

Fostering hope

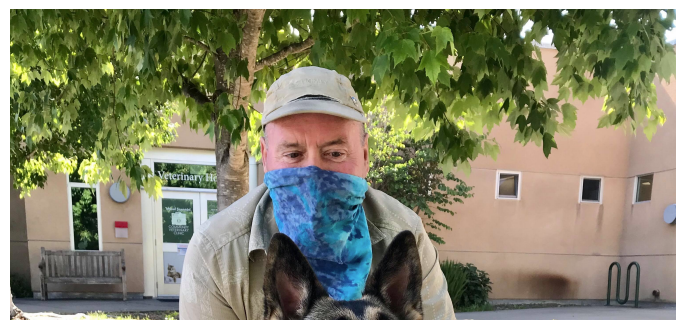
A working dog gets her
second chance!



Just like humans, we know that all dogs are not created equal. Some dogs adjust to shelter life a lot easier than others and, while HSSC goes above and beyond to create days filled with activities and engagement to help make a dog's stay with us as amazing as it can be... they are still in a shelter. The vast majority of dogs do just fine in our care, but there are some dogs who have a very difficult time with the noises and activities of the shelter environment.

Mattie, a young hardworking German Shepherd was that kind of dog. Our Canine Behavior team could clearly see there was "something" about this dog that required a special strategy to help her to succeed. Our alternative placement team went to work and reached out to rescues and other organizations which could provide different housing with more space and a team dedicated to her care. Azaya Animal Sanctuary west of Petaluma stepped up.

Mattie went to live in the country where her days were filled with walks, learning and dedicated help. She thrived. When the shelter in place started, rather than return Mattie to HSSC, our volunteer Wayne Smith, who had been working with Mattie at Azaya, requested Mattie come live with him while she waited for her forever home.



Wayne Smith is part of our Adoption Ambassador program, which allows foster parents the ability to orchestrate the adoptions of the animals in their care.

Back at HSSC, we received tons of interest in Mattie but were waiting to find just the right fit for this hard-working girl. After several months, in came Charlie. Charlie had spent his career in law enforcement and had experience training and working with the department's K9 officers. One of our adoption counselors spent a lot of time going over Mattie's needs with him and it was quickly apparent that, with his experience, Charlie was not fazed. Our counselor put him in touch with Wayne, who introduced Charlie and Mattie to make sure that they were truly a good fit. After sleeping on it for a night, Charlie decided to take the plunge and make Mattie his new pal!

There is no one single pathway to finding an animal a home. It takes teamwork, creativity and a willingness to do what is in the best interests of the animal to make adoptions happen, and we're so happy we could do that for Mattie!



Mattie and her new person, Charlie.

Pet 'o the Week



Georgina - Sweet and Affectionate ❤️

Georgina might be 13 years old, but she has more energy than you could ever imagine! While she prefers a more gentle touch for full-body pets, she'll graciously accept face scratches and never seems to get enough. She loves being around people at meal times, and any other time for that matter! She always enjoys settling in for a snuggle with her favorite stuffed animal toy too.

If you're looking for a cat who will ADORE you, Georgina is your gal. You can't help but smile when you're hanging out with her. Pretty soon you'll find yourself returning her level of adoration, plus a little extra!

Georgina is currently residing at our Santa Rosa shelter, give



us a call at 707.542.0882 to see if Georgina would be a good fit for your family!

Ready to bring home your new fuzzy family member?

As certain restrictions are being lifted we know you may have questions about our adoption process going forward. Currently, we are still doing Adoptions by Appointment to help you meet your match – online, of course!

Meet your next fur-baby in four easy steps:

- 1. View our adoptable pets online** at our Santa Rosa shelter: [dogs](#), [cats](#), [rabbits](#); and at our [Healdsburg](#) shelter.
- 2. Call our Adoptions Team** to learn more about a specific animal and find out if they're a good fit!
 - **Santa Rosa** (707) 542-0882 Tues–Sat 12pm–5pm
 - **Healdsburg** (707) 431-3386 Mon–Sat 11pm–5pm
- 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 will meet you outside ready to safely transfer your pet to you via leash (dogs) or carrier (cats, small companion animals).

News from our Community Vet Clinic



Sissy was brought to our Community Veterinary Clinic to evaluate a growth on her paw that had tripled in size in less than a week. It was starting to bleed and it was so painful that she was unable to bear weight on the foot. Like many others in our community, Sissy's family has lost much of their income due to the Shelter-in-Place order and could not afford to take her to their regular veterinarian.

We were able to get Sissy in to evaluate her foot and determined that the growth was cancerous. It was removed the following week. Here she is recovering from surgery and resting with her Mom after she got home that night!

