

Scooby Dooby Doo, Where Are You?

*You Found Him
Beneath All the Knots
and Tangles*

It's impossible to know how long 5-year-old Scooby suffered before coming into our care.

But we do know he arrived in horrific condition.

His coat was severely matted, the tangled fur hardened into solid plates that made it impossible for our team to see his skin underneath. The heavy mats restricted his movement, and he couldn't walk without feeling his skin ache from discomfort.

The saddest part was how broken his spirit seemed. He was completely shut down from neglect. Poor Scooby was in so much pain.

Still, he looked up with timid, trusting eyes ... he seemed ready for his life to change. Because of you, we could open our arms — and our hearts — to give Scooby the second chance he deserved.

His matting was so extreme that we had to place him under anesthesia just to begin grooming. But what our medical team uncovered beneath his tangled fur shocked us all.



Just look at that smile! Scooby grins ear to ear because your generosity gave him a whole new leash on life.

"Scooby's coat was painfully matted — thick, tangled clumps of fur pulling tightly at his skin," says Dr. Wernsing, SPCA Veterinarian. "As we worked, we uncovered flea dirt, hundreds of foxtails, trapped feces and raw, inflamed skin. He must have been in constant pain."

But once he woke from anesthesia, Scooby was transformed.

"It was incredible," Dr. Wernsing says. "He started

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prancing around, like he was smiling. He had finally escaped the heavy shell he was trapped in. He could move freely, play and feel like himself again. We watched a new dog emerge."

Just a few days later, Scooby was adopted into a loving home where he'll be cherished for the rest of his life.

"Thank you for believing in us," says Dr. Wernsing. "Because of you, neglected pets like Scooby get the chance to heal, trust and love again. You make miracles possible."

Your love changes lives like Scooby's every day! Thank you for caring. 🐾

Libby Chose Kindness Over Fear, Because of You.

We wish we met Libby under better circumstances.

She came into our loving care after someone shot her in the leg, shattering her bone. X-rays revealed she still had a pellet embedded in her limb, too.

Libby's injuries were so severe that her bone couldn't be pieced back together. Our incredible veterinary team got to work for the poor girl, ultimately deciding that the most compassionate thing we could do was amputate her badly injured leg.



Your generous gifts help pets like Libby get the critical care they need — and connect them with the loving homes they deserve.

"Thanks to our donors, we are always here whenever anyone needs us."

Yet, despite the incredible pain she was in, she still found the strength to lean in for cuddles during her examinations. She clearly hadn't felt a comforting touch in a long time. All she wanted was to love and be loved. Her bravery and resilience melted our hearts.

"Libby is really special," says Dr. Wernsing, SPCA Veterinarian. "She was so appreciative of our help. She was up and standing the day after surgery, purring and ready to be loved."

SPCA Humane Officers are still investigating her case — even offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for hurting sweet Libby. But that didn't stop her from finding the love she deserves in her new home. She'll never endure such cruelty again.

Thanks to you, Libby's new family truly adopted a lifetime of love.

"That's what this is all about," adds Dr. Wernsing. "Thanks to our donors, we are always here whenever anyone needs us."

Your generosity knows no bounds! Thank you for helping pets like Libby find where she was always meant to be. 🐾



Marvin Needed Help: You Showed Him His Life Mattered.

What a difference you made for Marvin! Thank you for caring for all animals across Monterey County.



Marvin before

Last October, SPCA Humane Officers responded to a call about a skinny horse.
What we found broke our hearts ...

Marvin, an 18-year-old Andalusian stallion, was emaciated and suffering from overgrown hooves, a heart murmur and sharp teeth long overdue for dental work. He had no food and only murky green water to drink. This was no life for any animal to live.

Our specialized barn team took him into their compassionate program, where Marvin received a nourishing diet, gentle veterinary care and a whole lot of love. We also provided his vaccinations, intricate farrier care, dental work and, once he was healthy enough for surgery, we gelded him.

"Marvin was so underweight that it took a few months of careful feeding to get him healthy again," says Jamie Lima, SPCA Barn Manager.

"It warmed our hearts to see him transform from a gangly, skinny, uncomfortable horse to a big, regal, healthy horse."

Once he made a full recovery, sweet Marvin was adopted by an SPCA team member who helped with his life-changing care. We're thrilled to have Marvin still part of the SPCA family — and to see all the promise his future holds!

"Thank you to our donors for allowing us the time and resources to put into horses like Marvin," adds Jamie. "His recovery wasn't instant, and it took a lot of work and a lot of food, but it was well worth the wait. He is handsome and thriving, all thanks to your support."

Every step of Marvin's recovery was made possible through your generous support — from the specialized feed that slowly restored his weight to the expert veterinary care that helped him heal. 🐾

A Howl for Help: You Answered This Baby Coyote's Call



This baby coyote narrowly survived an animal attack. Your support helped him heal.

Thanks to your support, we're ready to help all kinds of animals in need — like this tiny coyote pup found injured and alone in San Ardo. He was likely attacked by another animal and, though he managed to escape with his life, his little body was covered in wounds, scrapes and painful punctures. Thankfully, a driver heard his cries for help and stopped to alert us. The Good Samaritan even stayed with the injured coyote until our rescuers arrived.

Now, this little guy is recovering at our SPCA Wildlife Center where he's receiving all the veterinary care and loving support he needs to grow and thrive. And when he's old enough, he'll be released back into the wild to roam as he pleases. Your generosity enables us to rescue over 2,500 injured or orphaned wild animals every year. We can't do this work without you! 🐾

You're Filling Bowls With Kibble and Hearts With Love

No pet owner should be forced to surrender their companion animal due to financial hardship. Sadly, some families find they have no choice.

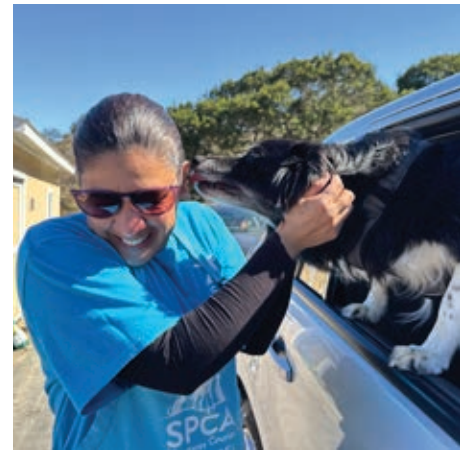
But thanks to your generosity, there's another option families can turn to: SPCA Monterey County's free Pet Food Bank!

Every week, the SPCA Pet Food Bank helps more than 800 pets receive the nourishment they need — easing the burden on families facing tough times. Last year alone, our Pet Food Bank provided over 150,000 pounds of food to families in need. Wow!

"I'm on Social Security disability and my dog is my helper. He monitors my blood sugar," says Shannon from Seaside. "If it wasn't for the Pet Food Bank, I wouldn't be able to give him the nutrition he needs to help me. I'm really grateful for the SPCA."

We also supply pet food to local food banks, community nonprofits and as disaster response.

Thank you for everything you do to help keep pets and their people together. Because of you, families don't have to say goodbye. 🐾



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