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## Pet Meals Program Provides Nourishment



During the summer between my junior and senior years at Stanford University decades ago, I had a gig delivering for Meals on Wheels. My route included East Palo Alto, just a few years from being named murder capital of the United States. There were reports of elderly people sleeping in bathtubs to avoid getting hit by

stray bullets. I got to know the seniors on my route, but it never crossed my mind how they were feeding — or perhaps struggling to feed — their beloved four-legged companions.

Today, we don't worry about this locally, thanks to a vital partnership between SPCA Monterey County and local Meals on Wheels organizations. While providing nutritional meals for homebound clients, Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver quality pet food provided by the SPCA for their clients' animal companions.

This program ensures that people receiving delivered meals don't have to share their food with their pets, and their pets won't skip meals. As we know, a person's beloved pet might be their only family, their source of comfort and companionship. Pet Meals makes it possible for seniors to receive proper nutrition for themselves and their pets. Our collaboration with Meals on Wheels means everything to the people it serves.

The Pet Meals program is in addition to the free pet food we make available weekly at the SPCA through our Pet Food Bank. We thank our generous supporters of both programs and our fantastic Meals on Wheels partners.

Sincerely,



Scott Delucchi, President & CEO

Thank you for being a friend  
to the animals, Betty White.  
Your love, humor, and  
compassion truly made a  
difference for pets and  
wildlife in Monterey County.  
We miss you!





# Senior Baby Finds Forever Love

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**Twelve year old Baby came to the SPCA with a scraggly grey face and missing most of her teeth. And thanks to your compassionate support, we were here for this sweet, four pound senior.**

Sadly, Baby's owner had passed away. With veterinary care and lots of attention and snuggles, little Baby was safe in our loving care while we searched for a new home for her golden years.

"Baby is just so sweet," says her adopter, Sidney. "When I

picked Baby up and she gave my face a lick, I knew adopting her was the right decision."

Baby now spends her days going everywhere with her family, and has traveled on day trips to San Francisco and a longer vacation to the San Juan Islands. She loves watching the world and snuggling with her adopters.

"When I adopted, I donated an extra \$100 because the SPCA makes sure every pet is happy, healthy, and whole, and the staff gives the pets

whatever support they need to be that way," says Sidney. "Baby is a perfect example. Because she was so small and not used to being alone, the staff and volunteers carried her around most of the time, and gave her everything she needed.

"Baby was very fortunate to have been brought to the SPCA and I am even more fortunate to have her in my life," adds Sidney.

Thanks to your love and support, we were here for Baby and we find homes for hundreds of senior pets like her every year.



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# As Sweet as Sugar

**When your SPCA received a call for help from another shelter, we immediately responded with love and compassion for a dog with newborn puppies thanks to your support.**

Sugar, a 3-year-old husky mix, was found in Pine Canyon near King City as a heavily pregnant

stray. She gave birth to six puppies the next day in the safety of the shelter.

**With lots of love from staff and volunteers, the puppies grew healthy and became social, and Sugar soaked in the hugs, pets, walks, and attention.**

Sugar and her six tiny puppies flourished in our care. With lots of love from staff and volunteers, the puppies grew healthy and became social, and Sugar soaked in the hugs, pets, walks, and attention. Sadly, we don't know Sugar's history, but she was suffering from painfully dry, itchy skin, and infected ears, which our veterinary team skillfully treated. She also had unusual scarring on her back and neck.

Sugar quickly became a favorite with our dog-walking volunteers. It wasn't uncommon to see her out on several walks a day, enjoying snuggles from volunteers and getting a small break while her puppies played and snoozed. Sugar also picked out her own name:



## A Legacy of Compassion

Few things in life offer more personal satisfaction than helping others. When you make a planned gift in support of SPCA Monterey County's mission to assure compassionate treatment of all animals, you can establish a legacy of compassion. To learn more about supporting the SPCA through your estate plan, contact Kimberly Willison at (831) 264-5421/[kwillison@spcamc.org](mailto:kwillison@spcamc.org), or visit [spcamc.planmygift.org](http://spcamc.planmygift.org).





