



All Things Pawsible

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Your support for HSSV helps free up space in partner shelters! Last year, **3,200 animals** like Joy and her puppies were transferred to Humane Society Silicon Valley.

Saving Lives

Joy's Journey: From Overwhelmed Mom to Miraculous Reunion

A three-year-old mama of 10 puppies, Joy was underweight, exhausted, and struggling to care for her huge litter when she first arrived. Transferred to HSSV from a partner shelter, it was clear the stress of raising so many puppies had taken its toll.

Jessica Zubizarreta — known to most as JZ — is the Rescue and Animal Movement

Program Manager here at HSSV. She recalls the moment they arrived: "It was a pretty immediate difference as soon as we brought her back to HSSV. Joy took a long, hard nap while her puppies pigged out at the milk bar — it was like they re-inflated! By the very next day, the pups looked so much better."

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Just one day after the December fire caused significant damage to our shelter, Joy and her puppies were welcomed into a foster home. Safe and supported, they received the nourishment and medical care they needed. Joy was spayed, vaccinated, and treated for allergic dermatitis — all thanks to the compassion of people like you.

Then came a truly remarkable twist. When a visitor came to our Neighborhood Adoption Center searching for a companion, he chose one of Joy's puppies. Something about the little one reminded him of a beloved dog his family had recently lost. When he explained to the team why he'd chosen the puppy, the pieces suddenly fell into place. Joy, whose original name was Cookie, had been stolen from her family months earlier... and against all odds, her family had just found their way back to her. Overwhelmed with relief, he adopted Joy and one of her pups in January. The reunion was an emotional one — for Joy, her family, and the kids who were over the moon to welcome her home again.

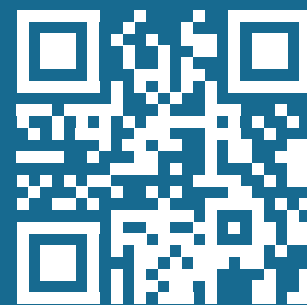
Stories like Joy's are possible because of your support. You provide animals safety, healing, and — sometimes — the incredible gift of being reunited with the people who love them most.



You're Part of Every Happy Tale

Join us in saving lives. Your support ensures more animals find healing, safety, and love.

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Saving Lives

Duncan: A Puppy with Three Legs and a Courageous Heart

When Duncan arrived at Humane Society Silicon Valley from a partner shelter, he was just nine weeks old — a tiny puppy missing part of his hind leg and in urgent need of medical attention. His injury was serious, and our partner shelter knew he would need more specialized care than they had the resources to provide.

Animals with complex medical needs like Duncan's require enormous resources, like staff time, surgical expertise, extended recovery care, and significant funding. For smaller or municipal shelters operating with limited capacity, cases like Duncan's can quickly overwhelm their ability to help other animals in need. That's when they reached out to us for help. "Being able to help with those specialized needs from our partners really helps free up their capacity," explains JZ, our Rescue Manager.

Our expert medical team immediately got to work. They surgically removed the injured part of Duncan's leg, giving him the relief he needed. Once he was pain-free, his true personality began to shine through. Underneath the shy surface, we could see a playful puppy begin to emerge. After a short recovery, Duncan was ready to take on the world — and do it on three legs.

"Animals with medical needs require a huge amount of resources, so when we can step in, it's like a triple workload taken off a partner shelter's plate."

— Jessica (JZ) Zubizarreta, Rescue and Animal Movement Program Manager

It wasn't long before he found his loving family, and his transformation was complete. His adopter shared, "When I first met Duncan, he was shy and scared. But now that he's settled in, he's found his spark. He's spirited, lively, and proving every day that losing a leg hasn't slowed him down one bit."

Duncan's journey highlights how world-class medical care and compassion enable animals to overcome extraordinary challenges. Thanks to you, every animal at HSSV gets a chance to heal, grow, and thrive — and we can be there for partner shelters when they need us most.



Your dedication meant **5,700 animals** were taken in — **3,300 of those transferred** from local and regional partners.