We recently received an update from Sissy's mom



saying "Sissy is doing really good. She's walking around by herself everywhere. Thank you guys for taking such good care of her. We appreciate it so much!" ❤️

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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Join Us

Wags Whiskers & WiFi
A LIVE-STREAMED EVENT!
AUGUST 7, 2020
HSSC ANNUAL GALA

Join us for Out of This World virtual experiences, special appearances, performances and interactive fun leading up to the main event: including loads of animals, Mike McGuire, Scamp the Champ, the Cake Frenzy, spectacular auctions, and SO much more!

Register today at humanesocietysoco.org/www2020

Save the Date for Wag, Whiskers & WIFI!

Friday, August 7th, 2020

This year we are going VIRTUAL and we can't wait to party with you! Join us for an Out of This World experience with special appearances, performances and interactive fun leading up to the main event, including: Mike McGuire, the Cake Frenzy, Scamp the Champ, spectacular auctions, loads of animals... and so much more!!

So grab your tinfoil hat, rev up your spaceship and get ready to blast off for fun!

Ways to get involved today:

1. Register [here](#) so you can get all the updates!
2. Become a WW&W sponsor [here](#)!
3. Star in our video! We'd love to know about the bond you share with your pet. Stay tuned for more info on how to participate!



Join us on Zoom for our Training and Manners Series!

These classes will provide clients the same coaching and instruction as in person classes, but from the convenience and safety of your own home.

Basic Training and Manners will include how to safely use food in teaching your dog behaviors like sit, down and wait. We will also work on attention and the beginnings of "come-when-called".

Date: Saturday, June 6th - July 18th, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Instructor: Sue McGuire

For more information and to register click [here](#).

Intermediate Training and Manners will continue to focus on walking on a leash, building strong connections for a coming when called and teaching duration of behaviors amid a wide variety of settings.

Date: Saturday, June 11th - August 15th, 10-11 am

Instructor: Sue McGuire

For more information and to register click [here](#).



Furry Friends Summer Day Camp

We at HSSC would like to let you know that we are reducing the number of registrations for campers to minimize any risks surrounding Covid-19. Our aim in doing this is to provide peace of mind to parents while continuing to provide a fun and enriching experience to campers. We have also eliminated all off-site field trips to minimize exposure and keep our campers safe.

Registration is still open for our summer camps! For more information and to register, please

visit: <https://humanesocietysoco.org/youth-programs/humane-education/>

❤️ **Forward this email to friends!** ❤️

Do you know a fellow animal-lover who would like to read all about the amazing animals, dedicated staff, and general shelter comings and goings? Well, the more the merrier we say!

Kibbles 'N Bits



Your Pet and Covid-19

We know that many people have questions about the health and well-being of their pets. As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, our veterinary team is staying on top of the latest research and information available from experts in both the human and veterinary medical fields. We've found the following links to be especially helpful:

View the CDC's useful information regarding Covid-19 and animals here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/animals.html>

The UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine has been updating their site with useful information here (most recent updates toward the bottom of the page):

<https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/news/can-your-animals-get-coronavirus>

We at HSSC are also actively developing and implementing protocols to ensure the safety of animals, staff and guests as we follow government guidelines for phased re-opening.



There are so many ways to help the animals. ❤️

We receive lots of questions about estate planning - including HSSC in your will or trust is a wonderful way to ensure our lifesaving work continues into the future.

To learn more about this planned giving option, please visit <https://humanesocietysoco.org/give/> and click on the Leave a Legacy tab. Or contact Priscilla Locke, HSSC Director of Development & Marketing, at (707) 577-1911 or by email at plocke@humanesocietysoco.org.



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Snuggle in place and help the animals at the same time!!!

We are hosting a CoZzy Comfy Bed Sheet Fundraiser through May 31 to support HSSC. In addition to earnings from the sheets sales, if we get 50 shares and sell 50 sets of sheets, CoZzy Comfy will give us bonus money. So, please...go to www.cozzycmfy.com/online-store to PURCHASE A SET OF SHEETS AND SHARE, SHARE, SHARE.

Please select "DIRECT SHIPPING" at checkout. Use Promo Code: Humane Society of Sonoma County 1 - 2020

THANK YOU for your support!!

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.

[Donate Now!](#)

HSSC's Santa Rosa Shelter:
5345 Hwy 12 West | Santa Rosa, CA 95407
707-542-0882 | info@humanesocietysoco.org

HSSC's Healdsburg Shelter:
555 Westside Rd | Healdsburg, CA 95448
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