

# Tiny Survivors

Panleukopenia kitties get healthy  
and find homes



Before we begin, we want to say a giant **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to our dryer fundraiser!! Not only did we hit our goal, we exceeded it in 30 MINUTES and more than DOUBLED it by the end of the day, allowing us to ultimately replace and repair all of our dryers!!! It warms our hearts (and our towels, beds & blankets) to know that we have such a committed and generous community showing up for our animals. Like we always say, we couldn't do what we do without you!!



## A note about our emails –

We will soon be going back to our regular monthly eAnimail format! As we gear up for our Wags, Whiskers & WiFi virtual gala, you'll be seeing more news about our upcoming online festivities! We will also send pertinent COVID-19 related information and updates as they emerge.

*We appreciate your compassionate connection to our work!*

## Saving the Smallest Among Us.



During kitten season we are so lucky to have a roster of amazing foster parents who are more than willing to take in these vulnerable babies and give them loving care until they can find their new homes. Most of the time it's a matter of feeding, grooming, keeping the babies warm and obviously snuggling (the best part!) but in some cases,



Hagrid



Hedwig



Bellatrix Lestrange

when the kittens are sick, it's more complicated. This was the case for a litter of six kittens who were transferred from a partner rescue in the East Bay. Once safely here, one of the kittens tested positive for Panleukopenia and we knew we'd need to start aggressive treatment. All six kittens, named for Harry Potter characters, came in together but were separated into two foster homes so they could begin treatment and not overwhelm one foster family.

Panleukopenia usually strikes young, unvaccinated kittens and has no specific cure but requires a high level of attention and supportive care. Dr. Lisa notes, "Panleukopenia is an infectious disease in cats that is caused by the distemper virus. Like its canine counterpart parvovirus, panleukopenia is very contagious, life-threatening and is ubiquitous in the environment. It causes loss of appetite, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, and rapid death. Mortality can be as high as 90%, but kittens who survive the first 5 days are likely to survive the infection. Recovered kittens can be contagious for up to 6 weeks following recovery."

We knew, because of the severity of the disease, nursing the kittens back to health would take time and recovery would be touch and go, but we held out hope that all would make it through. Three of these kittens: Hedwig, Bellatrix Lestrange and Hagrid went to one foster family who spent the next four weeks monitoring the kittens-making sure they were hydrated, fed, medicated and that any concerns were immediately addressed.

Because of the compassion and commitment of these foster families and our medical staff, all six kittens eventually recovered and were brought back to HSSC to be spayed, neutered and put up for adoption. The very best part? All six kittens were adopted in less than a week and are now being loved up in their very own forever homes.

## Pet 'o the Week



Gibs - Lap Lounger!





Gibs is an AWESOME extra loving pittie mix that any family would be lucky to snuggle. Gibbs hasn't yet realized that he's grown into an adult and still believes in his heart that he is puppy sized (spoiler alert: he's not!)

Gibs has one major goal in life - to be your lap dog. His other goals are to receive lots of cheese snacks, get lots of pets and call you his best friend.

If you are looking for a dog that wants to sleep in your bed, cuddle on the couch and go for hikes, then Gibbs is your boy. ❤️

## 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 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



**Trevor** was referred to our Community Veterinary Clinic by one of our community partners. He had been diagnosed with glaucoma, a very painful condition, and needed to have one of his eyes removed. His owner is retired and on a fixed income and, while she can afford routine veterinary care for Trevor, she was not able to afford this surgery. Fortunately, we were able to get Trevor in for surgery to remove his diseased and painful eye at a price his Mom could afford.

Here is Trevor with Mom after surgery, and with his buddy relaxing at home a week later. Our CVC functions as a safety net program for our community. Thanks to your support, we are here for pets and their families when a veterinary emergency arises that they are unable to afford.



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



Save the Dates for Wags, Whiskers & WiFi!



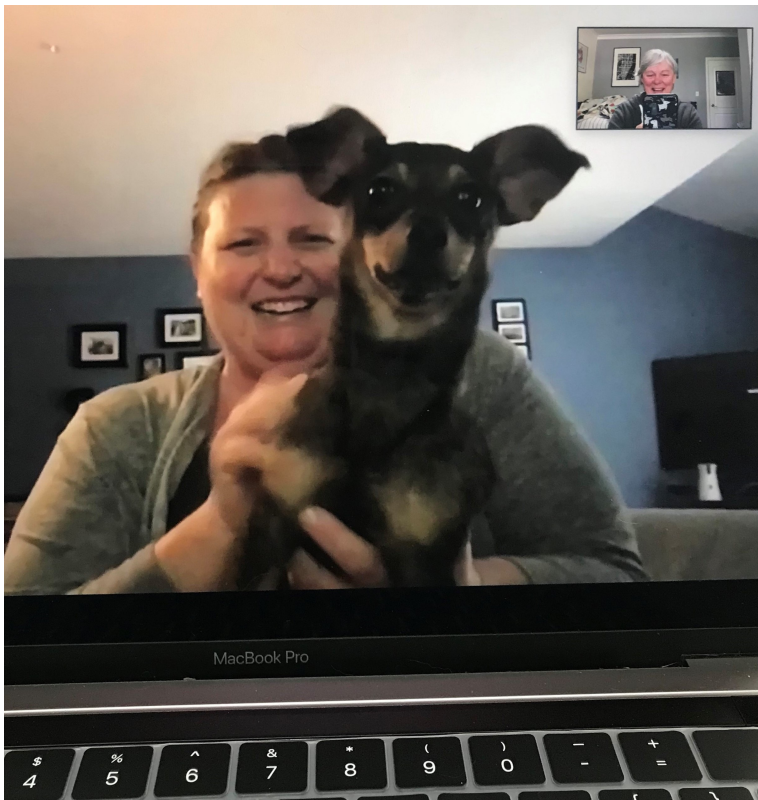
August 5th, 6th & 7th, 2020

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](#)!



Arlo was happy to be the star of a recent online class with his person Stephanie.



## 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: Saturdays, July 11th - Aug 15th, 8:45 am-9:45 am

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: Wednesdays, July 8th - August 12th, 6:15 pm-7:15 pm

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 the following summer camps:

Furry Friends Camp:

Session 5: July 6-10 (Grade 4th-6th)

Session 7: July 20-24 (Grade 5th-7th)

A Week on the Farm Camp:

Session 9: August 3-7 (Grade 4th-7th)

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

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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).

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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.

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