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Expanding to Change More Lives

What started as sketches on the back of a napkin three years ago has become a reality. Our major construction project is underway and includes a remodel of our 2,200 square foot Claire R. Jacobson Learning Center, the construction of a 3,200 square foot Training Center focusing on dog training classes and consultations for the public, and our new 3,100 square foot Sally Lucas TLC Center for dogs who need special attention prior to adoption.

The project will also provide adequate space for our dedicated staff, some who have been working in a leased modular unit for years, and a home for our vital Pet Food Bank.

We began conceptual design work in 2019, then paused while the entire world navigated a global pandemic. Several dozen generous supporters – including the SPCA's entire board of directors – buoyed our enthusiasm and enabled us to reach the finish line.

This is what our leaders and benefactors envisioned when our property was donated to the SPCA in the mid 1960s. Led by the Countess of Kinnoull, they gave us an extraordinary home expecting it would enable us to meet future needs. Your steadfast support is making our expansive dreams a reality.

All SPCA programs and services will continue during construction, estimated at 13 months. Look for construction progress photos on our website and social media!



Scott Delucchi and Vice Chair,
Sherrie McCullough

Sincerely,

Scott Delucchi, President & CEO

— Did You Know? —

1,036

Callers received help with our Free Behavior Helpline last year. Thanks to your support, this free advice helps keep pets in their loving homes.





Thank You For Giving Animals Shelter From the Storm

Around midnight on Friday, March 10, as the tiny community of Pajaro was sleeping, the Pajaro River breached the levee. As the sun rose on Saturday, revealing muddy water as high as four feet, you were there to help — through your generous support of SPCA Monterey County.

Over the coming weeks, we sheltered 244 evacuated pets. Our disaster response team waded through water and sticky mud to rescue hundreds more and reunite them with their families.

Many residents evacuated with their pets. Others were unable to locate their outdoor cat or catch their chickens. Some thought the evacuation would last a day or two, and left food and water for their pets, expecting to return soon. As the days turned into weeks, they needed help.

"We were so desperate and we were losing hope. The SPCA gave us hope," said Isabel, whose elderly Aunt Linda lived alone with

her two pets, a 15-year-old blind dog and an older parrot. SPCA rescuers saved the two pets who were hungry but safe, and reunited them with Linda.

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Your donations provided the care animals and people needed. With the help of high-water rescue vehicles from the National Guard and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, the SPCA disaster response team helped all types of animals in need: we saved dogs, cats, chickens, pet birds, fish, a rabbit, an iguana and a chinchilla.

We are always here for our community, thanks to your support. **Learn how to give or prepare for a disaster at www.spcamc.org.** 🐾

You Gave a Neglected Dog the Love He Deserves

During the cold and drenching winter storms, Enoch was either abandoned or somehow broke free with a thick chain embedded deeply around his neck. A Good Samaritan found the emaciated gray pitbull and rushed him to the SPCA, where your support saved him from a lifetime of neglect.

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"The tight, heavy chain cut into his skin all the way around his neck over a centimeter deep, causing swelling and a serious infection," says Dr. Kate Riley, SPCA Veterinarian. "He was in significant pain and yet so loving and trusting. He just wanted to be with us."

SPCA veterinarians performed emergency surgery to clean, treat and suture gaping wounds ranging from 3 to 5 centimeters wide.

Enoch also has ears cropped almost all the way to his skull. He was emaciated, approximately 13-18 pounds underweight, and had pressure sores on his legs. He was very dirty and



We use your donations to help animals like Enoch, who needed emergency surgery and care.

covered in fleas. A soothing, warm bath removed fleas, caked-on mud, and feces.

"This poor dog was suffering, and had been in pain for quite some time," says Jacob Duarte, SPCA Humane Investigations Supervisor. "Thanks to our community's support, he is now safe and will never be hurt again."

Following emergency surgery, SPCA staff provided soft bedding, nutritious food and snuggles to help him heal. We also shared his story on social media, where adopters Harrison and Isela saw his photo and fell in love.

Last Chance to Enter Your Superstar Pet!

The 2024 Photo Contest of Superstar Pets deadline is quickly approaching! Submit your favorite landscape photo of your companion animal to spcamc.org/calendar by July 31. Feathered, furry and scaly friends are all welcome. Every photo entered will appear in the calendar. Photos with the most votes will win fabulous prizes!

