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Passion and Dedication

This year, much like the year prior, has been everchanging and uncertain in many ways. But thanks to the passion and dedication of supporters like you, our volunteers, and our team, we were able to overcome so many challenges. While there is no shortage of hardships as we all work to recover from the pandemic, we strongly believe that caring for people and pets can make everything look just a little brighter.

I am so proud of our community's willingness to give time, donations, and love to the pets and people that needed help the most. Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) worked with our rescue partners to take in animals they didn't have the resources to help, including an extraordinary number of animals with severe medical issues. We expanded our community programs to assist more pet owners in need of services and supplies. And at the same time, your generosity helped us keep doing what we do best—finding animals the perfect match and a forever home.

As the world shifts to new normals, we continue to utilize the innovations we created to meet the needs of our community during difficult times. Thank you for being there with us every step of the way to help make this work possible. **We truly could not do it without you.**

Gratefully,



Kurt Krukenberg
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Protecting a Special Bond

Pets have the ability to make even the most difficult of circumstances more bearable. They uplift us, give us reasons to smile, and take our minds off of hard times. Many of us were reminded of the amazing power of pets during the pandemic, that pets can change—and sometimes save—our lives.

In February, our Medical team partnered with Abode Services, the first permanent supportive housing program in Santa Clara County. Most of the residents at Abode are people who experience chronic homelessness, and since Abode is pet-friendly, many live there with their pets. Our team partnered with Abode to bring a mobile medical clinic onsite to provide residents' pets with basic medical care and vaccinations, which can be very difficult for the residents to obtain.

Helping Mr. Speckles and Cecilia get off the streets

Cecilia, a resident of Abode, attended the clinic with her dog Mr. Speckles, who needed minor medical care. Cecilia had been experiencing homelessness for over five years before moving into Abode. Mr. Speckles was with her the whole time—bringing her light during dark times. She explained that he was

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there for her even when she found it difficult to keep going and felt like giving up. He would look right at her and remind her that she had a reason to live and keep trying.

Now, Cecilia and Mr. Speckles' situation has changed completely. Thanks to Abode, she is no longer living on the streets and is getting her life on track. The incredible support of people like Cindy Enright, a monthly donor who restricts her donations to basic pet care for those who cannot afford it, allows Humane Society Silicon Valley to give these animals the medical care they need. Cindy is inspired by this program because to her “the most important thing is to keep families together—two- and four-legged.”

We're so grateful of all the people who came together so Mr. Speckles can continue to stay by Cecilia's side, helping her through the worst times and enjoying brighter days ahead. **Thank you for supporting pets and the people who love and need them.**



Mr. Speckles and Cecilia.



Mobile medical clinic check-in.

Dolce's Journey from Tragedy to Joy



Dolce was in so much pain. Her eyes were dull and the open wounds around her shoulder and chest were obvious, large, and deep. Our Rescue team picked her up from a shelter in the Central Valley, and we were told she had been shot. Fragments of the bullet remained embedded in her chest. She was lucky to be alive, and luckier still that she had landed in the perfect place. Dolce didn't know it yet, but her life was about to change.

Despite what she had been through, Dolce still loved people.



Soon after Dolce arrived, our Medical team began assessing her injuries. Her leg and elbow were fractured beyond repair and would need to be amputated. She had severe and traumatic wounds across her chest, and the bullet fragments were embedded in her chest wall. Despite what she had been through, Dolce still loved people. She was incredibly sweet with our Medical team and even rolled over for belly pets. We cleaned up her wounds, started her on antibiotics to prevent infection, and gave her medication to manage the pain. Thanks to support like yours, we scheduled her amputation as soon as possible so that she wouldn't have to suffer any longer.

During the surgery, our veterinarian Dr. Shearer removed the leg and remaining bullet then cleaned the wounds so that they could heal. Her recovery after surgery was slow—she was very tired and refused to eat initially. What brought Dolce comfort was the staff and volunteers that spent time with her. Once we started hand-feeding her, she finally began to eat, and seemed contented when she could lay her head on someone's lap.

