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Because of You, We're Changing Lives

You undoubtedly saw the news back in the early fall, and, understandably, wanted to forget the nightmare. A Prunedale man, with a cache of firearms, killed 81 animals over a three-hour rampage. It wasn't easy for me to talk about then, and it's no easier to write about now.

Shock, anger, sadness, confusion and fear. We've never seen anything like this in Monterey County. I worried about our staff who responded to the scene. I didn't fear for their physical safety, as the gunman was apprehended before they arrived on scene. I worried what this would do to their spirit.

We took the time to make sure they were okay. I'll say this: We have a resilient team (you can read about them on page 7). They knew their work would help the Monterey County Sheriff's Department successfully prosecute the person responsible, preventing this from happening again. A few days after this horrific incident, they executed a search warrant in another part of our county and removed animals from harm's way. It was a "win" for the animals on the heels of the other incident, where we could only help our District Attorney's Office put together the best case for prosecution.



The heartbreaking reality is, we need four full-time, trained humane investigators for the number of animal cruelty calls we receive, which is between 650–900 each year. But, we're beyond grateful that you, through your compassionate support, keep this team on the front lines. Our Humane Investigations unit doubles as our organization's first responders when local disasters like fires or floods displace local pet owners.

Their work, which gives hope and new homes to animals who only knew lives of neglect, disaster or worse, is funded entirely by your generosity. Thank you!


Scott Delucchi, President & CEO



— Did You Know? —

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This is how many days it takes to make rescued horses healthy and find them new homes. Your love means we never put time limits on adoptable pets in our care. Horses often need the most time due to their health when they arrive, the amount of veterinary care they need and the search for an adoptive home that understands their needs.



*"Thank you
for not giving
up on him."*

Lucky moves with such speed and so much joy, you almost can't even tell he's a three-legged dog!

It Wasn't Luck. It Was Your Generous Support. Thank you for saving Lucky!

Little Lucky was living all alone on the streets when he was hit by a car. Thankfully, a kind neighbor brought Lucky to the SPCA for care.

Sweet Lucky was suffering from a painful broken leg. Our team provided pain medication, set the fracture and placed Lucky's leg in a cast to start the healing process. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, the fractures couldn't heal properly. Lucky's skin became painfully irritated. We knew amputating the leg was the best option to get Lucky back on his feet and in a new home.

Lucky then spent time recovering in our Ruff Start Program at Salinas Valley State Prison. That's our special program in which skilled, compassionate inmates, under SPCA guidance, lovingly care for dogs who need special training or rehabilitation before adoption. This program has been a tremendous success for

so many animals, and Lucky was no exception.

"You couldn't tell he only had three legs by how happy he was and how fast he could run," says his trainer, Timothy. "He was so smart and so much fun to train!"

When Lucky returned to the SPCA for adoption, it only took five days for him to find his new, forever home.

"Lucky is doing great!" says his adopter, Patty. "He is happy and playful. Thank you for not giving up on him."

"Because of Ruff Start, we kept Lucky comfortable and socialized through all his treatment," says Dr. Gomez, SPCA Veterinarian. "We are so thankful for your support that let us help this sweet dog."

Your gifts change and save lives. Thank you. 🐾

You Showed Chippy the Way From Highway 1 to Home



"It was a really heartwarming reinforcement of the good in society."

You made Chippy's rescue, recovery and happy adoption possible!

A motorist was driving down Highway 1 in Monterey when they spotted a worrisome sight: a tiny, frightened kitten, helpless on the side of the highway. They called for help, and CHP Officer Ryan Moore reported to the scene.

Officer Moore set out to retrieve the kitten, but she bolted in terror — running across lanes of traffic.

"I immediately thought: Oh gosh, please don't get hit!" Office Moore says.

He didn't want to endanger the kitten or passing motorists, so Officer Moore stopped traffic on the busy highway to save her. He attempted to catch the kitten again, but she jumped into the wheel of a stopped Prius and crawled up to the fuel tank. With the scared kitten hidden out of sight and reach, Officer

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Visit spcamc.org/DayOfGiving today to sign up and start making a difference for animals in need!



Moore called SPCA Monterey County for help. Thanks to your support, our team was able to come to kitten's rescue.

SPCA Humane Investigations Supervisor Jacob Duarte arrived on scene. Jacob ensured she was unreachable but in a place where she would not get hurt with the engine on. For the safety of the kitten and highway drivers, the Prius driver slowly and carefully moved the vehicle to a nearby parking lot, with the CHP following him with emergency lights to keep everyone safe.

So many people stepped up to help Chippy — including YOU!

Jacob used a camera on a wire to locate the kitten, and after removing a few car parts, he brought her to love and safety. The rescue delay made Tom, the Prius driver, over two hours late for work, but saving the kitten was worth it all.

"At first I had a moment of 'why did this cat pick my car of all cars?'" says Tom. "But it was a really heartwarming reinforcement of the good in society. The CHP officer was so great, Jacob was amazing and, together, we made a difference and saved this little kitten."

