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Your Love Saves Lives

For years, we offered our community a nice little self-serve Pet Food Bank. Pet owners would drive onto our campus, pull up to the storage shed, and help themselves. No questions asked and no forms to complete. Some visitors would donate food, more would take it, and we were happy to make it available. It was a good use of assorted brands of donated food, which we couldn't feed shelter animals who need a consistent diet, and a valuable service for low-income or fixed-income folks.

COVID-19 changed this. Our on-site Pet Food Bank was no longer enough. To reach a growing number of pet owners facing new and significant economic hardships, we now also bring pet food out to the community, partnering with cities where we see the greatest need, averaging two monthly events. We bring a box truck filled with pet food, then load food into trunks, hatchbacks, and truck beds as pet owners enter our drive-through line. We help a few hundred people per event, providing a month's worth of food, which can prevent animals from being surrendered or worse — going without food. I've been happy to join our team during three recent clinics.

We've long surpassed being able to operate this community service with donated pet food; where we formerly made available

approximately 5,000 pounds of free pet food per year, we've already distributed over 80,000 pounds and expect this number to grow. Now, we make regular, large purchases of pet food to meet the growing need. Another special program touching many lives made possible by you, our generous supporters.

Sincerely,



Scott Delucchi, President & CEO



— Did You Know? —

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is given to your local SPCA Monterey County from ASPCA or any other national groups. Everything we do is only made possible by donors like you!



Rescued from the Ashes

One week after the Carmel Fire started, SPCA rescuers were checking on animals in Cachagua when they were stopped by a firefighter who had seen cats near a burned van. What they found was hard to believe.

The house was sadly destroyed, and the van was ruined. But from underneath the van, our team heard a tiny meow.

SPCA rescuers rushed the cat and kitten back to our shelter. The kitten, Bubs, suffered painful burns on all four paws. The cat, Mango, was hungry, thirsty, and covered in soot.

While they were receiving veterinary care, we located the cats' owners. Clare Nicholson's family had no warning about the raging fire and had to evacuate immediately, their cats fleeing before they could catch them. They had no choice but to leave.

"We will never forget the day you called. It was the morning after we had been told the house was gone," says Clare. "Your call was definitely a ray of sunshine through what was bleak and miserable."

Bubs' injuries required daily care, so our team kept him with us while the Nicholsons

searched for a new home. Once Bubs healed, they were reunited.

"The SPCA was saving animals in dire and dangerous situations," says Clare. "They gave us, and so many others, reassurance and relief. We will forever be grateful and hold the SPCA dearly in our hearts."

During the Carmel, River, and Dolan Fires, the SPCA rescued, sheltered, evacuated, and cared for over 1,400 animals of all species, all while evacuating our own shelter. Because of your support, these critical services were available to our community.



Changing Lives Through TLC

Elvis arrived at the SPCA dehydrated, lethargic, vomiting, and suffering. Our veterinary team diagnosed an intussusception, a serious condition where one part of the intestine slides inside another part, causing a life-threatening blockage. Elvis was rushed into emergency surgery.

"Thanks to our donors who enable us to provide lifesaving care, we were able to



diagnose him and immediately get him into surgery," says Dr. Kate Riley, SPCA Veterinarian. "When Elvis arrived, you could tell he felt terrible. Two days after surgery he was a different dog, he began asking for attention and wanting to go for walks. That's what this is all about — helping the animals who need us."

Elvis's rescue and recovery were made possible by our TLC Program, which mends broken bones and heals broken spirits. TLC, Treatment, Learning, and Compassion, saved 1,428 animals last year alone just like Elvis. Animals who were broken, abused, scared, and alone. Animals who had nowhere else to turn. But thanks to you, we were here for them.

Animals like Trigger, who arrived with a badly injured hind leg. The injury was so severe that a cast would not fix it — he needed amputation surgery to save his life and be comfortable again. Thanks to your love, SPCA veterinarians provided that care.

Thanks to you, we were here for them.

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! Please visit www.SPCAMc.org/constant or call Andrea Satterfield at 831-264-5431.

