A Safe Haven for Animals

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Brigette LOVES people.

She really just wants to be near you, if not curled up on your lap for some serious snuggles. She’s a beautiful and vibrant young cat who does all the regular cat things, with one slight difference: Brigette has FeLV.

Feline Leukemia Virus is a common infectious disease affecting between 2-3% of cats, and while a term like FeLV might give some adopters pause, very often cats with FeLV can live for many years after diagnosis.
This month we celebrate the first anniversary of the CVC!

Thanks to the support of our compassionate donors and amazing local partners, the CVC is growing stronger each day - reaching more and more pets and people in need of our services.

We are also taking our message on the road! In May, Dr. Ada and her team will be presenting at the HSUS Animal Care Expo in Texas to help other shelters care for more pets in their own communities.

This ripple effect of love is creating a positive impact for animals in Sonoma County and beyond is made possible with your support and we are so grateful!

Click here to see our heartfelt gratitude!!
Join us for Healdsburg’s *Furst* Annual Family Frolic!

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 2-5PM

HSSC’s Healdsburg Shelter @ 555 Westside Rd.

A fun-filled afternoon of family-friendly animal-related activities including: adoptable pet meet ‘n greets, live music, face painting, pet enrichment toy making, training demos and much more!

Food available for purchase from Fuel the Food Truck and Amy’s Wicked Slush!

Come early (1:30PM) for the Healdsburg Chamber’s official ribbon cutting ceremony for Kitty City, our brand new community cat room, with Healdsburg Mayor Leah Gold!

Click [here](#) for more information!

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**Happy Tails**

**Jesse: Worth Waiting for!**

Jesse had been a much loved resident of our Healdsburg shelter since November 1st, just after the Kincaid Fire. She spent much of her days lounging in Healdsburg shelter manager Karrie's office or the ACO office. She spent the rest of her time on long walks and play sessions with our fabulous team of volunteers.
Many other cats and dogs came and left during Jesse's stay (82 actually!), while Jesse was here for nearly 3 long months! She was a featured pet on KSRO and KZST and had two promising adoption holds, but still no luck!

Then... her luck finally changed!
Jesse was adopted by a lovely family with pit bull experience and we couldn’t be happier for her!
Happy trails Jesse!!!

Black Jack: That's My Dog!

Black Jack is a sweet little pittie who had been waiting at another shelter since July! Everyone loved him to bits but he just kept getting passed over. Eventually it was decided that he had been there long enough and we agreed to take him into our care to give him a new audience.

The day after we took him in we got a call from Kyree, a dog training volunteer at the other shelter saying that she was interested in adopting Black Jack!
Turns out she just couldn't live without him!
Black Jack wasn't ready for adoption quite yet but we hurried and got the formalities out of the way. The next day Kyree came on in and made the adoption official! Black Jack immediately recognized her and was all wiggles!
Happy trails, Black Jack!

Buddy: Coming Home.

Daren came in to help her sister find a dog. Her sister didn't find a soul-mate, but while Daren was looking around the shelter she spotted 18 year old Buddy.
Buddy had been here for a while and we were all waiting for someone to come in and fall in love with him. In fact, his adoption was sponsored by Lori Pennato, a volunteer who supports adoptions for senior pets.
Daren felt that Buddy should spend his golden years being spoiled by her so she called her husband and then came to the front desk to make his adoption official. Lucky Buddy started the new year with a new home and a new family.

Happy tails, Buddy!

♥ Who else wants to go home? Meet all of our adoptables here! ♥

Your support of our programs makes all the difference to animals on their journey to finding love and forever homes.

Donate today and be a part of someone's Happily Ever After!
Admission for HYPE and Chamber Members is complimentary. General admission $10. For more information, and to RSVP click here.

25 Years of Mutts with Patrick McDonnell

Charles M. Schulz Museum

Saturday, March 7th, 1-3 pm

Join Patrick McDonnell as he celebrates 25 years of his comic strip Mutts with the release of *The Art of Nothing* and his newest Mutts treasury, *Hot Dogs, Hot Cats* with a book signing at 2:00 pm. Also, meet some live mutts looking for new homes from Compassion Without Borders and step up to the Humane Society of Sonoma County’s famous kissing booth where Scamp, the winner of the 2019 World’s Ugliest Dog contest, doles out smooches!

At 1:00 pm, McDonnell will talk about his work, followed by a book signing. Tickets are required for McDonnell’s talk at 1:00 pm in the Museum’s Theater. Due to limited seating, advance tickets are highly recommended.

Click here for more information and to buy tickets.

Restring Fundraiser for HSSC!

Loud and Clear Music

Saturday, March 21st, 1-4 pm
Bring in your six string electric, acoustic guitar or uke and Loud & Clear will restring it for you with a new set of D’addario strings with your donation of $10 or more to the Humane Society of Sonoma County!

Don’t need strings? Come by and meet volunteers from the shelter and get your picture taken with a smoochy pup in our kissing booth!

What could be better than getting free strings donated by our kind friends at D’addario, having a Loud and Clear Tech put them on for you AND helping a great cause? All proceeds go to the Humane Society of Sonoma County.

Click here for more information.

Pssst... yes you...

You know our yearly fundraising gala? The one that's SO fun? The one that's sooooo awesome it sells out every year? Well, we're gonna have another one, come a little closer... closer... closer...

It's August 7th at Kendall Jackson Wine Estate & Gardens!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details...

And please pass it on...
Help Support Us with Target Circle!!

We’re participating in the Target Circle program! You can vote for us and help direct Target’s giving to benefit our nonprofit. For full program details and restrictions visit Target Circle here.

Read to a Dog – Happening Every Saturday at the Santa Rosa Central Library!

Come to the Central Library from 11 am-12 pm on Saturdays and read aloud to a certified therapy dog from the Humane Society of Sonoma County!

Our Animal Assisted Therapy dog teams provide companionship and comfort to youth learning to read. For struggling readers, the support of an understanding non-judgmental dog relieves stress and anxiety, creating a positive and engaging reading experience.

Click here for more information!

We are very excited about our brand new partnership with Finding Rover!

Finding Rover is a FREE service that uses patented Facial Recognition technology to help reunite lost dogs and cats.
with their families! Pet owners in our community will now be able to see if their lost pet is in our care with just a few clicks!

And if you're interested in adopting, you can see the dogs and cats currently available for adoption at HSSC on Finding Rover and on our website!

Protect your pet! Register today!

For more information click here.

Come See Compassion in Action!

Join us the first Wednesday of each month for our tour: **An Animals Journey to Adoption.** You'll learn about all the many hands that help our animals along the way to their new forever homes - including shelter medicine and a visit to our Community Veterinary Clinic.

Interested? Click here for more information

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