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## Our Future Starts with You

Thanks to our amazing supporters, Humane Society Silicon Valley has been home to incredible change in recent years. We are now able to save more animals than ever before. And it's not just our ability to save more animals that we're proud of — it's our ability to save challenging animals. It's all with your help!

Several years ago, we asked ourselves how we could be better, and how we could do more for animals and the people who love them. By leveraging our resources and learning to use them more wisely, we have made incredible strides in expanding our footprint and making a bigger difference in the lives of both animals and people locally and in our regional community.

We can save and care for animals with extensive medical and behavioral issues, all while giving each one the individual, specialized care they need. We can also be there for pet owners in new ways, ensuring that our community is able to care for their pets, keeping them with their families and out of shelters.

Thank you for partnering with us to make bigger impacts, both regionally and locally. Your support and commitment to the animals who need us is truly inspiring and allows us to reach the animals that need us most.



With gratitude,

Carol Novello  
President



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# Colt's Transformation

Colt, a 3-year-old Border Collie mix, was transferred to us from a shelter in need in the Central Valley. He was thin, and his fur was matted and covered in foxtails. He was also sneezing and coughing so hard that it was difficult for him to sleep.

In addition to his medical needs, Colt was also very shy. He probably hadn't been exposed to a lot of new people and situations before and would often become nervous. It was clear that Colt would need a lot of medical care, time and love to overcome everything he had been through. And luckily, people like you helped him receive just that.

**Supporters like you helped make sure Colt received the care he needed.**

We put Colt into a foster home with KC Ansel, a staff member who was experienced with shy dogs. KC focused on getting Colt healthy by giving him



Colt before

medication and monitoring his weight gain. Once he started to recover, she introduced Colt to more confident dogs, both in her home and at the shelter. He grew more relaxed around other dogs and started to learn to trust people with the help of these dogs.

After a month in our care, Colt was healthy enough to begin the search for his forever home. He quickly caught the eye of Juli, who had three dogs, but was very excited to add a fourth to her home. Juli brought her dogs to meet Colt, and it was clear that he was going to be the perfect addition to her family.

**Colt has quickly adapted to his new life. He loves his canine siblings, and greets Juli and her husband every morning with kisses. The formerly shy, skinny, sickly dog has completely transformed. Thanks to you, Colt will live out the rest of his life loved, happy and healthy.**



Colt after



# Coming Together as a Community

In late November, our rescue team arrived in Oroville just after the Camp Fire started in Butte County. They were there to take animals from the shelter in Oroville to make room for the many lost and injured animals being displaced by the disaster.

We loaded up the van with the animals we planned to take. But a litter of three tiny kittens caught the eye of our Medical Technician Supervisor, Candice Smith. The shelter worker explained that the kittens were sick, and she wasn't sure they would make it. We didn't have room back home for a litter of sick kittens, but Candice knew she wasn't



**We feel so lucky that we are able to help our fellow shelters in times of disaster. Thanks to our community, we can be there to provide support and care for animals in need.**



going to leave without them. Candice decided we would take them and she would foster them back to health herself.

At six weeks, the kittens were barely half a pound each, making them about a pound underweight for their age. They were dirty, covered in fleas and had severe intestinal issues. Candice got them started on fluids to help their dehydration, gave them baths to kill and remove the fleas and put them on our special diet protocol for kittens with gastrointestinal problems. Most importantly, she gave them lots and lots of love.

## A Magical New Beginning

After a few weeks, Harry, Ron and Hermione looked like completely different kittens. They were chunky, healthy and full of personality. Candice spent a lot of time treating them and getting them healthy, so they learned to love being around people. The kittens even spent some time with her dog, which she knew would help expand the pool of potential families looking to adopt them.



Ron



Hermione

Finally, after more than a month in Candice's care, the kittens were ready to find their new homes. They were brought to one of our Neighborhood Adoption Centers, where they were each adopted by new, loving families.

We feel so lucky that we were able to help the shelter animals in Oroville, the shelter workers who desperately needed the space for fire-affected animals, and the three tiny kittens who likely wouldn't have made it without intervention and intensive care.

**But we couldn't do it without our supporters. When we stepped up to help these animals in the fire-affected area, our community stepped up with us — from volunteers, to donors, to foster parents — to ensure we had what we needed. We are so grateful for our ability to help in disasters.**

## Help Wanted!

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### BENEFITS

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Helping pet owners keep their pets is a core part of our mission.

Charles and Beautiful



## Helping the People and Pets Who Need It Most

When Charles was looking for help for his beloved dog Beautiful, he wasn't sure where to turn. Then he heard of Vets for Healthy Pets, a free wellness clinic created to help people just like him — pet owners who are experiencing homelessness and in need of preventative veterinary care for their pets.

The first day Charles arrived at the Vets for Healthy Pets at the San Jose Animal Care Center was the first day for us, as well. Humane Society Silicon Valley had just signed on to take part in the clinic by offering free spay/neuter services to pets of those experiencing homelessness, as well as bringing volunteers and staff who could help check people in, provide donations of leashes and food, and assist with exams and other services.

Charles was thrilled to have found a resource to help him care for Beautiful. He was especially happy that with our involvement, spay/neuter services were offered. Beautiful needed to be spayed. We performed the surgery that very day for Beautiful — but that wasn't the end of our journey with Charles. He continued to come back to the monthly clinics to

pick up flea treatment, have Beautiful's nails trimmed and show us how well she (and he!) is doing.