Jacob and the kitten, who we named Chippy to honor the CHP officer who helped her, returned to the SPCA where Chippy had a drink of cool water, some healthy food and a thorough vet exam.

But the story doesn't end there.

We kept Officer Moore updated on Chippy's progress during her stay with us. He visited with her and posed for media photos, all the time falling more and more in love. Then, the day Chippy was ready for adoption, Officer Moore brought his family to meet her. The rest is history. Chippy found her family.

Sometimes it takes a village to save a tiny kitten. Through your donations, you are a vital part of our incredible village. Thank you for being part of Chippy's remarkable story! 🐾

Thank You for Picking Up the Pieces for Baby Barn Owls



Their home was crushed. You made sure their stories didn't end.

A large tree fell and crushed their nest. But four tiny barn owl babies still had hope. Thanks to you, they had the SPCA.

Our skilled wildlife rehabilitation technicians gave each nestling owl a full exam to ensure they were not injured from the traumatic fall. We provided fluids to hydrate them and started them on a specialized feeding schedule. Once they began eating on their own, they were moved to our outside raptor enclosure where they learned to fly and hunt.

When they were old enough to live on their own, we released them back into the wild near where they were found. Thank you for helping us save these beautiful owls. Your compassion saved their lives. 🐾

You Helped This Little Piggy All the Way Home

Parker the pig came to the SPCA after a local resident won a "teacup pig" in an auction. They thought a small pig like Parker would make a good apartment pet. While sweet as can be, Parker was too big and needed too much care for apartment life.

Thankfully, you gave her a safe place to go. We provided much-needed vaccinations, worming medication and care to this sweet little pig. Soon, she caught the eye of her new family.

"Parker is best friends with our other pig, Rowdy, and blends in seamlessly with our dogs and cat too," says her adopter, Maddy. "She's a total sweetheart and LOVES people, which is extra fun for our family. Thanks for helping connect her with us!"

Thank YOU for giving Parker her happily-ever-after! 🐾



A little pig still needs big love!

Every Donation Makes Monterey County More Humane



"Because of you, we can continue making a difference in so many animals' lives."

Your support lets us advocate, help and provide resources for animals in need.

Who helps when you see a dog chained in a backyard? When the horse next door looks skinny? When any animal is abused, neglected or hurt? Thanks to you, we do.

SPCA Monterey County humane officers respond to several hundred cruelty and neglect reports every year. We never know what each new day will bring, but we always know that each day we will change lives.

"Some days, I'm addressing unsanitary living conditions for animals," says Jacob Duarte, Humane Investigations Supervisor. "Other times we're rescuing a kitten from a storm drain, submitting a case for prosecution or evacuating animals during disasters — all of which are equally meaningful."

"Every day, we give a voice to those who do not have one," adds Emily Leon, SPCA Humane Investigations Officer.

Our bilingual SPCA humane officers are trained and sworn to exercise the powers of a peace officer, preventing acts of neglect and cruelty by enforcing State laws and local ordinances. We rescue animals, educate the public and save lives.

"I want to help provide animals with proper care, support and a second chance at life,"

says our newest officer, Jannely Loya, who volunteered with the SPCA in high school, which inspired her to pursue a career helping animals. "Thank you for your support that lets us continue to advocate, help and provide resources for animals in need."

Our work is only made possible by donations. Our officers receive no funding from tax dollars or other animal welfare agencies.

"We truly appreciate every contribution made," says Gio Rodriguez, SPCA Humane Investigations Officer. "Because of you, we can continue making a difference in so many animals' lives."

Thank you for all you've done, and continue to do, for the animals. 🐾



IMPACT REPORT

How your donations make a difference for pets, people, and wild animals in need

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

3,187

PETS ADOPTED

Cats, dogs, horses, rabbits, barn pets, exotic animals, and more adopted into new, loving homes



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TURNED AWAY

Thanks to you, we never turned away any pet due to breed, species, age, health, or behavior

2,482

WILDLIFE RESCUED

Your support enabled us to rescue injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals



671

CRUELTY CASES

Our officers worked to stop animal abuse and neglect in Monterey County

8,229

KIDS EDUCATED

Children educated about humane and compassionate treatment of animals and each other



812

PETS SAVED WITH TLC

We mended broken bones and healed broken spirits through our Treatment, Learning & Compassion Program

7,981

SPAY/NEUTERS

Low- and no-cost surgeries in our clinic, our mobile clinic, and by providing grants to local animal welfare groups



1,492

PETS TRAINED

Pets kept in homes thanks to our training classes for all abilities and 770 people helped with our free behavior helpline

120,787

POUNDS OF FREE PET FOOD

Your support kept families together with our free Pet Food Bank



1,181

PETS FOSTERED

Compassionate SPCA fosters raised underage puppies and kittens in loving homes

YOU MAKE THIS POSSIBLE

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