Donor Spotlight:

Ken and Pat Peterson

When Ken and Pat Peterson adopted Winnie, a timid senior Lhasa Apso / Havanese mix, they discovered a new way of loving: patiently, deeply, and without condition. Winnie had survived cancer and life on the streets before they met her at HSSV. “She was shaking like a leaf when we picked her up,” Pat remembers. “I just held her, she gave me a lick and from that moment on, she was my little best friend.”

The following year, Tobey the cat entered their lives. At first terrified and reactive, Tobey slowly learned to trust Ken during his daily visits — and abundant gifts of treats. Eventually, he chose Ken as his person — greeting him with headbutts, kisses, and constant conversation. After Tobey came home with Ken as a foster, he quickly found a permanent place in their family.

Winnie and Tobey lived out their final years in safety and love. When they passed just months apart, Ken and Pat wanted to honor their memory. That’s why they made a gift to support HSSV’s new rescue transport

vehicle — now proudly called **The Winnie & Tobey Van**. This van helps bring animals from overcrowded shelters to HSSV, where they receive a chance at a new life. “We wanted other pets like Winnie and Tobey to get the same chance they did,” Ken shares. “Senior animals are worth every ounce of love.”



Winnie (left) and Tobey (right).

“Don’t even think twice. Just do it. You’re saving a life and gaining a best friend.”

— Pat Peterson



The Community Pet Clinic Is Open!

For too many families in Silicon Valley, access to veterinary care is out of reach. Rising costs and limited options mean pets can go without the care they need. That’s why we’ve opened our Community Pet Clinic — a dedicated space to provide affordable, compassionate care that keeps pets healthy and families together.

Keeping Families Together

Feeding Families, Supporting Pets

Martha's Kitchen has been serving the San Jose community since 1981. Today, the organization provides more than 200,000 meals each month to families in need. But Operations Manager Trish Garcia noticed something heartbreaking. "We saw families going without meals so they could feed their pets," she recalls.

In partnership with Martha's Kitchen, Humane Society Silicon Valley expanded support by bringing our Pet Pantry program onsite. Now, families could finally leave with food not only for themselves, but for their pets as well. The need was clear right away. "That first test day, we gave out everything," Trish says, "It was clear this was a lifeline for people."

The collaboration between Martha's Kitchen and HSSV is a reminder that food insecurity touches every part of life. Families shouldn't have to choose between a hot meal for themselves or for the pet who has been their companion through hardship. As Trish puts it: "It's about dignity. People are shocked when they find



out we can give them pet food. It gives them peace of mind. They can walk out of here with a meal for themselves, a meal for their family, and a meal for their pet. That's quality of life right there."

Together with Martha's Kitchen and countless volunteers and donors, we're building a community where no one — two-legged or four-legged — goes hungry. As Trish reminds us: "Times are tough, and they're going to get tougher. But this program gives people hope and lets them hold onto what matters most: their pets." Learn more at hssv.org/marthas-kitchen



Become a Faithful Friend

Monthly giving at a level that's meaningful to you provides steady support for the animals who need us. Your dependable generosity helps us say "yes" to the animals who come to us for food, shelter, enrichment, medical attention — and to find a loving home.

Become a Faithful Friend at hssv.org/monthly or contact us at faithfulfriends@hssv.org.

Your 2025 Impact:

Saving Lives, Keeping Families Together, and Creating a Better Future for Pets and Their People

Fiscal year 2025 was July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

5,200 animals found homes
(526 via new Home to Home program)

3,300 animals transferred from
more than 20 partner shelters

3,000 animals cared for by
940 foster families

1.3 million Pet Pantry meals served

130 mobile clinics that cared for 4,600
animals and helped 3,200 families

8,000 animals spayed and
neutered including 2,400 TNR

78% of our budget is funded
by donors like you

80% of expenses are for programs

Want to Get Involved?

You are an important part of our community!
Looking to do more for the animals? Here are some ideas:



Donate

Save lives by donating —
it's tax deductible.



Volunteer

Share your love and time
as a shelter volunteer.



Foster

Provide a safe haven as a
foster parent.



Feed Pets

Stock our Pet Pantry to help
pets and their people.

Visit our website to learn more: hssv.org

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