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From the President

Thanks to you, homeless animals all over California are getting a second chance. Seven years ago, Humane Society Silicon Valley set out to paint a better future for the homeless animals in our community. We had several goals in mind:

- To save 100% of all healthy animals in our care
- To save 95% of ALL animals in our care, including those needing extensive medical and rehabilitative treatment
- And to inspire our partners in our community to do the same

We're happy to say that with the help of generous friends like you, we've met that goal. But the reality is that California has the second-highest euthanasia rate in the country.

So we're pushing ourselves to do more — to save animals from places further away where resources are scarce and animals are in need. Through our Regional Rescue program, we create partnerships with shelters from places like Sacramento and the Central Valley, and transfer vulnerable animals into our care.

We are so grateful for the ability to save and care for homeless animals, both within our county and beyond Silicon Valley. Thanks to your support, we've created a stable community in our backyard, and we're now able to broaden our impact and make a difference for animals all over California. Thank you for helping us paint a better future for every animal, everywhere.

Sincerely,



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Working Together to Improve Animal Lives

Helping Our Neighbors

Recently, we received a call from a shelter in the Central Valley. They were out of room and needed our help fast. Thanks to our Regional Rescue program, we agreed to transfer some of their dogs to our facility.

Our rescue team jumped in our transport van and made the drive over to the Central Valley shelter. Meanwhile, volunteers at our shelter arranged for some of our dogs to stay in foster homes to make room for the new dogs that would be coming in. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of both teams, we were able to take in enough dogs and give them the space they needed.

One of the dogs transferred to our facility was a border collie named Wendy. She was a new arrival at the Central Valley shelter, and she had scars covering her



head and foxtails embedded in her fur. Thanks to your support, our team gave her the care and attention she needed to feel better. Within a few days of her arrival, Wendy found a loving new family.

We're so grateful that we are able to jump in and provide assistance when our partners need us. But while our Regional Rescue program often centers on transferring in vulnerable animals from our partners, our goal is to do even more to save these animals' lives.

Offering Lifesaving Expertise

We noticed that many of the dogs we were bringing in from one of our other Regional Rescue transfer partners were coming in sick. The shelter told us they were seeing a high number of dogs with respiratory illnesses, and knowing our expertise in Shelter Medicine, they asked if we could take a look at their current protocols and make recommendations for improvements.

By working together with staff at the shelter, the teams were able to collaborate to make changes that would improve the health of the animals in THEIR shelter. While we'll continue to help them by transferring animals, we're confident that the changes they were able to make will improve the lives of all animals that come into their care and enable us to help more dogs more quickly.

With your support, we're making an even bigger impact in the lives of homeless animals all over the state.

You Saved Dori from a Life of Pain



Looking at Dori, you wouldn't know that this happy, cheerful dog had gone through so much trauma in her short life. The energetic, frolicking young dog had a small patch of fur on her leg that was slowly growing back, and sometimes had a tiny limp when she got the zoomies. Otherwise, Dori appeared to be a normal, healthy dog.

Earlier this year, Dori was brought to a shelter in the East Bay. She had a broken leg, and it was suspected that she had been hit by a car. Dori was going to need at least one surgery, so the staff at the shelter reached out to us. They knew we had been able to surgically repair fractures in the past and hoped we would be able to help Dori.

Thanks to donors like you, we were able to enthusiastically say "yes!" We transferred in Dori along with a few other animals as part of our Regional Rescue program. Dr. Andrea Moore, one of our vets, had spent the last couple years honing her surgical skills so that she would be able to better rehabilitate animals with broken bones. She was more than ready to put those skills to work on Dori and get her healthy.

Upon examination, Dr. Moore discovered that it wasn't just Dori's leg that was broken — she also had multiple fractures in her pelvis. She repaired the fracture by stabilizing Dori's leg with a pin and an external splint that would heal the fracture while keeping her leg stable.

Donors like you gave Dori a second chance at a happy, pain-free life.

Dori was sent to a foster home, where she would need two months to heal from the surgery.

Over time, Dori's leg did start to heal, but her pelvic fractures still needed to be cared for. Dr. Moore wanted to wait until her leg felt better before performing surgery on her pelvis. She was concerned that performing the surgeries too close together could compromise Dori's healing process. Finally, after more than two months of healing, Dori was ready for her second surgery.

Dr. Moore surgically removed the piece of bone in Dori's hip that was grinding against another bone. Without the surgery, the bones would have rubbed together, causing pain and eventually arthritis. But thanks to the expertise of Dr. Moore, the surgery was successful. In just days, Dori was putting weight on both rear legs, and it was only a matter of weeks before she was running like a normal dog.

Today, Dori is happy, healthy, and safe in her new home. Through the care of our dedicated staff and the generosity of people like you, she'll live a pain-free life.

We are so proud of our ability to save and care for animals like Dori. Friends like you helped make sure Dori is pain-free, healthy, and safe in her new home.



Together, with your continued support, we can make more stories have a happy ending like Dori's.