Dolce would need more medical treatment in the coming weeks, but our Medical team decided the best place for her to rest and recuperate would be in a home. She was sent to recover with our foster volunteer Adeline, who was very experienced caring for dogs healing from surgery. Dolce was understandably stressed and anxious during her first night. She was unsure about Adeline's resident dogs and spent most of the night snuggled up with Adeline.

You helped make Dolce's recovery and new life possible!

After a few days, Dolce started to settle in. She took her first post-surgery walk and did great on three legs. Dolce also started to slowly warm up to Adeline's dogs. She even took an interest in playing fetch after watching them.

After about a week in her foster home, it was time for the second part of Dolce's medical treatment. She came



back to HSSV to have her staples removed, get spayed, and receive dental surgery for her worn and fractured teeth. She was welcomed back to Adeline's home to finish her recovery.

Dolce continued to show progress with Adeline's dogs. It was slow going, and she was very sensitive when they got near her amputation site. As she felt better, Dolce eventually started to play gently with them. After a month, Dolce was allowing Adeline's dogs to cuddle her and would even share her toys with them. It was huge progress. She started showing her sassy and mischievous personality, learned to break out of her crate, and counter surf for forgotten food in the kitchen. Dolce no longer looked like the sad, confused dog she had been when she first arrived. It was a transformation.

After weeks of recovering both in body and spirit, Dolce was ready to find her home. She was adopted quickly by a kind man who had heard about everything she had gone through and fell in love with her. Dolce is now thriving, three legs and all!

Humane Society Silicon Valley is a safety net for many animals with serious medical needs, just like Dolce. Her journey to a happy ending is a testament to the incredible support we receive from friends like you. **Thanks to your generosity, her story changed from one of tragedy and pain to one of healing, happiness, and home!**

Giving Pets—and Their Owners—Peace of Mind



At Humane Society Silicon Valley, our mission is to be a safety net for pets in our community and be there for the people who love them. Our Pet Guardianship Program provides reassurance to pet owners by providing a safe place for their pets should they become incapacitated or pass away. In return, they commit to HSSV by naming us as a beneficiary in their will or trust. This unique partnership gives members the opportunity to instill a lasting impact on our organization and peace of mind that their pets will be cared for even if they are no longer able to.

Sasha, a senior cat, was enrolled in our Pet Guardianship Program by her owner years ago. When her owner suffered a stroke and was unable to provide the care that 9-year-old Sasha needed, we were there for the both of them. We took Sasha in and assured her owner that she would be given the medical care, enrichment, and companionship she needed while we found her a new, loving home.

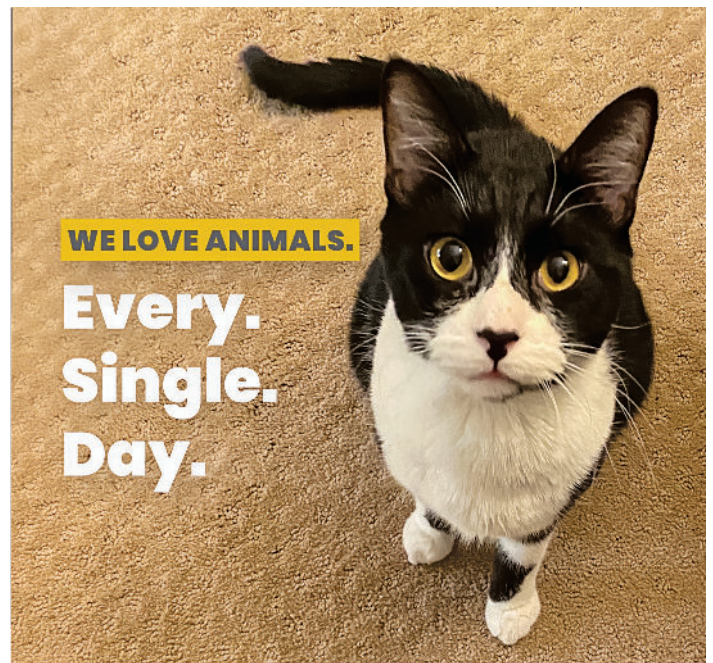
Generous support ensures we can meet every need for animals in our care

Sasha was blind, so once she was ready to go up for adoption, our Behavior staff and volunteers took great care and time to ensure she was comfortable. We know that transitions into a shelter can be difficult for cats, especially blind cats, so we established a solid routine for Sasha. Her room setup stayed the same so she could navigate easily and always find her food, water, and litterbox. After just a few days, it was clear the routine

and consistent setup of her room was enabling her to thrive. She settled in quickly, started recognizing the voices of people she saw often, and was soon showing her friendly, sweet personality.

