy food, good grooming, vaccinations, dental care, and positive learning experiences. Our team taught

them how to wear halters and spent many quiet hours with them to let them feel safe being around people.

The three ponies, ranging in age from 8 months to 3 years, improved steadily. After months of care, they were ready to be rehomed with understanding adopters who would continue working on the loving bond between horses and humans.

"It was like a proud mom moment, to see them coming in as scared little ponies and then seeing them be brave and confident enough to go out into the world to do great things," says Jamie. "I'm so proud of them for all they

overcame, and so thankful to our donors for making this rescue possible."

One of the ponies, Olive, was very reserved when she arrived. As our team spent time with her, her personality blossomed — she became ever-curious and wanted to be the center of attention.

"The people in the SPCA barn are total miracle workers," says Olive's adopter, Sarah. "Thank you for my little Olive. She's fantastic, and I'm truly in love with her."





# Ruff Start Changes Lives

**A dog learns to trust the touch of a comforting hand. An inmate experiences unconditional love for the first time.** These moments are possible thanks to your support of our life-changing Ruff Start Program.



Ruff Start pairs untrained or unsocialized shelter dogs with inmates at Salinas Valley State Prison. With love and patience, incarcerated trainers provide 24-hour care to help the dogs build confidence, develop trust, and learn skills so they can be adopted into new loving homes.

**"Ruff Start has given me a purpose in life: to help the helpless."**

*- David*

"Ruff Start allows inmates to give back, gain new skills, and help rehabilitate dogs and save lives," says Jamie Doglione, Ruff Start Pet Behavior Specialist. "Most importantly, we are giving them a chance and trusting them with our dogs when so many people have given up on them."

Recent Ruff Start graduate, Alix, a one-year-old terrier, was terrified of people. She would growl and back away when approached, and she would flip and roll on the ground when on leash, trying desperately to get away. Ruff Start changed her life.

## We love animals. Every. Single. Day.

Animals in Monterey County need your help every day. You can make a difference in the lives of abused, neglected and homeless pets. By providing ongoing monthly support as a Constant Companion, you become a hero to the animals who need you the most. Become a Constant Companion today! Visit [www.SPCAMc.org/constant](http://www.SPCAMc.org/constant) or call Andrea Satterfield at **831-264-5431**.



***"I'm doing something good with my life inside these walls."***

***- Timothy***



"Ruff Start has given me a purpose in life: to help the helpless," says Alix's trainer, David. "It has brought out my compassion and empathy that was buried deep down inside of me. I had a lot of anger and this program has washed it away."

"Ruff Start showed me that I can actually make a difference in someone's life," says Alix's co-trainer Jose. "But the best part is knowing that Alix now has a home to call her own!"

***"The best part is knowing that Alix now has a home to call her own!" - Jose***

Another Ruff Start graduate, Kevin, suffered from heartworm, a serious disease that requires a long treatment for recovery. Thanks to Ruff Start, he had a quiet place to rest and recover while learning with his trainers.

"I loved it when Kevin would learn a new cue. I would always give him a 'yes, yes, yes, yes, good boy' and he would light up and smile," says his trainer Timothy. "It gives me joyful pride to know that a dog that has helped me

as much as I tried to help them, learned that it's OK to trust there is love in humans. It allows me to stay positive and teaches me that I'm doing something good with my life inside these walls."

"Kevin is a total blast," says his adopter Kristi. "I received letters from the inmates and you could tell they really cared about him. We're very lucky to have Kevin."

"I'm happy that I had a part in bringing happiness to the family that adopted Kevin," says his co-trainer Robert. "This program allows me to see beyond my confinement. I have the opportunity to show by example that I am trustworthy by being entrusted with the welfare of another living, breathing creature."





# Hawks Soar Free

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**Local Salinas residents were enjoying a walk when they noticed something strange in a tree: a red-shouldered hawk,** dangling precariously, her right wing hopelessly tangled in fishing line. Thankfully, they called the SPCA.

