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What makes The SPCA special?

First, The SPCA for Monterey County accept dogs and cats with behavioral challenges, broken bodies and broken spirits daily. Sadly, many animal shelters have “managed” admissions, accepting animals that can easily be adopted and turning away those who are the most challenging behaviorally and medically. Because of your generosity, we take on these hard cases and we save and change lives. Every day.

Second, our scope is unique. We accept small domestic animals, horses and other barn animals, pet birds and other exotic pets. Our low-cost spay/neuter clinic is open to the public six days a week, and we also bring mobile spay/neuter clinics to targeted areas. We reach thousands of children every year through our education department, and we offer a range of classes and private consultations to help dog owners, some at their wit’s end ready to surrender loved pets. We respond to animal cruelty calls and care for all our area’s sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. And, we enjoy innovative partnerships with Meals on Wheels, Salinas Valley State Prison and Central Coast College.

A wide scope takes more than a big heart; it takes resources, facilities and trained staff — most of all it takes you! Thank you for enabling us to maintain meaningful programs, lifesaving services and open admissions!

Sincerely,

Scott Delucchi, President & CEO

From Scared to Snuggle Bug

Mia was just 4 months old when The SPCA rescued her. She should have been a rough-and-tumble puppy curiously exploring her world. Instead, she was skinny and suffering major abdominal issues.

“Mia had an intussusception, where the intestines telescope into each other,” says Dr. Elneda Connors, SPCA Chief of Veterinary Staff. “It is a very painful and life-threatening condition.”

Mia underwent emergency surgery, where over three feet of her small intestine was removed.

“Unfortunately, Mia had been in such pain, she grew terrified of being touched, and began associating people with her pain,” says Dr. Connors. “Because of our compassionate donors who support our TLC and Ruff Start Programs, I was confident Mia could recover in a loving place and learn to trust people again.”

Mia began her recovery with The SPCA’s TLC Program, where our team let her gain confidence watching other dogs as they went to humans for snuggles and love. Soon she graduated to a specialized inmate training team at The SPCA’s Ruff Start Program at Salinas Valley State Prison.

“After learning about her medical issues and how she became defensive toward humans, I felt entrusted with a huge responsibility,” says one of Mia’s inmate trainers, Lorenzo.

“I felt joy being part of Mia’s training and doing something greater than myself,” says Mia’s co-trainer Michael. “Before Mia, it had been over eight years since I’ve interacted with a dog. Not only am I helping dogs with behavior issues, training and love, but it’s also helped me grow as an individual.”

After months of patient love and care, Mia became a playful puppy, getting a second chance at life. She was quickly adopted.

“The Ruff Start program is spectacular, everybody needs love,” says Mia’s adopter, Levi DeKeyrel. “And what better love than a puppy! I am super appreciative of The SPCA for getting her on the right track. You’d never know all she’s been through. She’s as sweet as can be, a total snuggle bug!”
A “Ruff Start” for Charlie

When Charlie came into our care with his littermates, it was immediately obvious something was wrong. While the other puppies rolled, played and jumped, Charlie stayed back, his right leg twisted and hanging limply. Charlie’s brothers and sisters were spayed, neutered and adopted quickly, while Charlie underwent intricate surgery and weeks of care thanks to your compassionate support.

‘None of the bones from Charlie’s shoulder to his paw formed properly,’ says Dr. Elneda Conners, SPCA Chief of Veterinary Staff. ‘He was unable to use or bear any weight on his leg, which stayed tucked up against his body. We didn’t know how those bones would grow as he aged, so we made the humane decision to amputate.’

SPCA veterinarians performed the surgery, and as soon as the next day, Charlie was acting like a fun-loving silly puppy.

Although Charlie was ready to play, his body needed time to recover. Puppies thrive on early socialization, training, and care, so we asked our Ruff Start trainers to take him in during his recovery. The SPCA’s Ruff Start program pairs shelter dogs with inmates at Salinas Valley State Prison, where puppies like Charlie receive specialized training and care 24 hours a day. Carefully screened inmates receive so much more.

‘I’ve been locked up since I was 16,’ says Charlie’s trainer Joshua. ‘I never had my own family. I never was in the role as a father. Ruff Start surprisingly shed a light on that for me.

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.

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Visit www.SPCAmc.org/constant or call Andrea Satterfield at 831-264-5431.