Thanks to generous support, we had everything we needed to create the perfect environment for Sasha—which kept her comfortable to show off her best side to potential adopters. We were thrilled when just a few weeks after being made available for adoption, Sasha caught the eye of her new family and was taken home. We are so grateful we were able to provide the care Sasha needed while she was here and could also help her former owner, who was going through an immensely difficult time and needed us the most. **Thank you for allowing us to fulfill our mission of saving and enhancing lives—both two-legged and four-legged.**

If you're interested in learning more about our Pet Guardianship Program, visit hssv.org/guardianship.



Faithful Friends are at the heart of what we do at Humane Society Silicon Valley. By setting up a recurring monthly donation, you ensure there are resources to care for every homeless animal who comes through our doors.

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This Bandit Stole Her Heart

Sometimes, people and their adopted pets are just meant to be together. It took Susan and Bandit a while to find each other, but once they did, it was clear it was fate.

At ten years old, Bandit was considered a senior, and he was experiencing some of the issues that come along with aging. He had severe dental disease and badly needed care. He was also a little slow getting up, especially when he'd been laying down for a while, leading our Medical team to discover he had arthritis in his spine.

Thanks to you, Bandit was given a full dental surgery to remove the teeth that were too far gone. His remaining teeth were cleaned and polished to prevent future issues. Our Foster team got to work looking for a foster family that could take our senior boy as he recovered.

You help senior dogs like Bandit have the love and care they deserve

JZ—as one of our Foster team members is affectionately called—thought of Susan immediately. Susan is an amazing volunteer and foster mom and, coincidentally, she has hair JZ thought looked identical to some of Bandit's fur. When JZ asked, Susan immediately agreed to take Bandit home. She also found the hair comparison between her and Bandit amusing.

After just a few days with Bandit, Susan was impressed. "Bandit is a dream," she said. He was super smart, knew tons of commands, and kept her on her toes with his herding dog antics. She spent the next few weeks helping



Bandit and taking him to all his follow-up appointments to make sure he was recovering well. Susan and Bandit clicked immediately. She's always had senior dogs in the past; she loves that it helps her focus on making each day the best day possible. When it came time to place Bandit up for adoption, she knew he had already found his forever home. Susan and Bandit are now living out their retired lives right where they were always meant to be—together. **Thank you for making their connection possible!**

For information on how to become a foster parent, please visit hssv.org/foster.

Recognizing Members of Humane Society Silicon Valley's **VISIONARIES' CIRCLE**

We thank our Visionaries' Circle members for their transformational support by bringing them even closer to our mission, enabling them to see their impact firsthand. Opportunities have included spending a morning in our Medical Center watching lives being saved; or treating colleagues to a "Kitten Cube" where they could be immersed in soft purrs; or triaging animals just rescued from another shelter, providing them with immediate comfort and security. Imagine seeing lives changed, right before your eyes, by joining our Visionaries' Circle.

