SENIOR DOGS AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY'S COMMUNITY VETERINARY CLINIC FETCH GRANT

Santa Rosa, CA – Old dogs have something to wag about this summer, as The Grey Muzzle Organization announces the recipients of its annual grants, and dogs at the Humane Society of Sonoma County's Community Veterinary Clinic are among the winners.

The Humane Society of Sonoma County (HSSC) in Santa Rosa is one of 78 animal welfare groups chosen from 344 applicants to receive a grant to help local senior dogs. More than \$705,000 in grants were allocated among the winning organizations to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

"Many of the animals we provide dental care for at our Community Veterinary Clinic are senior dogs with advanced dental disease. Often they've stopped eating due to painful teeth and their owners are extremely concerned," said Lisa Labrecque, DVM, HSSC's Director of Veterinary Services. "This grant from The Grey Muzzle Organization will help us give senior dogs like Candy the dental care they need to live their golden years in comfort and good health."

Over the past 14 years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided more than \$3.8 million in grants to support its vision of "a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid."

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we're delighted to help deserving organizations like the Humane Society of Sonoma County make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities," Grey Muzzle's Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. "Many senior dogs in Sonoma County are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of HSSC."

<u>The Humane Society of Sonoma County</u> believes that the best place for animals is with the families who love them. Their <u>Community Veterinary Clinic</u> provides low-cost compassionate veterinary care in a welcoming, non-judgmental environment to low-income pet owners who may not otherwise be able to afford services. For more information, please visit https://humanesocietysoco.org/

The national nonprofit <u>The Grey Muzzle Organization</u> improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. For details, please visit <u>www.greymuzzle.org</u>

Photo caption:

Candy is one of many wonderful senior dogs who have received dental care at HSSC's CVC. For more information, please visit https://humanesocietysoco.org/medical-programs/community-veterinary-clinic/.



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