



# Bringing people & pets together

Adapting and adopting  
while social distancing

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## New! Adoptions By Appointment!

### Adapting & Adopting

Announcing!

HSSC Online Adoptions by Appointment



HSSC is pleased to announce that we are now offering Adoptions by Appointment!

Our shelters remain closed in response to local Shelter in Place orders and we continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our staff and community safe. However, our team has come up with protocols to safely facilitate adoptions!

Meet your next fur-baby in four easy steps:

1. **View our adoptable pets** at [humanesocietysoco.org/adopt](https://humanesocietysoco.org/adopt)
2. **Call our Adoptions Team** (Santa Rosa 542-0882 Tuesday – Saturday 12PM-5PM/Healdsburg 431-3386 Monday –Saturday 12PM-5PM) to learn more about a specific animal and find out if they're a good fit!

**3. Schedule a Meet 'n Greet!** In general, appointments can be set up within 1-2 days.

Dogs meet 'n greets will take place in predetermined outside spaces

Cats and rabbit meet 'n greets will take place via video call

**4. Adopt!** When you're ready to adopt, all paperwork can be completed online and we'll meet you outside ready to safely transfer your pet to you via leash (dogs) or carrier (cats, small companion animals).

*We will practice Social Distancing during all interactions. We will continue this program as long as it is safe to do so. An increase in COVID-19 cases in our community may necessitate changes to this program.*

## News from our Shelter Hospital and Community Vet Clinic



Our amazing medical staff and volunteers have been busy with patients like Captain Meowzer. Captain Meowzer came to us with some medical issues including ringworm, a highly contagious but treatable fungal infection of the skin. He needed to spend a month in our isolation ward while receiving treatment, and visitors had to wear a gown and gloves so Captain could share the love without sharing the ringworm.

Social butterfly that he is, Captain M. soaked up every ounce of love during these hospital visits. Happily, he has officially been cleared of ringworm and is ready to find a



Even though our CVC team is currently operating with reduced hours, reduced staff, and modified protocols to protect our clients' safety and their own, they remain committed to providing essential life-saving services for the animals and their caregivers during this critical time.

Miko, the adorable little dog pictured above, fell off a bed and fractured his front leg. His family was unable to afford treatment at a traditional vet hospital, but thanks to your support, our CVC crew was able to get him in for emergency surgery and Miko is now on the mend!



home! He is as affectionate as ever and waits expectantly by his door for cheek rubs and chit chat from his devoted staff. Maybe *you'll* be the one to take advantage of our new online adoptions program and bring the Captain home?

HSSC Shelter Medicine and our CVC are still performing life saving procedures and surgeries during the shelter in place. We are so grateful to have such dedicated medical professionals caring for the animals who need it most.

Any gift you can spare right now will do a world of good for our shelter animals and allow our medical and animal care teams to continue saving these precious lives.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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## Foster & Adoption Stories



### Pretty Penny (now Penny)- Confessions of a "foster fail"!

Penny's new mom tell us, "Penny is the first dog we fostered for the Humane Society. With everyone home on quarantine I knew we had time to foster a dog, so I offered to foster Penny. We lost our beloved dog Paolo to cancer right before the 2017 fires. We loved him so much and didn't think we would ever find a dog who could fill our hearts like he did. In fact, we had planned on never having a dog again. But Penny stole our hearts.

Penny is doing wonderfully, we love her so much! She's a smart girl and very well behaved for such a young pup. She loves going on walks, playing fetch, finding sunny napping spots and learning cues!

We are grateful for the Humane Society and all you do for the critters and the people who love them."

## Melvin - Sweet Hunk of Love

Like many of us these days, Alethea finds herself working from home. She lives by herself and was feeling lonely, so she decided it was the perfect time to adopt a dog! She visited the HSSC website and saw Melvin, a sweet bulldog mix with a few medical issues who has been with us for several months. Alethea has bulldog experience and thought he was perfect!

We were just figuring out how to conduct adoptions while keeping everyone safe, but after a few phone calls, emails and video meetings, Alethea was finally able to come in to meet this handsome hunk in person for the first time. It was a match made in heaven and Melvin is going to be a very happy, spoiled boy!



## Kitten Season is upon us!

Meet the first bottle baby of this year's kitten season! This sweet baby is being fostered by the Rowberry's, one of our amazing foster families who are giving him/her lots of love.

We know that with this baby's arrival, more kitties are sure to follow! Our dedicated foster volunteers are standing by ready to help. Will you help us make sure we've got all the supplies they'll need to care for these delicate littles?

Please check out our Kitten Registry wish list and donate if you are able:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1FECMDQ2SZ79B>

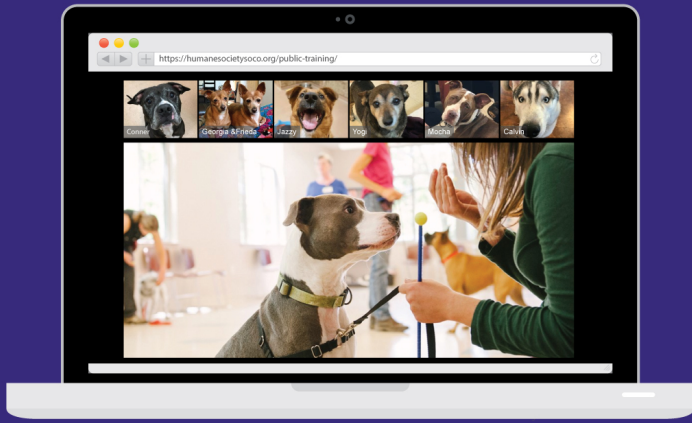
## Virtual Program Announcement

*Join us for class!*

Our Basic Training and Manners Class is now



## Canine Basic Training and Manners Class Now Offered Online



online, join us!!

Build skills and bond with your dog from the convenience and safety of your own home via ZOOM! Led by our very own Sue McGuire, this beginning level class positively nurtures basic dog behaviors like sit, down, wait and much more. Includes one-on-one coaching during class and supportive training materials!

There are two upcoming sessions available:

Date: Wednesday, April 15 - May 20, 5pm-6pm

For more information and to register visit:

<https://humanesocietysoco.org/help/registration/?ee=3032>

Date: Saturday, April 18 - May 23, 1pm-2pm

For more information and to register visit:

<https://humanesocietysoco.org/help/registration/?ee=3031>



## Furry Friends Summer Day Camp

Due to impacts surrounding Covid-19, our summer camp may transition to a virtual format. At this time, all dates and times will remain as planned. Registration is still open for summer camps and we will continue to monitor the situation and make the best decision with your child's safety in mind.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to plan for the best summer camp experience for your camper.

Register [here](#)!

First and foremost, we want you all to stay safe and healthy. We will be posting updates about our programs and services on our website [here](#) and on our [Facebook page](#) as things continue to evolve.

Your ongoing support enables us to continue our lifesaving work for the animals during this challenging time.



Together we are providing protection, compassion, love and care. We are so grateful for this connection which inspires so much hope.

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