Your \$25 entry fee does so much more than enter your pet into the photo contest – it helps homeless, abused and neglected animals in Monterey County. As a token of our appreciation, all entries will receive a free 2024 calendar.

Enter now at spcamc.org/calendar



"When the SPCA posted his picture, it hit me hard," says Harrison. "Knowing he went for days outside alone in the cold and rain with no way to rescue himself while we were warm in our beds. We saw his face and knew we wanted to give him love."

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When the couple visited the SPCA, Enoch ran to Isela and put his big head right in her lap.

"The minute we saw him, we were in heaven," says Isela. "He was perfect. We knew we could give him the life and the love he deserves."

Enoch now spends his days playing and snuggling with his new family. He is a little league mascot and loves being around children. Isela's daughter is autistic, and has blossomed with him in the house. When she is upset, Enoch puts his head on her lap to distract her and calm her down.

"The SPCA gives all animals a second chance," says Isela. "They also give people a second chance by giving us the opportunity to adopt. We can't imagine life without him now."

Thank you for making a difference! 🐾



You gave Enoch and his new family a priceless gift: unconditional love!



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Two Lives Saved, Because You Cared!

Gidget arrived at the SPCA emaciated and suffering. The young mare had significant muscle atrophy, multiple abrasions on her thin body, skin infections, and severely overgrown hooves. And although you couldn't tell from her skinny, ribby body, she was also pregnant.

Gidget improved with a healthy diet, proper veterinary care, and lots of love. And six months later, she delivered little Poppy in the middle of the night.

Gidget and Poppy are now thriving in the care of our dedicated Barn team, receiving all the support and training they need to be wonderful pet horses for a future adopter.

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



Thanks to you, Gidget's baby, Poppy, was born into a world of kindness and compassion.



A Bobcat in a Car?

The SPCA Wildlife Center received a surprising call one Wednesday during the evening commute.

A kindhearted citizen accidentally hit a bobcat with his car. He placed the unconscious bobcat in his vehicle to rush her to us but had to quickly pull over when the wild, and very angry bobcat woke up. Thankfully the driver was uninjured.

Our wildlife rescue team responded to the scene to capture the young bobcat and bring her to our hospital.

We provided supportive care overnight and ensured she could walk and run the next day. The healthy bobcat was likely stunned and suffering a concussion but sustained no permanent damage. We released her back into the wild near where she was found. 🐾

*Clearly, this bobcat — and the car's driver — needed help!
You helped us provide it!*

From the Streets to a Loving Home



Thanks for helping Captain Jack find his treasure: a loving home!

Captain Jack came to the SPCA suffering from a severe eye injury. The stray kitty had been alone for weeks but thanks to you, we were here for him.

Our skilled SPCA veterinary team performed surgery to remove his painful, untreatable eye and also neutered him to help prevent his wandering ways.

After 25 days of love and healing, Captain Jack was ready to find his new forever home. Despite posts on our social media pages and his charming, winking face, many adopters passed him by for other pets. But your support means we never put time limits on the adoptable animals in our care. On a chilly Sunday exactly one month later, Captain Jack's adopter, Angelynn, walked through our doors and fell in love.

Your support made this wonderful moment possible! 🐾

SPCA Benefit Shop Helps Animals

From designer clothing and handbags to coffee tables and unique jewelry, the SPCA Benefit Shop is a treasure trove of goods — all to help rescued pets.

"Customers tell me they find items here they can't find anywhere else," says Christy Jacoby, SPCA Benefit Shop Manager. "We have a unique inventory and bring new items out constantly. If you visit us two days in a row, the shop will look different each time."

The Benefit Shop's merchandise is donated by local residents, luxury hotels, boutique stores and estate sales. Jewelry, clothing and furniture generate the largest sales to help animals, and shoppers never know what they'll find around each corner.

The SPCA Benefit Shop is located at 26364 Carmel Rancho Lane near the Barnyard Shopping Village in Carmel. Open Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Sunday 12:00 pm-4:00 pm.

For more information, call (831) 624-4211.



GIVE THEM HOPE

Donate to help animals like Taylor get the lifesaving care they need.



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