



# All Things Pawsible

WINTER  
2024



## Welcome to Ringwormland!

What do sick human babies and ringworm kittens have in common? More than you would think, according to Diane Foxen, a neonatal ICU nurse and HSSV foster volunteer extraordinaire. “A lot of my human nursing skills transfer over to these guys,” she says. Diane has fostered almost 300 animals with HSSV since 2014, but ringworm kittens are her specialty.

Diane remodeled her home to create five isolation spaces so she could foster multiple sets of ringworm kittens at once. Twice a week, the kittens get a bath in a

lime sulfur solution. “It smells like rotten eggs,” Diane laughs. The baths, along with a medication regimen, work as a cure.

HSSV’s Ringwormland program treats around 30 kittens at a time at our Peter Detkin and Michelle Oates Detkin Animal Community Center, and foster volunteers — like Diane and her sister, Bambi Hill — typically house an additional 20-30 kittens. And those numbers go up during the height of kitten season!

“Treating ringworm is one of the most

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rewarding things we do here at HSSV,” Dr. Jen Dalmasso, HSSV’s Lead Veterinarian, says. “Ringworm is curable. However, not all shelters have the resources, time, and space to treat this disease. Knowing that we can handle the influx of ringworm-positive kittens that come to HSSV allows us to make a bigger mission impact with our partner shelters and our community.”

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our foster parents and the community they’ve created. Diane says, “We all chime in on the HSSV Feline Foster Facebook page to help other foster parents when they have a ringworm breakout, so those kittens can stay in that foster home instead of needing to go to a shelter.”

Diane fostered 67 kittens in 2023 — and only a few didn’t have ringworm! To her,

and all of our foster extraordinaires, thank you for giving these animals a brighter future and increasing our capacity to save more lives.



Diane, HSSV foster  
extraordinaire

Over **270** ringworm cats and  
kittens treated in 2023!

## For Leo, Love Is Blind



Cheri, HSSV volunteer

When Leo arrived at HSSV, he stole everyone’s hearts with his sweet and friendly temperament, curling up on staff members’ laps for his daily cuddles and kisses. This curious miniature poodle loves to explore all the sounds and smells around him with his adorable pink nose and his wagging tail.

Leo was transferred in from a partner shelter with vision defects. He showed signs of retinal degradation, an untreatable and irreversible process where the nerve tissue and blood vessels in the back of his eyes deteriorate, resulting in partial or complete blindness. But his lack of sight doesn’t keep him from exploring — even if he does occasionally run into things!

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As cute and loving as he is, Leo was in pretty bad shape when he came through our doors. He tested positive for Anaplasma, a tick-borne disease, and had a suspected case of kennel cough, a highly contagious respiratory illness. Luckily, Anaplasma and kennel cough are both treated with the same antibiotic, so after a 28-day course of antibiotics in foster care, Leo was good as new, ready to find his forever home!

And we're happy to say, Leo met his person. But there was no doubt in our minds that he would. After all, love is blind!



**6,600** animals found loving homes in 2023!

*“Leaving our mark on animal welfare through HSSV’s endowment program was the perfect way for us to meet our legacy goals.”*

— **Bob Overby and David Salicey**



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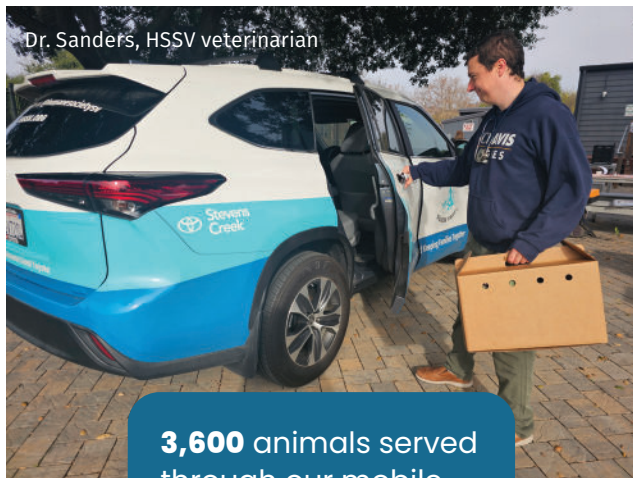
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# Keeping Families Together With Stevens Creek Toyota

Thanks to the generosity of Stevens Creek Toyota, we've added two more vehicles to our fleet: a Highlander SUV and a Sienna minivan. These vehicles are used for our wellness clinics in the community at least twice a week!



Dr. Sanders, HSSV veterinarian

**3,600** animals served through our mobile clinics in 2023

HSSV clinics offer essential veterinary services including wellness exams, vaccines, microchips, and more. Our goal is to meet people where they are,

to improve the well-being of pets in the community, and keep animals where they belong — with the families who love them. That's why we've partnered with leading human services organizations who provide wrap-around services for financially-insecure, unhoused, and elderly community members.

We're so grateful to Stevens Creek Toyota for their partnership, allowing us to reach even more people and pets in need in 2024 and beyond.

“For years, we've passionately supported numerous local organizations. We are incredibly excited to now elevate our commitment by partnering with Humane Society Silicon Valley at a more impactful level,” Justin Wittmayer, a Stevens Creek Toyota representative, shares. “We hold immense regard for the leadership team and the mission of HSSV. The team does an amazing job serving our local community while extending their assistance to other communities in need.”

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A THANK-YOU FOR SAVING LIVES

# New 2024 Donor Benefits!

Our donors save lives, keep families together, and create a better future for pets and their people. We think it's only fair that we say thank you! Donors who gift \$100 or more every year will enjoy exclusive benefits, including:

- Invites to exclusive donor events at HSSV
- A first-hand look at our lifesaving work through a 1:1, behind-the-scenes tour of HSSV's state-of-the-art Medical Center
- Take part in a shelter animal training experience and see first-hand the transformative work of our dedicated behavior team.

Explore the complete range of donor benefits and give today: [hssv.org/donorbenefits](https://hssv.org/donorbenefits)

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## The Fur Ball

May 11, 2024

Join us at our annual gala for a night you won't forget! Purchase tickets and learn more at [TheFurBall.org](https://TheFurBall.org).



# This Is Your Impact

People like you are the reason we're able to save lives, keep families together, and create a better future for pets and their people. We are immensely grateful for the impact we are making together. Take a look at some of the amazing things we were able to accomplish in 2023 thanks to you.

## Saving Lives

**2,570\***

animals fostered in 2023

**600**

homes took in foster animals

## Keeping Families Together

**6,600**

animals found the loving homes they deserve

**3,600**

animals received care through our mobile clinics

## Creating a Better Future for Pets and their People

**3,600**

animals transferred via our Sue and John Diekman Regional Rescue Program

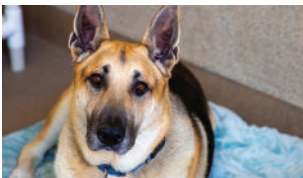
**46%**

of the total number of animals we cared for came in through partner shelters

*\*1,650 Cats / 800 Dogs / 30 Pocket Pets*

## Get Involved

You are an important part of our community! Looking to do more for the animals? Here are a few ways to get involved:



### Donate

Make a tax-deductible gift that saves lives with a ripple effect across California.



### Volunteer

Share your time and give some of our animals extra love and attention.



### Foster

Join our network of foster families and be there for animals when they need you most.



### Pet Pantry

Support your neighbors in need by stocking our Pet Pantry with food for their pets.

**Visit our website to learn more: [hssv.org](https://hssv.org)**

### Peter Detkin and Michelle Oates Detkin Animal Community Center

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Milpitas, CA 95035  
408-262-2133

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