

You Gave Raiden a Three-Legged Life of Love

Little Raiden was brought in to the SPCA, with a badly broken leg, after likely being hit by a car.

The striped cat was rushed into surgery after his radiographs showed multiple painful femoral fractures. There wasn't a moment to waste.

Due to the severity and location of his injuries, our expert veterinary team decided the most compassionate decision they could make was to amputate his injured leg.

"Raiden did great for his surgery," says Dr. Blair, SPCA Veterinarian. "Through all the pain, he remained very sweet and friendly."

When Raiden made a full recovery, he found a lifetime of love and happiness with his new, adoptive dad, all thanks to your support.

"Our donors make our lifesaving work possible."

"I really wanted a cat once I had my own place," says Raiden's adopter, Felipe. "I always had a soft spot for a three-legged dog or cat. And when I saw him, I said 'he's the one.'"

Raiden now spends his days playing with his new kitten sibling and snuggling on top of Felipe.

"It's so fulfilling to see a pet like Raiden go to a life where he's going to be loved and cared for," says



Thank you for being there for sweet Raiden (bottom) — every three-legged step of the way!

Dr. Blair. "Thanks to our donors, we never have to worry if we can afford to send out a test or perform X-rays on an animal in need. Our donors make our lifesaving work possible."

Thank you for ensuring we can always say "yes" to pets like Raiden who need us most. Because of you, Raiden found the happily-ever-after he deserved! 🐾

Ruby and Percy's Ruff Start Became Their New Beginning

Ruby and Percy were terrified. The two dogs were extremely unsocialized and, sadly, had never left their house before. Their overwhelmed owner eventually decided to surrender the bonded pair, along with 18 other dogs, into our care.

But because of you, we could take them in and give them the love and support they needed to flourish.

Ruby and Percy would tremble in the corner, too scared to look at us or take cheese from our compassionate, gentle hands. But we saw a hopeful future for them and took them to our Ruff Start Program, where they would each receive 24-hour love and guidance from trained inmates at Salinas Valley State Prison.

"Ruff Start is where we see the true power of second chances," says Jamie Doglione, SPCA Ruff Start Pet Behavior Specialist. "By pairing our most vulnerable shelter dogs with select inmates, we create a compassionate space for mutual healing."

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Trainer Corey was paired with Ruby, overseeing her socialization and gentle training, and noticed how bonded she was with Percy. As the dogs came out of their shells, Corey fell head-over-paws for the dynamic duo! After graduating from Ruff Start, Ruby and Percy were both adopted by Corey's mother, Jeannie.

"Ruby and Percy are both doing very well and fit so perfectly in our home," says Jeannie.



Ruby and Percy were afraid for so long. You changed their lives forever.

Ruby and Percy love going on car rides, especially to see Corey on visitation days. When they're home, you'll find them chasing each other around the house or snuggled up together in a cozy dog bed.

"I was excited when Corey joined Ruff Start because dogs are the best medicine for everything," adds Jeannie.

Thanks to your support of Ruff Start, dogs like Ruby and Percy get second chances, while inmates experience unconditional love and the opportunity to give back to the community, proving that even behind walls, lives can be transformed for the better. 🐾



Did You See This Viral Rescue Video on Social Media?

Watch as your donor support saves a trapped coyote's life! **Visit spcamc.org/coyote** or scan the QR code to check out this inspiring video.



Despite His Pain, You Gave Dutch the Strength to Trust

Dutch is a former racing Thoroughbred. At the height of his career, he was successful because of his speed, agility and stamina. He even won \$24,000 for his owners!

But when we met him, he was dangerously skinny and living inside a dilapidated greenhouse. He was also holding his rear leg in pain.

Somehow, he found the strength in his heart to trust us. Thanks to you, we were ready to help.

Dutch had a bracket and screw lodged deep inside his hoof. We rushed him to Steinbeck Peninsula Equine Clinic for immediate surgery. Thankfully, no major bodily systems were affected, but his recovery was complex. Because there was no food on the property where he was kept, he had resorted to eating foxtails. Our Barn Rescue team found hundreds of them lodged in his tongue and teeth, and thousands more were moving through his digestive system.

"Thanks to our donors, money was never a consideration for his MRIs, CT scans or surgeries," says Jamie Lima, SPCA Barn Manager. "We could focus entirely on helping him."

After 312 days of expert rehabilitation, hoof and dental care, vaccines and love at the SPCA, he was ready for a new chapter.

Helen, an adopter from Woodland, saw his photo shortly after we posted his story. After long



Dutch's owners no longer wanted him. Where would he have gone without you?

talks with our barn team and a three-hour drive to meet him, she knew he was the perfect fit.

Today, Dutch spends his days playing for hours and serving as a beautiful companion to Helen's other horse. "I was inspired by his story and the thorough care he received," Helen says. "At the SPCA, you know exactly what you're getting. It was an uplifting, positive experience."

Because of you, Dutch is home ... and loved. 🐾

Here's the Scoop!

A new tax perk is on the way, and it's worth barking about. Beginning with your 2026 return, you can claim a charitable deduction for your donations even when you take the standard (non-itemized) deduction.

- Single filers can deduct up to \$1,000 in gifts
- Married joint filers can deduct up to \$2,000

Your support changes lives. For details about your unique tax situation and what is allowable by law, please consult a tax professional. When tax season rolls around next year, you'll be glad you planned ahead.



Hope Takes Flight: You Helped This Bald Eagle Soar



This bald eagle was found in rough shape. You helped him fly again.

Late last year, a local citizen found a bald eagle in a field in Salinas, struggling and unable to fly. Thankfully, they knew where to turn for help.

When the bald eagle arrived at the SPCA Wildlife Rescue Center, his prognosis was uncertain. He suffered from a broken coracoid, a bone essential for flight, and showed signs of possible electrocution. Thanks to your support, our skilled wildlife rescue team got to work, gently mending this majestic bird. Through months of dedicated care, lifesaving medication and specialized physical therapy, he regained the strength and precision needed to survive in the wild.

As an independent nonprofit, we receive no tax funding; it is your compassion that makes these rescues possible. **Thank you for being the reason this national icon will soon soar over our golden hills once again.** 🐾

You Can Be a Champion for Our Smallest Rescues

Every year, SPCA Monterey County serves as a community safety net, rescuing thousands of fragile kittens and puppies who need urgent, lifesaving care.

Our Foster Friends program is at the heart of this critical work. Volunteers provide the bottle feedings, gentle nurturing and snuggles each baby needs to thrive until they're ready to enter a loving home.

We make it easy: the SPCA provides all the food, supplies, expert veterinary services and experienced guidance. You get the joy of kitten playtime and puppy kisses! Pretty sweet deal, right? And by opening your home, you directly support our mission to assure compassionate treatment for all animals.

We also have wonderful opportunities to spend time with adult cats and dogs through our Foster to Adopt and Doggy Day Out programs!

Please visit spcamc.org/volunteer to learn more or sign up as a volunteer today! 🐾



These babies need love and care. Make a difference for them today by becoming a volunteer!

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