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Our Vital Work Continues, Thanks to You

While you're reading this newsletter, animals are being rehabilitated, rescued, trained, socialized and loved at the SPCA. Even if you're reading at 2 a.m., hard work is happening — because our dedicated team of foster volunteers get up at all hours to bottle feed and care for our most vulnerable animals in their own homes.

While you're reading this newsletter, our boots are on the ground across our huge county educating kids, releasing rehabilitated wildlife, distributing free pet food and investigating calls about abused and mistreated animals.

While you're reading this newsletter, we're formulating a plan to support any and all animals who need us when unexpected disasters strike. As we've seen far too many times now, disasters can impact our community in a blink. Fire danger seems to be a constant. And when it rains, it pours, bringing threats of or actual flooding to our area. When you see us on the front lines after the fires or floods hit, please know we prepare year-round.

In the time it took you to read this newsletter, we could have completed a few surgeries! We're averaging 32 spay or neuter surgeries every weekday in our clinic. While that work is happening on site, we drive our mobile clinic into underserved areas, bringing this invaluable service to residents who want to do the right thing but can't get to our main shelter because of the distance, their work schedules or both. This year, we will fix more than 8,000 animals for another SPCA record.



All this work that happens daily (and around the clock!) is made possible only by your generosity. We couldn't do what we do without you, and we're so grateful to have your continued support!

Scott Delucchi, President & CEO



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Summer's Future Looks So Much Brighter. Thank You for Easing Her Pain!

All Summer wanted was to play like every puppy should. To run through the grass and chase her favorite toys. To finally feel relief in her leg ... and to be a beloved member of a family.

Sadly, she had a long road ahead of her until then. She was suffering from a fracture where her femur met her hip socket, a painful injury that left her struggling to move. But thanks to you, this lonely stray could receive the vital care she needed here at the SPCA.

Our compassionate veterinary team jumped into action for sweet Summer. We performed a complex surgery — called a femoral head and neck excision — on her left hip to create a new, false hip joint. The procedure eased the pain in her hip and gently encouraged her to get back on the move.

"Thanks to your support, our surgery made it possible for Summer to keep her leg, play and not be in pain anymore," says Dr. Edith Blair,



Before she came to the SPCA, Summer's future seemed uncertain. Then, you stepped in and changed her story!

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SPCA Veterinarian.

But her road to recovery had only just begun. After surgery, Summer began daily physical therapy with our dedicated staff. Through it all, Summer continued to be her happy-go-lucky self, showering us with kisses and beaming with joy.


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It took several long months of therapy, patience and yummy treats, but this sweet pup was finally back on her feet — and was soon adopted by a wonderful family!

"Summer is everything we could ask for: playful, fun-loving and an awesome addition," says her adopter, Adam.

Thousands of animals rely on our love every single year. But their care wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity of our supporters. With your donations, we're able to give pets like Summer the second chances they deserve. Your kindness and compassion make happy endings like Summer's a reality.

"From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being a part of Summer's journey and for helping animals in need," says Dr. Blair. "Together we are making a difference, one life at a time." 🐾



"Thank you for letting us always be here for horses when they need us most."

Thanks to you, your SPCA's doors are open to all animals in need — including horses and barn pets!

Your Support Changes Lives Like Tilly's and Tito's

SPCA Humane Officers rescued a neglected mare named Tilly, emaciated with a five-month-old foal by her side.

We didn't know at the time that she 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.

"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," says Jamie Lima, SPCA Barn Manager. "Your support truly changes lives!"

The most important part of Tito's care began before he was born, when we ensured his mother had lots of good nutrition so Tito could grow up big and strong. Once he was born, we provided all his vaccinations, gelded him, began proper hoof care and microchipped him. Our team also started halter training him, gave him lots of hands-on care to get him used to people and provided enrichment with toys.

"We all loved caring for Tito," says Jamie. "Thank you for letting us always be here for horses when they need us most."

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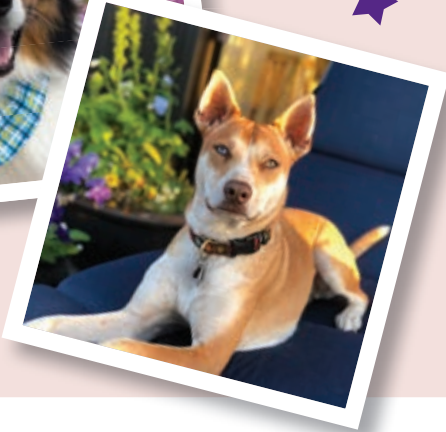
Tito, a rambunctious colt, is ready to take on the world. We taught him to be caught, haltered and led, and he'll be a great companion for an experienced owner. His favorite toy is a giant yoga ball. This silly boy loves to push it around the pen and will even pick it up and run around with it in his mouth!

Horses come to us for many different reasons. Most have owners who simply cannot provide the quality of care they need anymore. Others come to us as strays, likely abandoned by their owners. Some arrive just like Tilly did — rescued from neglect, abuse or abandonment.

But no matter how they arrive in our care, we are the only local shelter prepared to help them all because of your generosity.

Your SPCA always has a 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.

Without your kindness, where would horses like Tito and Tilly go? Thank you for making all our humane rescues possible! 🐾



Is Your Pet a Superstar?



Your cell phone is full of adorable photos of your beloved pets. So why not enter those photos into the 2026 Calendar of Superstar Pets Photo Contest? 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 2026 calendar.