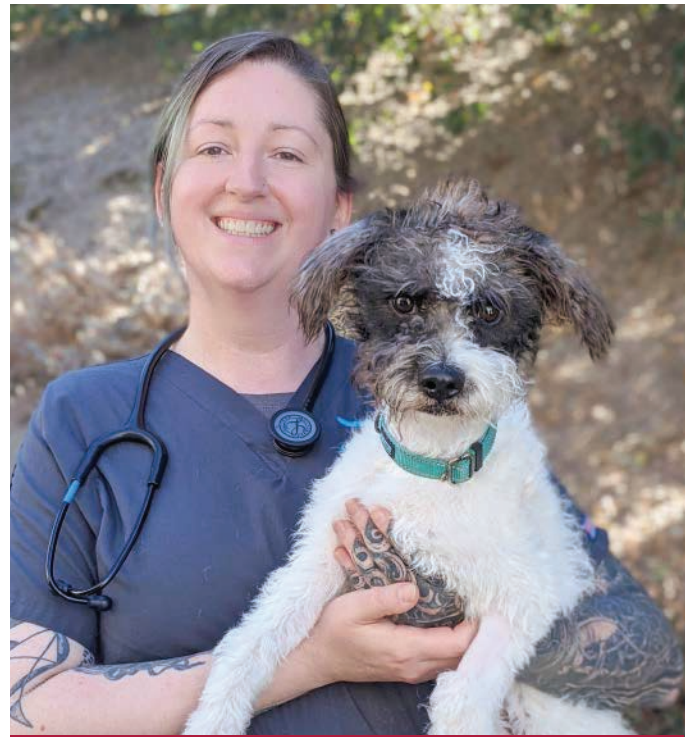


Trigger is now happy, confident, and in a new loving home. Because of you, he is going to live a long life with his new adopter.

Shortly after Elvis and Trigger's surgeries, Rose arrived. Rose was heavily pregnant and her labor had stalled. She had delivered one puppy two days before she came to us, but the rest of her puppies were stuck. She was suffering and would die without help.

SPCA Veterinarians performed an ultrasound and learned that the puppies were still alive. We performed an emergency C-section and delivered five puppies. After all she had been through, Rose was unable to produce the milk her puppies needed, so the puppies went to loving foster homes while Rose recovered under the compassionate care of our TLC Behavior Team.

"We are incredibly grateful to our donors who keep our doors open to animals who need us most," says Dr. Riley. "We do see sad things every day, but thanks to you we get to help. We get to make it better."



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In Memory of Mama



We are sad to share that Mama Owl has passed away. Mama was one of the hardest working volunteers at the SPCA Wildlife Center, helping us raise over 60 rescued Great Horned Owl chicks. She taught the young owls how to thrive in the wild, and how to remain safely wary of humans.

Mama Owl was rescued in 2000 after being electrocuted in a power line accident, requiring amputation of a portion of her wing to save her life. Since she could no longer fly, she could not be released, but her calm temperament made her comfortable in captivity and her maternal instincts gave the rescued babies the tools they needed to survive in the wild. She will be deeply missed.

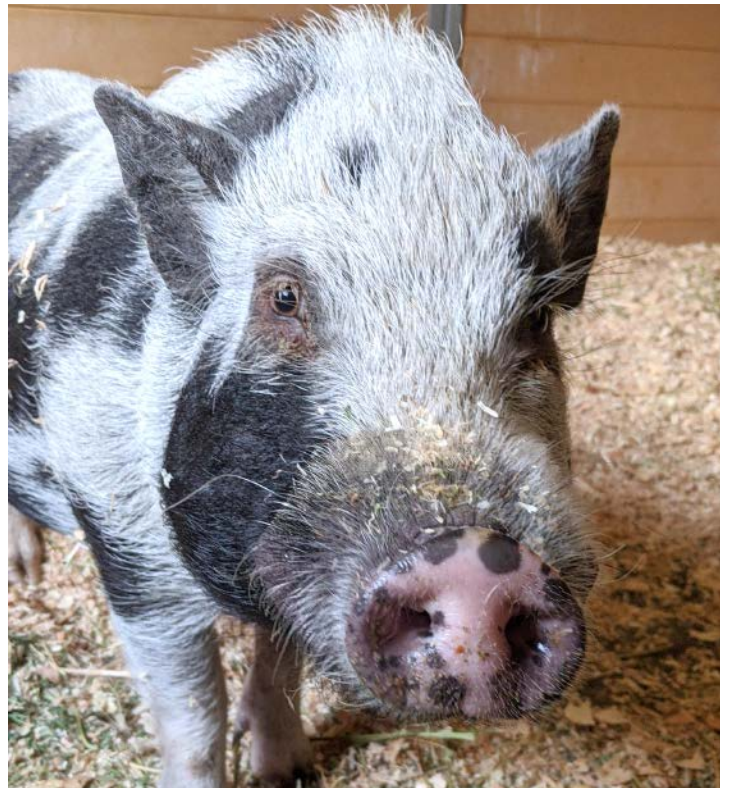
To give in her memory, please visit spcamc.org/mama.

