Paws and People | Summer 2025

At HSSV, we believe every connection is a chance to create change—for animals and the communities they help shape. That belief is at the heart of our Community Engagement Program: bringing together passionate individuals, mission-driven companies, and engaged organizations in meaningful ways.

This newsletter celebrates The Power of Us—the collective impact we make through hands-on volunteer efforts, shared experiences, and community-driven action. Inside, you'll find highlights from recent collaborations and ideas for how your team can get involved.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:
FEEDING FAMILIES, CRAFTING COMFORT

We're shining a light on two incredible partners whose hands-on support has made a real difference for our programs and families.

Prometheus: Pet Pantry Champions
Prometheus team members have shown incredible dedication to our Pet Pantry efforts—contributing 225 volunteer hours and helping prep 49,571 meals for families in need. Their support helps ensure local families never have to choose between covering essential expenses and feeding their beloved pets.

ServiceNow: Crafting Comfort for Foster Families
The ServiceNow team rolled up their sleeves from the comfort of their office, assembling cozy blankets, handmade toys, and thank-you cards for our foster families and adopters. They even voted to rename our two recent residents—Gelato stayed Gelato, and Granita is now “Pepper.”

Join organizations like Prometheus and ServiceNow in making a difference—visit our Group Volunteering page to learn how to get involved.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

This quarter marked the launch of HSSV’s Community Engagement Program—an initiative designed to bring people together through shared action, creating lasting change for animals in our communities.

Engagement in Action:
Over 33 organizations joined us for group volunteering events—coming together to assemble supplies, package pet meals, and support our programs. These events represent over 1,884 volunteer hours which included packing over 258,000 pet pantry meals!

Want to get involved?
Discover how your team or organization can make an impact.

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HSSV IN THE COMMUNITY

We love connecting with our community—and last quarter offered some meaningful moments to do just that. In May, we partnered with NBC Bay Area and Telemundo for Puppies on the Patio, a special Mental Health Awareness Month event where their staff got a much-needed dose of puppy love.

"Our staff is still raving about the visit! It was such a bright spot in everyone's day, and we're all rooting for those pups to find their forever homes (if they haven't already)."

– NBC Bay Area and Telemundo 48 Looking ahead, you can find us at the San Jose Pride Parade and Bark in the Park. Check out our Events Calendar to see where we'll be next!

View Events

PETS & PEOPLE OF HSSV
A Chance to Shine: Star's Foxtail Journey

Star arrived at HSSV from one of our partner shelters emaciated, wounded, and in serious pain. The cause? A hidden danger called foxtails—common in our local environment and harmful to pets. Thanks to the dedication of our medical team, foster network, and volunteers—including our Green Paw Patrol who help keep our campus paths safe—Star got the second chance she deserved.

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MAKE AN IMPACT WITH US

There are so many ways to get involved—and we're counting on our community partners to help us grow our reach and impact.

Interested in partnering or planning an event? We'd love to connect. Reach us at community.engagement@hssv.org.

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