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we presented her with multiple food bowls with names on them, and the first one she went to said Sugar.

"She's so sweet, she definitely couldn't have picked a more perfect name," says SPCA Shelter Manager Ben Shaw.

***"I wanted to offer her a warm home with lots of love."***

When Sugar's puppies were weaned, they moved to loving foster homes to learn how to be wonderful family dogs. They were all quickly adopted, some by their fosters who fell head over heels in love.

Sugar was spayed to prevent future litters and was soon ready for a forever home of her own. She now spends her day being showered with love by adopters Josh and Brandon.

"I went in to adopt a small dog, but she was the first dog I saw," says Josh. "Her face was so sweet and she had such a calm demeanor. It sounded like she had a tough past, and I wanted to offer her a warm home with lots of love."

"The SPCA is such a great local community organization," says Josh. "The dogs and other animals are really taken care of. You could tell that Sugar wasn't just another animal in their shelter. The staff and volunteers work so hard to provide care and build a warm relationship with each individual pet. It's not just about putting them in a kennel and waiting for someone to pick them up. They really care."

Thank you for your love that makes all our rescues possible!





# Donkey Hee-Haws Home

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**For over two months, SPCA visitors were greeted by the unmistakable “hee-haw” of a braying donkey being lovingly cared for at our Barn.**

The donkey, an adorable mini named Roscoe, arrived unsocial and in need of care. Our skilled and compassionate Barn team worked carefully with him to earn his trust while we provided hoof trimming, dental care, and gelding. With love and patience, Roscoe learned to be safely handled.

That’s when we received a call from a family in distress. One of their donkeys had passed away, and their surviving donkey was depressed and refusing to eat. A quick trailer ride later and Roscoe was soon fast friends with his new buddy, Burrito.

Thank you for your support that lets us help pets like Roscoe!



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## Wildlife Center Rescues Young Hawks

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**This past winter, your SPCA Wildlife Center rescued over 50 red-tailed hawks.**

The young hawks were found on the ground, emaciated and unable to fly. We do not know if this was due to a food shortage or poor hunting skills for birds spending their first winter on their own, but we do know they needed our help.

We gave all the rescued hawks a full examination and rehydrating fluids, and slowly introduced them to a liquid diet. Our skilled wildlife rescue technicians also provided supplemental heat and medications. Many of the young hawks were placed on a ‘donut,’ a rolled up towel that props the bird up if he is unable to stand while he regains his strength.

Your support makes all our rescues possible. Thanks to you, we rescue over 2,500 injured or orphaned wild animals every single year.

# Tiny Kitten Plays Again

**Frankie came to the SPCA as a tiny kitten, part of an unwanted litter.** While Frankie's littermates played and tumbled, Frankie showed signs of discomfort, not wanting to put weight on her right hind leg. Radiographs showed no fracture, but she had soft tissue swelling and a small strip of necrotic tissue painfully circling her leg.

Skilled SPCA veterinarians removed the dead tissue in surgery, cleaning and suturing the wound. Within days she was a happy, active, playful kitten again, and once fully healed she was quickly adopted.

"We are so thankful that our donors' generosity lets us help pets like Frankie," says Jenny Morales, SPCA Vice President of Shelter and Clinic Services. "Thanks to you, we can truly change lives."



# Education for a Humane Community



**SPCA Monterey County offers a wide variety of fun learning opportunities for children who love animals!** Whether it's learning about the SPCA at our wildly popular Animal Camps or participating in our in-classroom programs, we are here to guide and inspire young animal lovers in our community.

All SPCA education programs promote kindness and empower children to make a difference for the pets and other animals that enrich their lives. Lessons and activities help develop core values, such as responsibility and compassion, nurture a respect for all living things, and so much more! Summer is just around the corner — learn more about our Summer Animal Camp and other educational opportunities at [spcamc.org/camp](https://spcamc.org/camp). Your generous support makes important programs like this possible. Thank you!



# GIVE THEM HOPE

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