Enter now at spcamc.org/calendar.

You Showed This XL Kitty Extra Love



There's nothing wrong with being extra fluffy. But when Falcor's health was at risk, you helped him trim down.

When we welcomed Falcor into our care from another shelter, we knew this sweet senior kitty would need a whole lot of love. At 27 pounds, Falcor was dangerously obese and needed an immediate weight loss plan to help him regain his health.

SPCA staff and volunteers inspired Falcor to get moving with gentle play and daily walks through the shelter. During his time with us, Falcor lost almost two pounds! It may not sound like a lot, but it was a great milestone in his long road to recovery and healthy living. That's when adopter Annika met him, and she renamed the big boy Whopper.

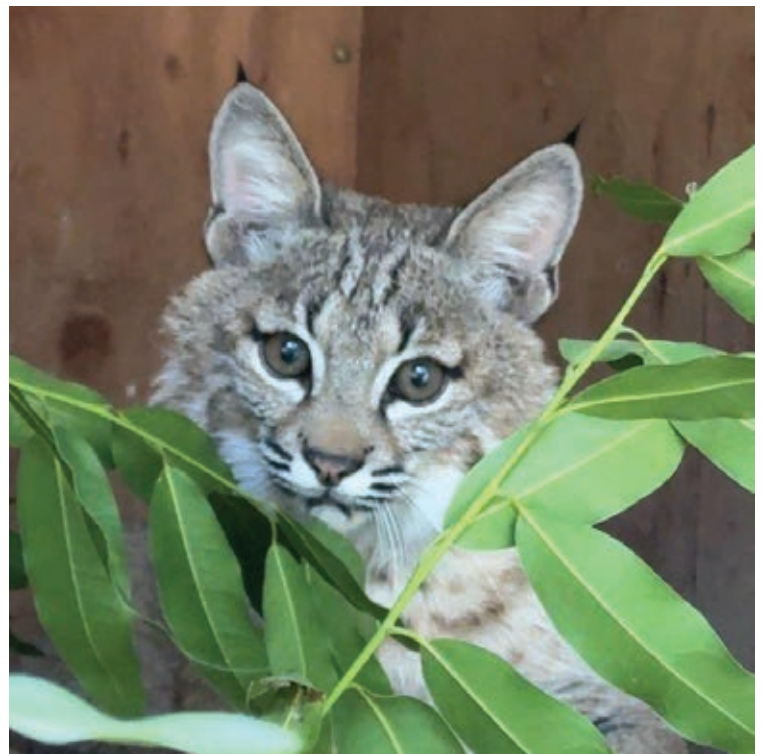
"Whopper is awesome," says Annika. "He's a great cat. You can really tell the SPCA cares about all their pets."

Thanks to you, Whopper is well on his way to health and happiness in his new home! 🐾

Your Support Kept This Orphaned Bobcat Safe

Your support helps ensure we can rescue thousands of wild animals every single year. Like this bobcat, who was just a small kitten when he was found alone in the middle of Elkhorn Road. A Good Samaritan quickly alerted our wildlife rescue team when they heard the poor, orphaned bobcat seemingly crying for help.

Our rescue crew ensured his good health and, once he was ready to be socialized, we transferred him to our friends at Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center in Morgan Hill. There, he was raised alongside other baby bobcats to learn how to hunt, pounce and fend for himself. Once he was old enough, he returned to the SPCA to be released, happy and free, back into Elkhorn Slough. Thank you for helping us provide the specialized care this baby bobcat needed! 🐾



This baby bobcat's cry broke our hearts. Thank you for giving him the second chance he deserved.



There are so many ways you can improve the mental and emotional well-being of shelter pets!

Play Your Part!

You Help Pets Thrive While They Wait for a Loving Home

Last year, thanks to your compassionate and unwavering support, we unveiled three new lifesaving programs: Doggy Day Out, Pawjama Parties and Foster to Adopt.

Doggy Day Out volunteers take shelter dogs on fun outings — to the beach, on the recreation trail, out to lunch or even just to relax and watch some TV at home. When you take a pet on Doggy Day Out, you'll help a longer-term resident enjoy a fun break from the shelter and maybe even find them a home. Who knows ... they just might capture your heart, too!

Pawjama Parties are similar but include overnights for shelter pets to snooze in a snuggly dog bed (or on your couch or bed, if you approve)! Then, they return to the shelter well-rested and refreshed for adoption.

Even the best shelter — like ours — can be a stressful place for a dog. A break, whether it's for a few hours or overnight, does wonders for a dog's well-being.

Foster to Adopt gives potential adopters the chance to see how a dog or cat may fit into their lifestyles at home — without the commitment of adoption first. So far, 87% of our

Foster to Adopt pets have stayed permanently with their fosters-turned-adopters.

Our first Foster to Adopt success came when Hillary and Elliott visited to adopt a second dog. They needed one who would be a friend to their resident dog and cat, as well as their 5-year-old son, in a busy household.

"We loved that we could take him home with no pressure and have time to make this permanent adoption decision."

"We really appreciated this new program the SPCA offered," says Hillary. "It gave us a chance to get to know Rocky in our home environment before adopting. We fell in love pretty quickly!"

"Rocky definitely found his forever home," adds Elliott. "We loved that we could take him home with no pressure and have time to make this permanent adoption decision."

Thank you for empowering us to develop new programs that change and save lives. With friends like you by our side, anything is possible! 🐾

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



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