A Waggy Tail and Happy Piggy Grunts

Tim Bit was surrendered to the SPCA after being attacked by multiple dogs and suffering severe injuries. He immediately underwent extensive surgery to clean and suture his wounds. It took months of wound care and extra love, but Tim Bit is now ready for his next chapter thanks to donor support making his treatments possible.

Tim Bit enjoys belly rubs, fresh greens, zucchini, and rooting around in muddy puddles. "He is such a sweet pig," says SPCA Barn Manager Jamie Lima. "With all the treatments that he has undergone, he is still happy to greet us at the door with a waggy tail and happy piggy grunts."

Thanks to your donations, we can be here for all pets — dogs, cats, and potbelly pigs.



Humane Education Never Stops



When the pandemic changed everything, the SPCA quickly modified our humane education programs to continue reaching children in our community.

Virtual Animal Clubs are now in 40 classrooms, from King City to East Salinas, Monterey to Chualar, and in between. We teach children from kindergarten to eighth grade about humane treatment of animals and building a more humane community. Teachers say our programs add a sense of normalcy to a stressful time.

"An unexpected surprise is we're not just talking to the children on Zoom," says Darlenne Guerra, SPCA Community Educator. "We are educating the entire family. Parents and siblings join to ask questions and show us their pets. We're reaching a broader audience than before."

Families can register for virtual and in-person camps, sign up for our kid-friendly interactive emails, and more at SPCAmc.org.

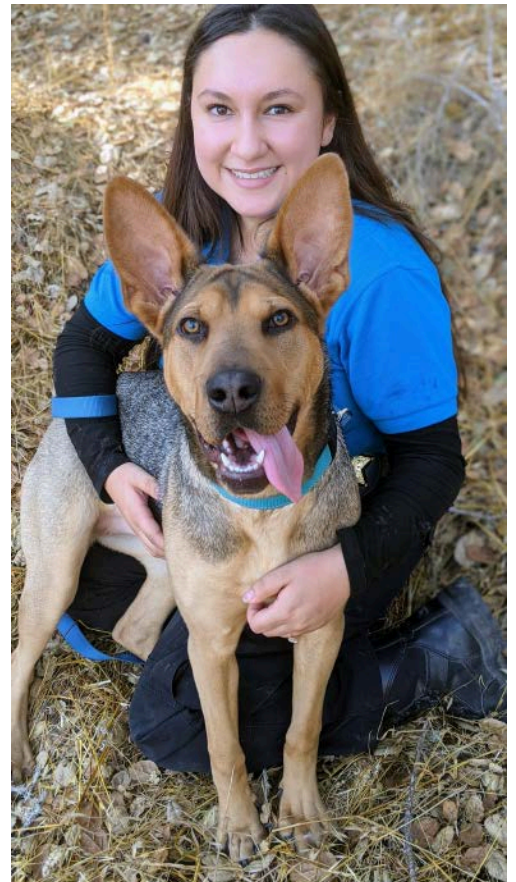
Shine Bright, Sunflower

Last year, SPCA Humane Officers investigated 773 cruelty cases in Monterey County. We are the only local organization or agency that employs officers specifically trained on cruelty prevention — and you make it all possible.

Sunflower was found abandoned at nine months old on the side of the road, hiding in a broken crate. "She was very fearful and appeared to be in shock," says Humane Officer Angeles Lopez. "I can't forget the look of worry in her eyes when we found her. She wasn't sure if she could trust us. How would she trust humans if humans dumped her?"

Officers brought Sunflower back to the SPCA for a veterinary exam and began investigating her case. She stayed with us and gained trust. "That's why I named her Sunflower; she blossomed and turned into a beautiful, playful, energetic dog in our care," shares Lopez. "I am forever grateful for the public's help and watchful eye when it comes to situations like this."

You make second chances like Sunflower's possible, and you're helping make our community a more compassionate place for all animals. Thank you.



IMPACT REPORT

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

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

3,088

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

2,587

WILDLIFE RESCUED

Your support enables us to rescue injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals 24/7



773

CRUELTY CASES

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

11,334

KIDS EDUCATED

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



1,428

PETS SAVED WITH TLC

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

5,072

SPAY/NEUTERS

Low-cost surgeries in our clinic and through partner mobile clinics help pets thrive



3,994

PETS TRAINED

Pets kept in homes thanks to training classes for all abilities. We also helped 1,327 people with our free behavior helpline!



Animals rescued, sheltered, evacuated, and cared for during the Carmel Fire, River Fire, and Dolan Fire:

1,424



YOU MAKE THIS POSSIBLE

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