We're so grateful that we're able to help provide these critical services to the most underserved members of our community. Helping pet owners keep their pets is a core part of our mission, and one we're always trying to expand. By providing services and care to the pet owners who need it, we're keeping families like Charles and Beautiful together, and ensuring the pets in our community stay healthy and happy.





# Saving Eight

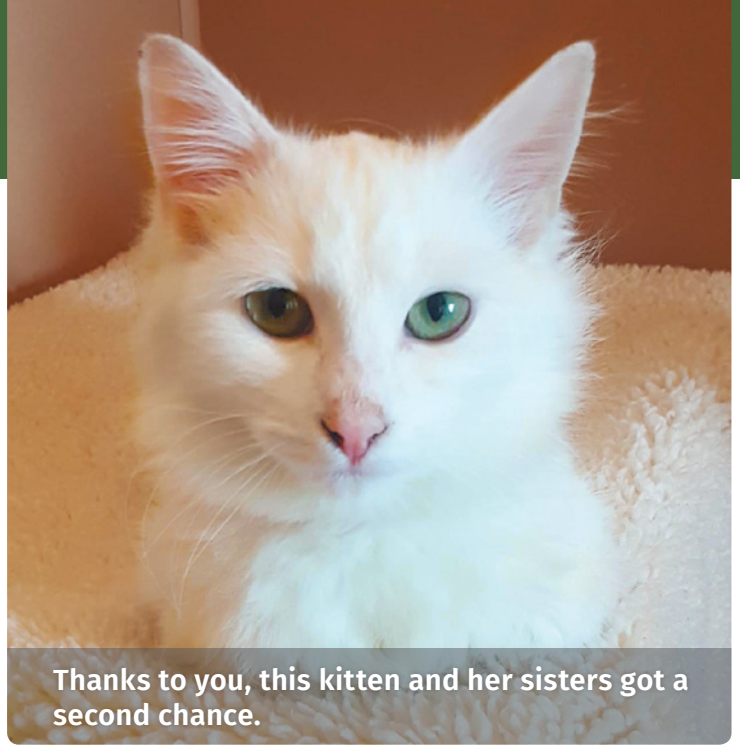
In July, eight small kittens arrived at the San Jose shelter covered in ringworm, a fungus that affects the skin and causes hair loss and lesions. The shelter reached out to us to see if we could take them in and care for them.

Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to say "yes!" We planned to keep the kittens in one of our holding areas in the quarantined part of our shelter we have nicknamed "Ringworm Land." That section of our shelter is run by special volunteers who are trained to treat kittens with this difficult fungus.



## A Meaningful Way to Honor a Life

Joy and Joseph Neely were Humane Society Silicon Valley adopters and longtime donors in years past. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree, and their children, Janice, Joe and Sue, grew up to be passionate animal-lovers as well. Recently, siblings Janice Purcell and Joe Neely gave a combined gift of \$50,000, creating The Susan Jean Neely Memorial Fund, **HSSV's first named endowment**, in memory of their sister, Sue, who passed away 28 years ago. In doing so, they have the satisfaction of knowing Sue will provide comfort and care to our animals each year for decades to come, simply from the annual interest drawn from this lifesaving gift . . . and the peace of mind that Sue's deep love of animals will live on in perpetuity. **If you would like to learn about endowment options, please contact Stephanie Ladeira at (408) 942-3005.**



Thanks to you, this kitten and her sisters got a second chance.

Once the kittens arrived, we discovered that, in addition to ringworm, they were also sick with upper respiratory illness (URI). We couldn't keep them in Ringworm Land and risk getting other kittens sick. Luckily, one of our most dedicated fosters agreed to take all eight kittens into her home to treat the ringworm and URI there.

The kittens spent four long months in their foster home. Their foster mom spent that time giving the kittens twice weekly sulfur baths to treat the persistent fungus. She also focused on improving their health and helping them gain weight. Finally, at the end of November, all eight kittens were healthy and fungus-free.

We put them up for adoption, where one by one, each kitten stole the hearts of our volunteers and staff with their happy, adorable personalities, before finally capturing the hearts of their new families. We are so grateful to everyone who allowed us to care for these eight kittens — from their amazing foster parent to our medical team who provided expert care and advice.

**Most importantly, we're grateful for friends like you who ensure we have the resources to say "yes!" to taking in sick animals like these kittens. Thank you for making their story possible.**

# In the Nick of Thyme

Our rescue bus arrived from the Central Valley with more than a dozen dogs we had brought back to HSSV through our Regional Rescue program. We were especially anxious to meet one particular dog from the group. A dog we knew would have significant medical needs.

Thyme, as she would be named, was a petite Belgian Malinois mix. She was just under a year old. We knew she was injured and immediately ran scans to see the extent of those injuries. Our medical staff learned that she had a hip fracture, as well as trauma to her ankle that was so extensive the bone was partly visible.

We got to work treating her injuries and put Thyme on pain medication to make her more comfortable. After a few days, her ankle wound had started to heal, and we scheduled a surgery for her hip fracture.

One of our surgeons performed her hip surgery a few weeks after her arrival, and it was successful! Thyme even started to stand and walk a little on her own by the very next day. So we had to put her on strict bedrest for a few weeks, gradually increasing



the time she was able to partake in physical therapy as she continued to heal.

Nearly two months after arriving, Thyme had recovered from her injuries better than we could have expected. The bright, friendly girl will likely always have a small limp as a result of her injuries, but she'll live a full, happy life.

**We made Thyme available for adoption, where she caught the eye of her new family right away. She was saved because our supporters give us the ability to treat traumatic injuries like hers. Thanks to you, we could be there for Thyme and will continue to help animals just like her.**

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