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Because of You, We're Changing Lives

Last summer, I shared some exciting news with you about how we had broken ground on a major construction project that involved two new buildings and one remodeled building. Well, we finished in 13 months, just as planned! Our new buildings blend seamlessly with those added during our previous major project — and will help so many pets and people!

Over the past year, we've greatly enhanced our ability to help animals who need our specialists' devoted attention, added spaces for vital community resources, reimaged and modernized our Learning Center and created comfortable working spaces for our people, including those who, for years, had been "trailerized" as they say in the business. (They mean working in temporary trailer spaces!)

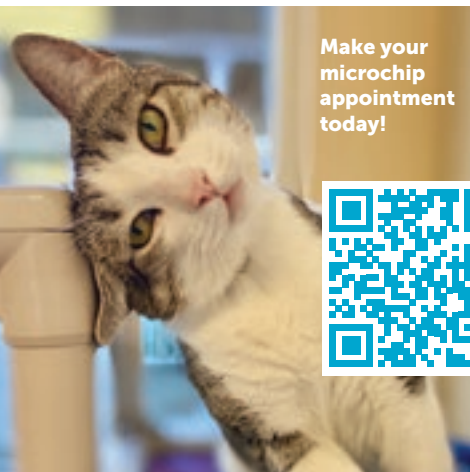
First and foremost, we want to thank YOU for your dedication and compassion. If not for your generosity, our vision to expand our mission and save even more animals would not have come to fruition. We also want to thank the philanthropic leaders and visionaries — including a few who are sadly no longer with us — for making this campus project a reality. We have shared a few photos of this life-changing project on the following pages.

But this doesn't mean we'll stand still. In the coming months, we'll be adding solar panels across our buildings to do what's right environmentally and make the best use of our friends' generous support by significantly reducing our energy costs.

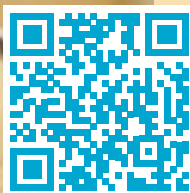


Then, we may take a short breath. But we're constantly thinking about what's next, how we can continue to change more animals' and peoples' lives and how to reach more folks in our county who need us through your generous support. We're so grateful to have a friend like you by our side!

Scott Delucchi, President & CEO



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— Did You Know? —

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That's the percentage of stray pets in our loving care who arrive without a form of ID — no collar, tag or microchip. Despite this challenge, we work hard to find their original families. We also offer affordable microchips and tags at our shelter. If your pet is not microchipped, please consider getting one today! Go to spcamc.org/chip or scan the QR code to the left to make an appointment.



And they called it puppy love ... we can tell you have a big heart for pets like Valentine!

How You Gave a Pup Named Valentine a Love to Call Her Own

Valentine was just a young puppy when she came to the SPCA with an untreated broken leg. Thanks to you and your support, we were there in her time of need.

Our SPCA veterinary team took radiographs, which showed a spiral fracture. We placed a splint on her leg and provided medication to make her comfortable for the long healing process. We knew this sweet, three-month-old pup would thrive in a foster home as she recovered — and volunteer Dawn and her family answered our call for help.

“The instant I picked her up I fell in love,” says Dawn, who began fostering with her children in 2018. “Our whole family loves animals. Taking care of others who need assistance was something I wanted to share with my children. We love watching everyone get better and grow into their personalities once they’re safe and loved.”

As soon as Valentine recovered, she joined their two “foster failure” cats and became a permanent part of the family.

Dawn encourages others to consider joining the SPCA foster team.

“The pets give back to you right away,” says Dawn. “It’s like they know you’re helping them. It can be a lot of work, but the SPCA is always so supportive and easy to reach. You’re never on your own.”

“Whenever our family and friends know we have a new arrival, everyone rushes to visit. It’s such great medicine to sit on the floor and play with puppies and kittens.”

Your generosity helped complete their family. Thank you for making Valentine’s journey possible! 🐾

You Shared Our Vision — And Made Dreams Come True!

On July 1, SPCA Monterey County opened more doors to change even more lives — all because of you!

Our new **Sally Lucas TLC Center** is the lifesaving heart of the SPCA. Our TLC Program, which stands for Treatment Learning and Compassion, mends broken bones and heals broken spirits, helping the animals most in need of our love and support.

Many dogs arrive fearful, undersocialized or showing signs of neglect or abuse. Others are anxious and overly stressed. These dogs and puppies need a quiet, safe and controlled environment to recover and to learn to trust people again. Our certified TLC staff and volunteers work one-on-one with the dogs, providing compassion, gentle care and specialized training to prepare them for life in new, loving homes.

Inspired by the success of our lifesaving program, the growing need to help more dogs and your incredible generosity, we created a new space where we train, socialize, build confidence and make life fun for the most vulnerable dogs in our care. With your support of TLC, we truly change lives!



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Our beautiful **Training Center** enables us to offer a full range of expanded dog training classes and private training sessions.

Our high-quality and affordable behavior training classes have helped thousands of pets and their families. With our previous small training room, we were challenged to meet our community's need for this vital service.