The hawk was stuck so high in the tree that our team could not reach her without assistance. Our friends at Salinas City Fire came to help, and with careful, determined maneuvering of the truck and ladder, they brought the hawk to our skilled, compassionate care.

The hawk suffered a very sore shoulder from her ordeal, but luckily was not severely injured. We provided specialized care, including pain medications, food, and cage rest while she recovered. The next day she was released back into the wild to fly free again.



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## Helping Jasper with TLC

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**Sweet Jasper was found alone and in pain in the streets of Soledad with a badly injured hind leg.** Thankfully, he was brought to the SPCA's loving TLC (Treatment Learning and Compassion) Program. In spite of the intense pain he was in, this sweet boy was full of nuzzles and kitty kisses for everyone. Radiographs revealed a fractured femur, and our compassionate veterinary team determined that amputation surgery would be the best way to make Jasper comfortable again.

During his recovery he was treated with pain medications and antibiotics, and he received tons of cuddles from caring SPCA staff — which he sweetly returned. We are thrilled to report that Jasper is now snuggled up in his loving forever home, all thanks to your love and support!



## In Memory of Gary Tiscornia

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**Last October, our former long-time CEO, Gary Tiscornia, passed away.** He was an incredible leader, mentor, friend, and tireless advocate for the animals.

We will be forever grateful for Gary's compassionate leadership, enduring kindness, and constant focus on improving the lives of animals and those who love them.

Gary was an exemplary leader in the animal welfare community for 41 years, known for being fair, pragmatic, forward-thinking, ethical, and unflappable in a crisis. While practicing as a corporate lawyer, his "accidental career" in animal welfare began when he was asked to serve on the board of directors of the Humane Society of Tucson, where he contributed hundreds of hours of pro bono work. He worked at the Michigan Humane Society for 17 years, the last 11 as Executive Director, before moving to SPCA Monterey County in 2000. Under Gary's guidance, the SPCA was restored to financial health, and humane outreach

programs multiplied to help animals and people, especially underserved populations.

Gary recognized the need for significant renovations to the aging SPCA facilities, and was the driving force behind a major capital project which modernized and transformed our campus, including our Adoption Center, Wildlife Center, Barn and Veterinary Clinic, making them state of the art and more comfortable for pets and people.

Gary and his wife Colleen returned to Tucson upon Gary's retirement in 2016 — the place where they met and married. During their 38 years together, they cared for 40 beloved pets, the most recent adopted from our SPCA in September.

So many programs for pets, people, and wildlife exist today thanks to Gary's leadership and compassion. Our entire community is a more humane place thanks to him, and that legacy will continue to shine brightly for years to come.



# IMPACT REPORT

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

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

## 2,223

### PETS ADOPTED

Cats, dogs, horses, rabbits, barn pets, exotic animals, and more lovingly rehomed



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### TURNED AWAY

Thanks to you, we never turn away any pet due to breed, species, age, health, or behavior

## 2,487

### WILDLIFE RESCUED

Your support enables us to rescue injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals



## 655

### CRUELTY CASES

Our officers worked to stop animal abuse and neglect in Monterey County

## 3,285

### KIDS EDUCATED

Children educated about humane and compassionate treatment of animals and each other



## 863

### PETS SAVED WITH TLC

Mending broken bones and healing broken spirits through our Treatment, Learning & Compassion Program

## 5,632

### SPAY/NEUTERS

Low-cost surgeries in our clinic reduce unwanted litters and keep pets healthy. Watch for our new mobile clinic!



## 1,438

### PETS TRAINED

Pets kept in homes thanks to training classes for all abilities. We also helped 1,083 people with our free behavior helpline!

## 151,908

### POUNDS OF FREE PET FOOD

Your support keeps families together with our free Pet Food Bank



## 776

### PETS FOSTERED

Compassionate SPCA fosters raise underage puppies and kittens in loving homes

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