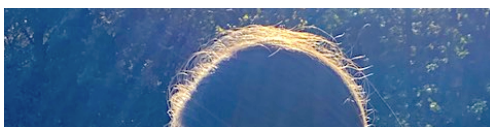


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Chester's story is one of compassion, acceptance and hope. Thanks to your support, this beautiful young life has been given an amazing chance to love and be loved...

When the North Complex Fire broke in September, our Animal Care and Intake teams went to help our friends at the Northwest SPCA in Oroville with their fire relief efforts. In addition to helping set up temporary shelters to triage incoming animals, our team conducted a large transfer of animals from their shelter to ours so they could make room for fire-affected animals. Chester was among the 14 dogs and 16 cats who came to HSSC that day in search of a fresh start in life.

We could tell right away that Chester was a total love bug. We could also tell he had some medical issues that would need to be addressed in order for him to live his happiest, healthiest life. In addition to treating him for kennel cough, our veterinary team determined that he had a spinal injury affecting his hind end. After several weeks of tests and trials, we were confident that he was not in pain and would have a good quality of life. Thankfully, Chester's injury did not keep him from running and playing - he took great joy in these activities! - but it did leave him incontinent. This little pup had no control of his bowels. We knew that it was going to take a super special family to adopt a special boy like Chester.



After weeks of inquiries, we were contacted by Samantha. She and her partner Sebastian had been looking for a dog and fell in love with Chester online. They took his special needs in stride and decided to schedule a meeting ASAP to meet him. Well, Chester is a very charming boy and he quickly worked his magic. After talking to our medical and behavioral teams about working with a dog with incontinence they made the adoption official and brought Chester home!



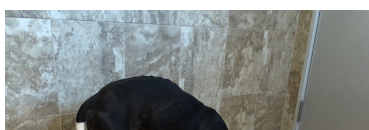
We recently received the following update from Samantha: "Chester is absolutely loved every second of the day and we couldn't be happier with him. It's like a dream come true, we love him so much, and all the more when his mostly-perfect waistbands leak, or he leaves behind "something" so stinky it literally wake us up in the night LOL...Yeah, he's our boy alright! He has the most hilarious personality and the pics just barely start to capture it. We are thankful to you all every day! Happy Holidays ❤️"

Here at HSSC, we are thankful for *YOU!* You make these stories of love and hope possible. On behalf of the animals who are spending the holidays safe and warm in loving homes, we send our heartfelt thanks!



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

News from our Shelter Hospital and Community Vet Clinic





Kylo was a recent transfer to our shelter and had a condition known as "happy tail". Happy tail is not an uncommon affliction of large cheerful dogs who have a habit of wagging their tails really hard. These are the dogs that knock things over or whack people in the leg from wagging so enthusiastically because they just can't help themselves.

Unfortunately, if they hit the walls of their kennels over and over, it can cause trauma to the tip of their tail. Wounds typically start small and under normal circumstances would heal just fine, but with repetitive trauma the wound re-opens making it very slow to heal.

We moved Kylo into a larger room on our adoption floor where he could have more space and a light bandage was placed to protect the wound and break the cycle.

We are happy to report that Kylo's condition had nearly fully healed just in time for him to be adopted into his forever home!

Seriously - Happy Tails, Kylo!

Even as we continue to adapt and respond during pandemic times, HSSC's Shelter Medicine and CVC programs are providing lifesaving procedures and surgeries. 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!

Shady came to our Community Veterinary Clinic after she was diagnosed with a dystocia by a local emergency clinic. Dystocia is a complication of the birth process with many different causes - the size and positioning of puppies, a too-narrow birth canal, lack of contractions or prolonged labor, for example.

Shady gave birth to six healthy puppies, but her contractions continued for hours. Her family knew something was terribly wrong. Their emergency clinic confirmed, sadly, that non-viable puppies remained inside Shady's uterus. She would need immediate emergency surgery to save her life, but her family could not afford the high cost. They turned to our CVC and Spay/Neuter clinics for help and our expert teams came to her rescue.

Shady recovered well from her surgery and her family was overjoyed that we were able to save their beloved pet's life.

How You Can Help



Looking for a gift for that animal lover on your list?

Why not a tribute brick in honor of a beloved pet? You will



not only lovingly commemorate a best friend, but will also help the Humane Society of Sonoma County do our lifesaving work!

Your special brick will become a lasting part of our Healdsburg Shelter's Memorial Courtyard and Pathway. Easy-peasy shopping and proceeds from each brick purchase go directly to our Healdsburg Shelter animals.

Click [here](#) to honor a beloved pet now!

Please spread the word to your favorite animal lovers and **THANK YOU** for your support!