To learn more, please visit
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Andre's Route to Recovery

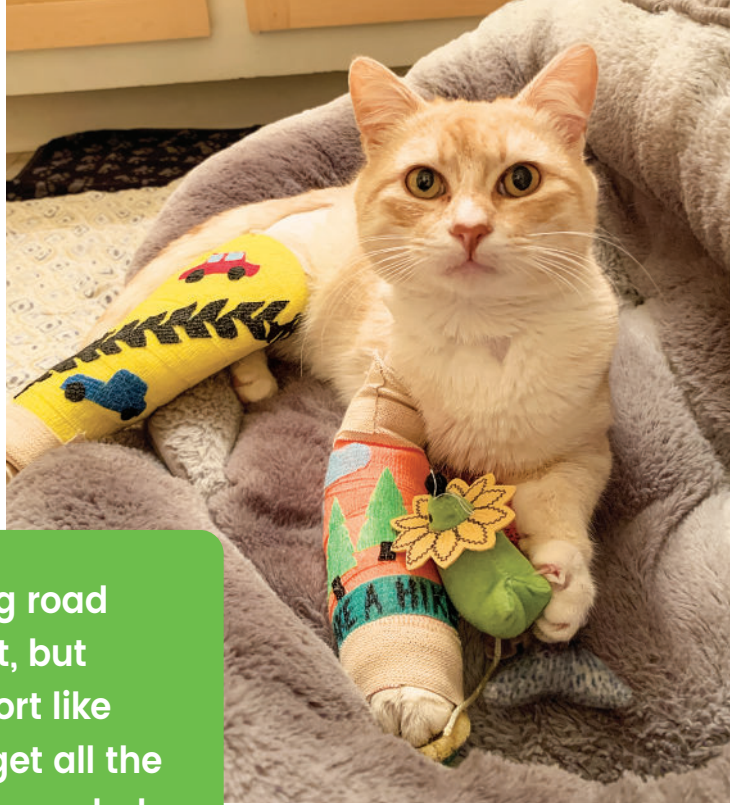
Late on a Sunday afternoon, we received an urgent request from a shelter partner. Andre, a sweet kitten, had come to their shelter earlier in the week with two fractured legs. Their veterinary partners were backed up, meaning they were unable to help him anytime soon. Thanks to you, we called the shelter back and let them know that we could take him in and provide all the care he would need.

Andre came in soon after. He was super sweet despite the pain he must have been feeling. His front and back right legs both had fractures, but they had happened long enough ago that they had started to heal—that meant surgery was no longer an option. Our team decided to splint his legs to keep them in place while he healed, then put him on exercise restriction to give his body a chance to recover without further injury. It would be a long road for this young cat, but because of you, he would get all the time and care he needed.

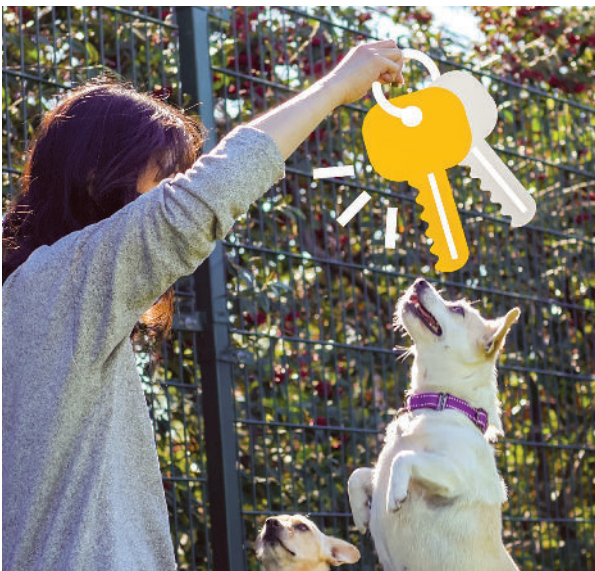
Your support helps animals find forever families

To help with his recovery, Andre was sent to an experienced foster home with one of our Development staff members, Taylor. Taylor brought him into the office on the days she came in. Andre got tons of attention from our staff, who would visit, gently play, and love on him.

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Over the next few weeks, Andre healed beautifully. He was soon willing to stand and walk on all four legs—eventually he had his splints removed for good. After more than a month of constant splint changes, medications, and check-ups, Andre was free and ready to find his forever home. Only three hours after being available, Andre lucked out. The sweet, overly friendly cat caught the eye of his new dad and he is now living happy, loved, and pain-free. We are so grateful to you for helping Humane Society Silicon Valley take in Andre when he was in need and making it possible to provide him with the care he deserved.



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