

Press Release



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Humane Society Silicon Valley Seeks Volunteers for Foster Care Program *Foster Homes for Kittens and Dogs are in Demand*



SANTA CLARA, Calif., -- June 9, 2008 – Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is actively recruiting volunteers to provide foster care for kittens and dogs. Kitten lovers who would like to help save kittens are in particular demand as the shelter is taking in dozens of kittens every day. Humane Society currently has 180 kittens in foster homes but there are many more in need of foster care during this busy kitten season.

Foster care provides quality care for animals that are too young, need time to recover from an injury or need extra socialization and TLC. Foster parents are trained to care for the animals in their homes, providing them with social and medical attention so that they can eventually be adopted into permanent, loving homes. Last year, foster parents cared for more than more than 800 animals in need.

Beth Ward, vice president of animal and customer care for HSSV, has fostered kittens and dogs. She says being a foster parent is fun and very rewarding. "You definitely get a feeling of satisfaction and achievement," Ward says. "There's no greater feeling that bringing your litter of kittens or foster dogs back to the shelter and watching them get adopted into loving homes."

Ward also points out that fostering is a great way for families who cannot afford to have a pet long term, experience the joys of caring for an animal in need. "The Humane Society provides food, fostering advice and veterinary care, so the only thing that a volunteer needs to provide is some love and attention," Ward explains.

Individuals interested in becoming a foster parent, can visit the Humane Society's website for more information at: http://www.hssv.org/adoption_foster.html or they can contact the Special Needs Department at 408.727.3383 ext. 834 for dogs, and ext. 819 for kittens. People who would like to help but cannot foster kittens or dogs can donate Royal Canin kitten Food, cat litter, towels, or make a monetary donation. It costs about \$25 a day to foster a mother cat and her five kittens.

About Humane Society Silicon Valley

Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is an independent, non-profit agency offering quality adoptions, medical care and education programs to enhance the human-animal bond. Established in 1929, HSSV has served Silicon Valley for 78 years and has adopted more than 500,000 animals into permanent, loving homes. HSSV is an "open door" shelter and accepts animals 24-hours a day, seven days a week. HSSV's medical center offers affordable spaying/neutering, vaccinations and microchips to the public. More information about HSSV can be found at www.hssv.org or call 408.727.3383.

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