

Comfort & Connection

121 days of hope during COVID-19



Gibs and his new family.



It's been a whopping 4 months since we closed our doors to the public due to the shelter in place order and began adapting to our new normal! Things are a lot different these days but the action-packed lifesaving work we do has not stopped!

We took some time to reflect on the last four months and how many animals we've been able to positively impact. Since the start of shelter-in-place on 3/18/2020 we have.....(drumroll please!!!).....

Adopted out **336 animals!**

Taken in **147 stray animals!**

Sent **257 animals** to foster!

Reclaimed **40 animals** (back to their owners)!

Transferred in **294 animals** in need from partner shelters!

We celebrate the teamwork, support, and camaraderie among HSSC staff, volunteers, foster families and our neighboring shelter partners - we could not continue this incredible work without each other.

We also applaud YOU, our amazing community. It takes a village to feed, house and care for the most vulnerable animals and we couldn't do it without your support!

Bellatrix LeStrange and her people.

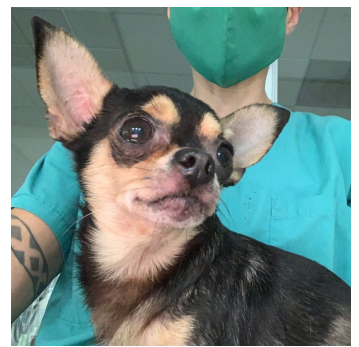
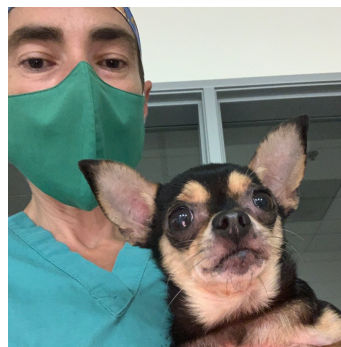


Minju on her way home.

Click [here](#) to see a video update on our shelter operations since the shelter in place went into effect.

❤️🐾 **Ready to bring home your new fuzzy family member? Click [here](#) to see how!!** 🐾❤️

News from our Shelter Hospital and Community Vet Clinic



Little Lucy was transferred to us with a chronic eye condition that was not responding to treatment at another shelter. Her eye was causing her a lot of pain, so our medical team decided to enucleate (remove) it.

It's a hard decision to remove an eye that is still functional; it would have been an easier decision if she was blind in that eye, but our veterinarians decided that it wasn't fair for her to be living in constant pain.

Meet Midas! Midas is a teacup chihuahua who first came to our Community Veterinary Clinic last year because he was having seizures. Midas' family could not afford to see a neurologist or pay for medication to control his seizures.

Thanks to donor support, the CVC is able to offer medications and treatments at cost to members of our community who qualify for services. We are happy to report that Midas has responded well to his anti-seizure medication.

The surgery was successful and Lucy is already feeling much better. She will be available for adoption soon so if you are looking to add a beautiful calico kitty to your family, Lucy is a keeper!

Oh, and if you're wondering about the pink baby socks...Our surgery team places baby socks on the feet of our shelter animals to keep them warm while under anesthesia. 🐾🐱



He recently came in for his annual checkup and vaccines and is doing great!

With your help we are able to care for at-risk animals and keep pets like Midas right where they belong - with the families who love them!

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!](#)

Join Us



Wags, Whiskers & WiFi is coming up soon! Register today!

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!!

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Register today at humanesocietysoco.org/www2020

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

FIND OUT MORE!!



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The Power of Your Compassion Will Keep Them Safe!

Help us purchase a new generator to power the shelter during an emergency outage.



Please Help us Purchase a New Generator!

We're raising money as quickly as we can to purchase a generator large enough to power the entire shelter during an outage. We're off to a strong start thanks to generous donors, including the Cohn Charitable Fund and the Redducs Foundation, who stepped up following the Kincade Fire. We need your help right now to raise the remaining funds before this year's fire season reaches its peak.

Help us keep our promise to the animals - to make sure they are safe, no matter what.

DONATE NOW!



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: Wednesdays, July 29th - September 2nd, 5 -6 pm
Instructor: Sue McGuire



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

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

Date: Saturdays, August 22 - October 2 (SKIP 9/5), 9-10 am

Instructor: Sue McGuire

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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: Saturdays, October 10th - November 14th, 9-10 am

Instructor: Sue McGuire

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

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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



Why is Kepler smiling?

This recent HSSC adoptee is feeling the love of a caring community - and so are we! We were recently awarded a COVID-19 Operation Grant from the Petfinder Foundation to help us provide vaccinations for our shelter pets.

Their generosity has made an important difference for pets like Kepler on the path to forever homes. We are so grateful to have their support in making second chances (and smiles!) possible!



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.

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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