



PAWS AND PEOPLE | SPRING 2026

This spring, our community showed up in meaningful ways, from workplace wellness events and hands-on service projects to media moments that helped spotlight the powerful bond between pets and people.

In this issue, we're sharing a few recent highlights from partners who helped bring HSSV's mission beyond our walls, along with ways your team can get involved this summer.

Whether you're planning a group volunteer event, stocking our [Community Engagement Wishlist](#) or joining an upcoming fundraiser, every act of support helps create more moments of care, comfort, and connection for animals in need.

Samsung: A Workday Pause with Lasting Impact



In May, Samsung welcomed HSSV onsite for its third annual Pet Therapy Day in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. Employees took a break from the workday to connect with animals, experience the stress-relieving benefits of pets, and learn more about HSSV's mission and programs.

For Samsung, the event was about building connection between employees, their community, and causes they care about. Team members learned about adoption, fostering, volunteering, and other ways to support local animal welfare.

"At Samsung, we believe that community engagement starts with connection," shared Elaine Jennings, Senior Specialist, Corporate Social Responsibility at Samsung. "By partnering with Humane Society Silicon Valley, employees not only experience the positive impact animals can have on mental and emotional health but also learn new ways to support animal welfare."

"Pet Therapy Day gives our employees a chance to pause, connect with animals, and experience the joy and stress relief those interactions can provide," shared Cara Ayala, Wellness and Benefits Associate Manager at Samsung. "But the impact goes beyond a single event. By bringing HSSV to the workplace, we help employees discover meaningful ways to give back, build relationships, and support causes they care about long after the day is over."

From moments of joy with visiting animals to new pathways for ongoing involvement, Samsung's Pet Therapy Day showed how workplace wellness and community engagement can come together in meaningful ways.

A YEAR OF COMMUNITY IMPACT



For the third year in a row, HSSV joined NBC Bay Area for Puppies on the Patio, bringing adoptable puppies to the newsroom in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month.

This year's puppy lineup had a World Cup twist, with four pups representing Mexico, France, USA, and Spain. Between the wagging tails, puppy snuggles, and plenty of smiles, the visit offered a joyful reminder of what we know to be true: pets have a powerful way of helping people pause, connect, and feel a little lighter.

The puppies made quite an impression. One even found a home with NBC Bay Area's Executive Producer, turning an afternoon of workplace wellness into the start of a new adoption story.

Events like Puppies on the Patio are a meaningful way to share HSSV's work beyond our walls, create visibility for adoptable animals, and celebrate the bond between pets and people. We're grateful to NBC Bay Area for continuing to welcome HSSV and helping shine a light on the comfort, connection, and joy animals bring to our lives.

[Watch the NBC Bay Area Coverage](#)

Bring Your Team Together for Summer Service



Looking for a meaningful way to bring your team together this summer? HSSV's [volunteering experiences](#) give companies, community groups, and teams a chance to connect while making a direct impact for animals and the people who love them.

From hands-on service projects to activities that support shelter pets, every group experience helps move our mission forward. Volunteers may help create enrichment items, support facility projects, prepare supplies, or take part in other activities that meet current shelter and community needs.

These events are a great way to build team connection, support employee engagement, and give back to animals in need, all in one meaningful experience.

Interested in planning a summer group volunteering event? Reach out to community.engagement@hssv.org

Make an Impact with us!



Looking for an easy way to support animals in our care? Our Community Engagement Wishlist includes supplies that help volunteers and partners create enrichment items for shelter pets, from cozy fleece blankets to handmade toys and other comfort-focused materials.

These simple supplies make a real difference. They help keep animals engaged, reduce stress, and bring comfort during their time at HSSV.

Every item purchased helps our community create more moments of care for the animals who need them most.

[Shop Our Wish List](#)

Tee off for HSSV



KDI will host its 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, October 16, 2026, at The Golf Club at Moffett Field in Mountain View, with 100% of proceeds benefiting Humane Society Silicon Valley.

This annual tournament brings together a great round of golf and a meaningful opportunity to give back. We're grateful to KDI for choosing HSSV as this year's beneficiary and for helping support our mission to save lives, keep families together, and create a better future for pets and their people.

Golfers, sponsors, and supporters are invited to join KDI on the course or make a donation in support of HSSV.

[Register or Support the Tournament](#)

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