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Joshua worked one-on-one with Charlie, giving him love and care. He potty trained Charlie, which proved to be quite a challenge, and taught Charlie to sit, stay and heel. He also trained Charlie to roll over, which can be tricky with only three legs. This talent proved important, as it’s what delighted and charmed his adopter’s 5-year-old daughter.

‘My father volunteers at the prison,’ says Charlie’s adopter, Eddie Atilano. ‘He met Charlie there and told us how perfect Charlie was. Now Charlie sleeps in our bed. He loves his toys and runs up and down the stairs — he has no idea he doesn’t have four legs.

‘It’s so great that The SPCA is helping the inmate community and bringing smiles to faces. Everyone at the prison keeps asking about Charlie, and my dad brings them pictures to share. You can tell they all care. We’re really thankful we found a dog who makes our family complete,” says Eddie.
When Tigger arrived at a local shelter injured and in need of emergency care, shelter workers reached out to The SPCA for help. Thanks to your support, we opened our arms to this sweet, tiny fighter. At just 6 weeks old, Tigger’s femoral head was shattered, likely from being kicked. He needed lifesaving surgery, which we immediately provided.

“Because he was so young, he healed very quickly,” says Dr. Elneda Connors, SPCA Chief of Veterinary Staff. “We provided surgery on Saturday and by Monday he was ready to snuggle and play — a normal, very mischievous kitten.”

After several weeks with a loving SPCA foster family, Tigger, now named Kovu, found a new home with local paramedic Justin Palmer and his girlfriend Jessica Mebsker. “I’m glad Kovu can have a normal life with us, thanks to The SPCA,” says Justin. “You can’t tell he was injured. He loves chasing a laser pointer, jumping on the couch and sleeping on our shoulders.”

Last year, The SPCA rescued over 1,300 pets like Kovu who needed emergency medical care or long-term behavioral modification. Our Treatment, Learning and Compassion (TLC) Program saves pets who desperately need our help.

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A Happy Ending 1,006 Days in the Making

In 2016, SPCA Humane Officers rescued Jack, a 14-year-old stallion. He was underweight, suffering from significant neglect and understandably fearful of people.

Thanks to your support, we provided Jack with several months of patient, loving care to bring him back to health and be gelded. Our barn team spent countless hours teaching Jack to trust again, and with the help of expert horsemen such as Buck Brannaman, Jack learned to lead in a halter, load on a trailer and was started under saddle.

We never gave up on Jack, and 1,006 days after we rescued him, he was adopted to a loving home with a sweet mare who had recently lost her equine companion. Jack’s long-term care and happy ending would not be possible without the support of donors like you!

Tiny Tigger Bounces to a New Home

This little burrowing owl found himself trapped in the service department of Val Strough Honda in Seaside for two days. Thankfully, workers contacted The SPCA Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center for help. Our skilled team carefully and patiently contained the frightened owl.

An examination showed he was uninjured, but significantly dehydrated and exhausted after being trapped for so many hours. Our wildlife rescue team gave him subcutaneous fluids and appropriate nourishment to get him back on his feet. He recovered and was released near Seaside State Beach, a safe, nearby burrowing owl habitat.

Thank you for your support which enabled us to save this little owl and rescue over 2,500 wild animals every year.

Your Donations Making a Difference

Thanks to your support, The SPCA Veterinary Clinic is providing more spay and neuter surgeries than ever before. Last year alone, skilled SPCA veterinarians altered 6,240 pets and feral cats through low-cost surgeries in our clinic. We also sponsored local mobile clinics to reach pets in Soledad, East Salinas and Seaside whose owners were unable to drive to our clinic. Those clinics sterilized an additional 484 pets, preventing the birth of thousands of unwanted pets.

By reducing and simplifying our already low prices, seeking mobile clinic collaborations to help hard-to-reach communities, and targeting areas where we see the most abandoned and unwanted animals, your donations are truly saving lives.
IMPACT REPORT
How your donations make a difference for pets, people, and wild animals in need
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

3,327
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

2,585
WILDLIFE RESCUED
Your support enables us to rescue injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals 24/7

915
CRUELTY RESCUES
Our officers worked to stop animal abuse and neglect in our Monterey County

13,349
KIDS EDUCATED
Children learned humane treatment of animals and each other

1,368
PETS SAVED WITH TLC
Mending broken bones and healing broken spirits through our Treatment Learning & Compassion Program

6,724
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

Average adoption fee $113
Average spent to make a pet healthy for adoption $1,295

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!