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School Is Back in Session, and So Are One-Day Animal Camps!

School bells are ringing, which means our action-packed, one-day SPCA camps are back. Children will learn about compassion and friendship while meeting the animals cared for by your SPCA!

Learn more and register: www.spcamc.org/camp



Thank you for helping our dream come to life. Without you, none of this lifesaving work would be possible!

Our classes benefit dogs of all ages, breeds and training levels, and our private training helps with separation anxiety, fearfulness, reactivity and more.

Our new Training Center will also serve as the home base for our Humane Investigations team, which responds to nearly 1,000 reports of cruelty and neglect every year.



Finally, our beautifully renovated **Claire Jacobson Learning Center** will continue to nurture, educate and inspire children for years to come. Our remodel of this building did so much more than breathe new life into

the longtime hub for kids' programs. We've completely transformed this campus jewel!

Remodeling and modernizing the Learning Center extended its useful life for decades, allowing us to enhance and expand our education programs for future generations.

Our Learning Center, expanded deck and courtyard — where student tour groups will gather — are all ADA compliant. We also installed special bird-safe glass in the large glass doors, ensuring wildlife safety while campers enjoy the breathtaking views of our campus and wildlife habitat.

We extend our sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation for the generous individuals — like you — who helped us realize this dream and make possible a wide range of lifesaving programs and services for the pets, people and wildlife who depend on us. 🐾

You Helped These Owlets Grow and Thrive!



Two little owlets were abandoned and critically ill. But you made sure they weren't alone as they recovered.

Earlier this year, two young Great Horned Owls fell from their nest. We attempted to reunite them with their wild parents, but the adult owls did not return. So, we brought them into our care.

The owlets were thin and suffering from parasites. That's when our skilled SPCA veterinary team stepped in, providing critical treatment and daily feedings, as well as a comforting stuffed owl plushie. Sitting near the stuffed owl helped remind them that they're owls and not baby humans!

After three weeks of specialized care, the nestlings began eating on their own. Soon, the owls moved to an outdoor aviary with two other young, rescued Great Horned Owls, where they could learn to fly, hunt and socialize. Once they're old enough, they will be released to fly and thrive in the wild. Thank you for helping these owlets recover! 🐾

Curie the Curious Kitten Found Love Twice!

Curie was just six weeks old when she was rescued from the streets and brought to the SPCA for a new chance at life in a loving home. SPCA foster volunteer Catherine opened her heart to care for Curie — short for Curious — until she was old enough for adoption.

"Caring for Curie was a blessing," says Catherine. "Within the first hour, she was sprawled out sleeping in my lap. She was a bright light in my life."

When Curie returned to the SPCA, it took less than two hours to find her forever home. Curie, now known as Lilith Curie, spends her days playing with her two feline big brothers, snuggling and hopping around like a bunny. She even enjoys going on car rides!

"Lilith Curie has brought so much joy," says her adopter, Christina. "Her foster did a really good job. I appreciate them so much!"

Your support of our foster program truly changes lives. Please consider joining our foster team to help pets just like Lilith Curie. 🐾



Our foster parents are heroes! They open their hearts and homes to animals like Curie who need a little extra help.

Special Delivery: A 100-Pound Bundle of Joy



Look at how cozy he is! Little Tito can rest comfortably knowing he has a friend like you who helps look after him.

When SPCA Humane Officers rescued a horse named Tilly, she was emaciated and had a five-month-old foal by her side. But we didn't know that the long-neglected mare was also pregnant.

After months of loving care to make her healthy and happy again, Tilly gave birth to a 100-pound bundle of joy, who we named Tito.

"Tito is a big, healthy baby," says Jamie Lima, SPCA Barn Manager. "He's very playful and full of energy. We are so thankful he was born with us and not into the life of neglect he would have suffered if we hadn't rescued Tilly. Your support truly changes lives!"

Your SPCA always has a wide variety of horses available for adoption, from weanlings with their whole lives ahead of them like Tito to senior horses looking for a quiet home to spend their golden years. Thank you for ensuring we can help all kinds of animals! 🐾

Private Training Helps Pets and Their People

SPCA Private Trainings are designed to help dogs who would benefit from one-on-one intervention. Our skilled, certified trainers are experts in behaviors like fear, anxiety, aggression, reactivity and similar conduct.

"SPCA Private Trainings changed my whole relationship with my dog," says Emma, who came for help with her dog, Wilfred, who was fearful after being attacked by a larger dog. "They gave me the tools to help Wilfred become more confident and return to his happy, carefree ways around strange dogs."

Our trainers and behavior consultants focus on positive-reinforcement training and hold numerous credentials including Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (CDBC), Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA), Certified Separation Anxiety Training (CSAT), Fear Free Certified Professional (FFCP), AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator and more.

If you or someone you know encounters behavioral issues with their dog, we are here to help. Your kindness powers vital programs like this one to help keep pets in loving homes through guidance, training and positivity. 🐾



Sign up for training today by scanning the QR code or go to www.spcamc.org/training.



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