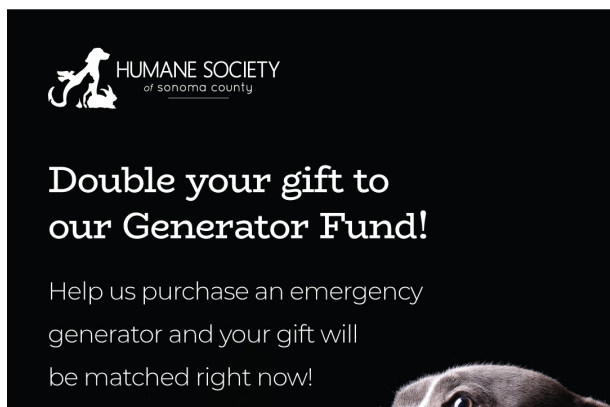
Shelter Pets Holiday Wish List!

Are you looking for a fun way to pep up the lives of shelter animals this holiday season? Well, you're in luck! We've put together a wish list full of enrichment toys and treats that will bring joy to our shelter pets!

Click [here](#) for our most-wanted gifts for the animals (we are especially in need of cat scratchers!)

If you'd like to give a gift to the animals, shop online and have items delivered to us - or shop local and bring items to our shelters.

The animals thank you for your holiday spirit!! 🐾



Give to our generator fund today and your gift will be matched, dollar for dollar!

David & Mary Love have stepped up (way up!) to help: They will match every donation up to a total of \$25,000!

Thanks to loving, compassionate donors, we've made great headway in our campaign to raise money for an emergency generator that will power our Santa Rosa shelter's life-saving operations during emergencies and disasters.

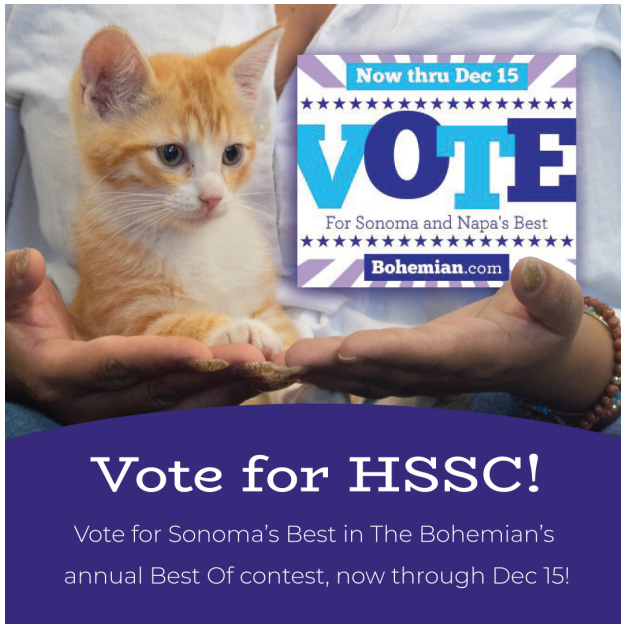


We don't have far to go! To date we've raised almost \$109,000 of the \$125,000 we need to pay for our generator - that's just \$16,000 short of our goal!

WE CAN DO THIS!!

Please help us reach our goal and see the value of your kindness doubled!

DONATE NOW!



We'd love your vote for the Bohemian Best of 2021 Readers Poll!! 🐾❤️

UPDATE! Extended Deadline to Vote! December 31, 2020!! Voting is still open for The Bohemian Best of 2021 Readers Poll and we'd LOVE to have your vote in the following categories: In the Food & Drink category: Best Covid Winery Charity Event (Humane Society of Sonoma County Wags, Whiskers & WiFi at Kendall-Jackson) In the Family category: Best Adoption Center, Best Animal Hospital (HSSC's Community Veterinary Clinic), Best Animal Rescue Group, Best Dog Obedience School, Best Summer Day Camp, and Best Veterinary Services (HSSC's Community Veterinary Clinic)

Vote for us now [here](#).

THANK YOU ❤️



Donate to our Pet Food Pantry!

Our Pet Food Pantry supports pet owners when they need a little extra help caring for their pets, especially during challenging times like these.

Any brands, any amounts, will be happily accepted and cat food is especially in demand these days! We accept in-person donations at both of our shelters and you can also have food shipped directly to us. View and order from our Amazon wish list [here](#).

We are also grateful for cash donations which are used to stock our pantry with food.

DONATE NOW!

**THANK YOU - your kindness is SO appreciated
by SO many!**



It's the Perfect Time to Help the Animals!

The CARES Act makes this the perfect time to help even more animals – and save on your taxes!

The CARES Act was implemented by Congress to help our nation through the COVID crisis. A lesser-known benefit of the CARES Act may be helpful in your tax planning for 2020.

This provision of the CARES Act is set to expire on December 31st. For more information on how the CARES Act might help you help the animals please click [here](#).

Join Us!



Virtual Wine Tasting Fundraiser with Mutt Lynch!

January 14th from 5-6pm!

Please join us for this fun event! Brenda Lynch will host and guide us through tastings of 3 special label wines, adorned with images of some of our beloved HSSC alumni! Cozy up in your favorite ugly sweater and taste wine from the comforts of your home. There will be time to ask questions about the wine or about the Humane Society. Help us kick off a new year and welcome 2021 with our first fundraiser of the year. 25% of wine sales will benefit the HSSC!

Click [here](#) to RSVP and get the zoom link!

To order your wines, 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!

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

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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