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Helping Kittens Find a Happier, Healthier Future

Jupitoes, a sweet, black and white kitten, wasn't eating. His upper respiratory infection made it difficult for him to breathe and made him uninterested in food. He was sniffing and had a runny nose. His eyes were nearly glued shut due to conjunctivitis, and he was covered in fleas. In short, he was miserable.

And he wasn't alone. He came to us with his siblings from a Santa Clara County shelter that was overflowing with kittens, many of whom had upper respiratory infections and other illnesses.

To make sure the currently housed healthy kittens stayed healthy and separate from the sick incoming kittens, the Santa Clara County shelter asked if we could help by taking in Jupitoes and the other sick kittens. We were happy to say "yes."

The day after he arrived at our shelter, we sent Jupitoes and his siblings to an experienced foster home to give them time to recover. With their foster family's careful



attention, the kittens started to eat, their runny noses began to clear up, and their eyes fully opened. That was when we discovered Jupitoes and one of his siblings each had a single eye impairment. It seemed to be the result of an infection he had when he was younger. Our medical team determined that it only impacted his vision slightly, and the eye was healed and wasn't causing him any pain. His foster family decided it was just one more thing that made this adorable kitten unique.

A little over a month after Jupitoes first came into our care, he was healthy and ready to find his own loving home. And it didn't take long — just days after he landed on our adoption floor, his new mom fell in love with his happy, playful personality and made him part of her family.

Thanks to your support, we're able to be a safety net for kittens with respiratory illnesses from other local shelters. In fact, we transferred more than 75 kittens with upper respiratory illness from just the one Santa Clara County shelter in a single month.

Our goal will always be to save the lives of animals in Silicon Valley first and foremost, and thanks to you, we will continue to care for our own community and our partner shelters through Regional Rescue.

Teamwork Saved Animals from Northern California Fires

When fires raged across Northern California this summer, the calls came pouring in from shelters in the area.

Petaluma Animal Services was the first to reach out to us for help. They were asked to help evacuate animals from shelters threatened by the fires, and they didn't have a way to transport these cats and dogs to safety. We didn't hesitate to send our staff up with one of our transport vans to enable Petaluma to help with the evacuations.

Later that same evening, Lake County Animal Care and Control asked for our assistance with their evacuation orders. Michelle Suarez, our Intake and Behavior Programs Manager, knew Lake County needed our help fast, so she put a plan together quickly.

Michelle recruited her brother, a firefighter, to drive up to the shelter with her at 3 a.m. to rescue as many dogs as possible. They arrived first thing in the morning, and when they left, the Lake County shelter was empty, and every single animal was safe.

In addition to all the animals we had already taken in from Lake County, 37 more were due to arrive at our shelter from a Regional Rescue partner in the Central Valley that same day. Having over 50 animals enter our shelter before noon on a single day was a massive undertaking, but thanks to our amazing staff, help from wonderful volunteers, the generosity of foster families who made space in their homes, and the support of friends like you, we were able to make sure every animal was safe and comfortable.



We are so grateful for the support that allows us to be there for neighbors in their time of need. Thanks to those who foster, volunteer, and donate, we're able to save the lives of animals who need us most.



Petey's Story

From the first few moments Stephanie saw Petey, she knew she had to do something to change the course of his future. It was only happenstance that Stephanie, our Chief of Philanthropy, ended up visiting the municipal shelter. She was there for a tour while on vacation and had no intention of bringing any animals back with her.

But Petey had been in the shelter for over four years. The staff loved him for his sweet demeanor, but he was consistently overlooked by adopters. After meeting him, Stephanie fell head over heels for him. He was missing all his teeth and Stephanie suspected there might be something wrong with his mouth, but the shelter didn't have the resources to run tests to determine what was going on. The staff asked if Stephanie could take Petey — he could get the medical care he needed with us, and would have a better chance of being adopted quickly.

She hadn't intended on leaving with an animal, no less a cat with medical issues. She decided to call our rescue team back home and explain the situation. Could we take him in?

Our team was resolute — we could absolutely take Petey in. The goal of our Regional Rescue program is to save vulnerable animals. And while Petey's life wasn't in imminent danger, he'd been in a shelter for far too long and needed more care than the shelter could provide. So Stephanie brought him back, and our medical team immediately got to work assessing him. It was clear his mouth was causing him pain, and there were still roots from his teeth stuck in his gums. He was sent to a board-certified dentist to have full X-rays and underwent surgery to have the remaining roots removed.



The dentist determined that Petey had stomatitis, a severe and painful inflammation of his mouth. But thanks to the surgery and tons of attention by our staff and volunteers, Petey didn't seem to feel the pain anymore. He was healing quickly, and it was time to start looking for a new home.

That's when Stephanie had an idea. She had just hired a new member on her team, a cat lover with a particular fondness for unique cats. And Petey was definitely unique. Stephanie introduced the two, and it was fate. Petey, now pain-free, had found his new home.

We are so proud that our Regional Rescue program is expanding, allowing us to save animals like Petey from further afield. Our ability to save lives is greater than ever, and we're grateful we're able to give second chances to animals everywhere.

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