

# Fostering hope

A new generation of  
compassion is on the rise!



When COVID-19 hit, we immediately implemented strategies to care for our animals during Shelter-in-Place. We realized we could be shut down for a long time and, while we knew some animals would be fine with daily care and visits from the limited staff on hand, we knew others would require more constant companionship. We were also staring straight into the sweet whiskery face known as kitten season, and needed foster homes to take in the smallest, most fragile felines: bottle babies.

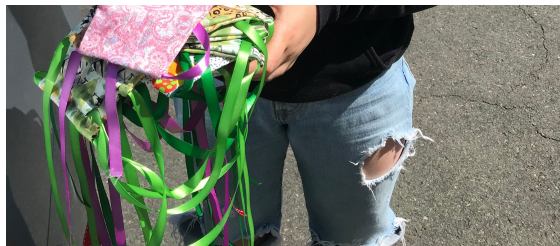
Enter our amazing foster volunteers! These skilled and dedicated friends stepped in to foster the animals when they needed them most. Dogs who were showing signs of being stressed at the shelter, cats who were happier to be around people all day, baby kittens who need round-the-clock care... even some bunnies!



One volunteer who rose to the challenge was Charlotte. Charlotte's family has been fostering animals with us for three years now. This super teen has not only helped her parents provide TLC to foster kittens, she has held fundraisers to purchase top-of-the-line kitten supplies and has attended conferences on her own time to learn about caring for kittens. She even made and donated masks for HSSC volunteers!

Charlotte's family recently took in their first set of neonatal kittens (bottle babies) and they are doing wonderfully!





Charlotte is happy to be involved in giving these wee ones a strong start in life and shares her thoughts on the process, "it's amazing and brings so much joy to my life. I'm grateful to be able to help save kittens." ❤️

We appreciate the commitment our foster volunteers have for the animals and are so proud to have Charlotte's compassion among the ranks of such an amazing group. Thank you Charlotte and all our fosters - you make a lifesaving difference and we couldn't do it without you!

## Pet 'o the Week



### Hypatia - Charm For Days!

Hypatia is a wonderfully affectionate 10 year old beauty who can't wait to get into a home where she can relax and truly be herself. If you give her a minute, she'll come up to greet you and ask for scratches - her favorite place to be pet is her cute little face.

She's also often down for a little play session and enjoys playfully batting at toys. Hypatia would love to be the only cat in your home, as she wants to reserve all the attention for herself. Just *try* to say no to this fabulous and absolutely charming cat!

Check out some cute videos of Hypatia [here](#) and [here](#).

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 11am–6pm, Sun 11am–5pm
  - **Healdsburg** (707) 431-3386 Mon–Sat 11pm–5:30pm
- 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 Shelter Hospital and Community Vet Clinic



**TUX** is one of those super affectionate cats who just wants someone to love him. Like many of the animals we take in, he came to us with some medical issues - and from day one in our shelter hospital, we recognized right away how special he is. He has so much love to give and we knew he was going to be the purr-fect companion once he was cleared for take off!

Ready for the good news? As we suspected, someone fell in love with Tux immediately and he was adopted shortly after

**Stanley** has been undergoing treatment for heartworm disease through our Community Veterinary Clinic. Stanley's dad was unable to afford consistent heartworm preventative medication until he came to the CVC.

Here Stanley is recovering from sedation following his second heartworm treatment - only one more to go! He has been handling the treatments very well and we are hopeful that he will have a full recovery.



hitting the adoption floor!

Our medical efforts rely on donations and community support to provide care for the shelter animals. We also rely on adopters who are willing to welcome these special animals into their homes - especially those who may need ongoing medical care. We are so grateful for the unconditional love in our community. It allows us to continue our life-saving work by taking in more animals!

We've been seeing an increase in the number of heartworm positive dogs in this area over the past few years. Heartworm disease is spread from one dog to another by mosquitoes. While treatment can be successful, prevention is MUCH safer and easier! Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to subsidize care for pets like Stanley, and help keep heartworm disease out of Sonoma County!


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!

Donate Now!

## Our Humane Heroes



*Saying goodbye to a foster  
means my heart  
will break a little,  
so theirs will never  
have to break again.*



### Foster Win!!

Nicole from [Friendly Feral Fine Art](#) is a friend of HSSC and passionate about fostering animals. She shows her appreciation for foster families through her artwork and is donating a portion of her proceeds to HSSC!

Nicole says, "This one is for all my heroes! Foster homes!! The fact that you save so many lives by fostering animals long enough for them to find their purr-fect fur-ever home is amazing! Be proud of every 'foster win' you've had by displaying this piece in your home or office. 10% of every Foster Win sale will be donated back to HSSC, an organization that will always hold a special place in my heart."

View and purchase Nicole's beautiful artwork [here](#).



# Join Us



## Save the Dates for Wags, Whiskers & WiFi!

August 5th, 6th & 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. Follow [this link](#) for details on how to submit your video!



## Join us on Zoom for our Basic Training and Manners Class!

Basic Training and Manners is now online! This class will provide clients the same coaching and instruction as in person classes, but from the convenience and safety of your own home. This class will teach you and your canine friend the basics of building a connection that lasts a lifetime. Skills included will be 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 a come when called.

**The next session starts:** Saturday, June 13th - July 25th,



11:30 am-12:30 pm

Instructor: Sue McGuire

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

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## 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/>

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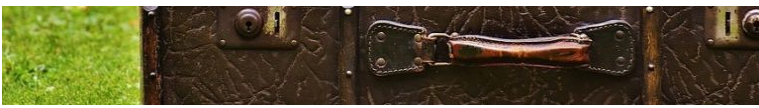
Did a fellow animal-lover send our newsletter your way? Sign up [here](#) to make sure you get HSSC's amazing animal stories and shelter news delivered directly to your inbox!

## Kibbles 'N Bits



## June is Pet Preparedness Month!!

Proper planning can save valuable time, and even lives, in the event of an emergency. Think of and plan your pet's survival in the same way you'd think of any other family member. Not only do you want to prepare a "go bag" with two weeks-worth of food, water, any necessary medications and pet-related supplies (including your pet's favorite toy –



having it will reduce their stress), you also want to remember details such as making sure your pet is microchipped (and that microchip registry info is up-to-date) and wearing a current ID tag. It's also a good idea to include copies of your pet's vaccination records and any related paperwork in the kit too.

Use our handy guide as a starting point for assembling your go-bag [here](#).

It's also critical to help your pets become comfortable with their kennel before an emergency strikes. Keeping crates and kennels out in your living environment and even feeding meals or treats in the carrier can make them seem less scary to your pets, and in turn make it easier to load up your pets in the event of an emergency.

More tips can be found [here](#).

Finally: practice, practice, practice! By being proactive now, you can help your entire family be safe, comfortable and prepared for whatever the future brings.



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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](mailto:plocke@humanesocietysoco.org).







Thanks to you....

Our CoZzy Comfy sheet set fundraiser was a great success! Our community is snuggled up in soft sheets AND we raised almost \$700 for the animals of HSSC, it's a win-win!!

Thank you so much to everyone who participated!! ❤️

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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!](#)

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