Tormund's Turnaround

special medical care and new beginnings!











Click here to see a YouTube video of Tormund in action!

Tormund is a big, blue-eyed cutie who was transferred to us in late March from a shelter that was unable to address his medical needs. He had a history of urethral blockages and needed surgery to correct the painful obstruction.

Urethral Obstruction (UO) is a fairly common occurrence in young-to middle-aged male cats that is not only uncomfortable, it can be life-threatening if left untreated. Our amazing shelter veterinary team performed a Perineal Urethrostomy to remove the blockage and prevent future ones from occurring.

Tormund's surgery went well and, once he recovered, we made him available for adoption. We just knew he'd be a popular guy because, as you'll see in the video (below left), he is a VERY sweet and affectionate cat! He wastes no time in quickly making his way onto your lap to be pet.

He's a very large kitty with lots of fine, fluffy fur and we knew he would need some help from his human with grooming and brushing, especially as he is a bit overweight right now.

A special adopter named Carol was up for the challenge! She met Tormund, fell in love (who wouldn't, just LOOK at that face!) and whisked him off to give him a lifetime of love and snuggles.

Your contributions to our **Angels Fund** go directly to support medical care for animals like Tormund on their journey to forever homes. Thank you for being a crucial part of our lifesaving work!



Ready to bring home your new fuzzy family member? Click here to see how!!

News from our Shelter Hospital and Community Vet Clinic



Michael is a sweet kitten who was recently transferred into our care with Calici Virus.

Calici causes upper respiratory infections, ulcers on the tongue, lameness and/or generalized illness. It is treated with supportive care and antibiotics if a secondary bacterial infection is present.

If an infected cat has a lot of nasal discharge, we will often treat them with a nebulizer, which creates a moist, damp environment to help loosen up the mucus and help clear out their nose. This can be done at home by putting your cat or kitten in a small bathroom while taking a hot shower to make the room steamy and damp. This helps them breathe more easily and is especially important if they aren't eating a lot.

Cats rely on their sense of smell when deciding what is worth eating and it can be challenging to eat when you can't breathe through your nose!

Michael was treated, made available and was adopted in record time (of course he was - look at that sweetie)!!



Our Community Veterinary Clinic team recently held a small, targeted wellness clinic in Guerneville in conjunction with Dogwood Animal Rescue Project.

The clinic provided veterinary care for members of the community who do not have access to transportation and therefore have difficulty obtaining veterinary care for their animals.

Dogwood Outreach Liaison Karen scheduled the appointments and CVC staff provided exams, vaccines, microchips, heartworm tests and preventative, and flea and tick treatment for 18 cats and dogs who attended!

Thank you Dogwood for partnering with us to provide this much-needed service!

As we continue to adapt and respond during these rapidly changing 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!

Volunteer Appreciation Week





A BIG Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers!

It's Volunteer Appreciation Week and we want to give a huge shout out to our incredible team of dedicated volunteers!

We want to thank you all for not only hanging in there through the pandemic, but for going above and beyond in so many ways.

Even though we could only have a fraction of our usual volunteer numbers at the shelter, you still managed to put in a total of 14,174 volunteer hours! And that doesn't include the additional 11,830 hours for fostering kittens, puppies, cats and dogs who need extra care! And that is nothing to shake a dog bone (or a wand toy) at!

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU for everything you do: your dedication, your enthusiasm, your ideas; your stories; your smiling faces and most of all for the love and compassion you give to the animals.



HSSC Celebrates Our Partnership with the City of Healdsburg Fire Department!

We are so happy to be partnering with <u>City of Healdsburg</u> <u>Fire Department</u> once again for their "Triple F" **F**urry **F**ace **F**riend program!

Our resident gentle giant Chonk had a great time gracing them with his Chonk-ness and we think the tongue and behind-the-mask smiles say it all!

We are pleased to report that Chonk was adopted from our Healdsburg shelter shortly after making friends with the firefighters! Thank you to this crew of heroes for helping us spread the word about our adoptables!

How You Can Help



Kitten Season is Coming!

Each year HSSC takes in hundreds of kittens and we care for them until they are healthy enough and old enough to find their forever homes.

As you can imagine, this requires lots of kitten supplies, especially Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR). This year, it will be especially important to have all the supplies we need to support our kitten fosters as they safely and remotely care for these precious babies. **Thank you** for helping to provide the essentials that these kittens will need on their journey to adoption!

View our Amazon Kitten Registry here.





ARS Roofing, help us

replace the roof on our

Santa Rosa shelter!

Help Us Raise the Roooof!!

Our Santa Rosa Shelter's roof has protected the animals for many years. We've patched and repaired the leaky spots as they've cropped up, but the time has come: we need to replace our roof before the next rainy season. We made a promise to love and care for the animals when they have nowhere else to turn. Now, we're turning to you to help us keep a roof over their heads — literally!

We can do this together!

Our animal-adoring friends at <u>ARS Roofing</u> have pulled out all the stops to get us an amazing "cool roof" with a lifetime quarantee to protect the animals and save us energy.

Now it's our turn to step up and do our part!

Every donation, big or small, brings us closer to our goal. Together we will continue to provide protection and comfort for the animals when they need us most.

Click Here to Make Your Gift!!

Thank you so much for your support!



Your For the Animals Looks So Good on You!!

HSSC merch is such a good-looking way to support the animals and our new logo baseball tees and hats will have you heading into summer in style!

Visit our Bonfire merch store to grab your very own tees, hats, masks and sweatshirts here now!!





Toad Abode!



Can You Help Our Summer Campers?

Summer Camps are all FULL and coming up quickly! To support camper activities, we need some specific crafting materials, which you may have laying around, waiting to be recycled - we would love to take them off your hands!

Specifically, we are looking for:

Cat Cave Boxes – About 12x12 but a little bigger or smaller works just fine with a cut out opening that a cat can fit into. The cut out opening is very important as our campers can't be using sharp tools needed to cut the holes.

Containers/Cans – Coffee cans work well, rinsed and dried, or any container with a top that has an opening (that you would please make/cut) for coins and dollars so our campers can make donation containers! Trader Joe's coffee cans are great!

Magazines and calendars with pictures of animals - for campers to cut up and use for making collages and for decorating donation bins and cat caves.

Small broken (or not) Terra Cotta Pots – These will be used for 'Toad Abodes'.

Any donations can be dropped off at our Santa Rosa Shelter at 5345 Hwy 12 West, Tues-Sat 11am-6pm Sunday 11am-5pm.

Join Us!



Wags, Whiskers & WiFi 2021

CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS!!

Our phone lines have been lighting up!

Everyone wants to know the scoop!



We are pleased to announce that our award-winning electronic extravaganza, Wags, Whiskers & WiFi, will be back August 4th, 5th & 6th – this time with an extra special, fun and frisky twist!

Stay tuned and watch your inbox for an official Save The Date!



Virtual Foster Volunteer Orientation

Do you love animals? Do you have a desire to help animals that need you? Have you ever thought about volunteering or becoming a foster for the shelter animals of HSSC?

Well, you're in luck! 🐯 🚨

We will be hosting a virtual volunteer and foster orientation on April 21st from 4pm - 5:30pm. If you're interested in joining please email **foster@humanesocietysoco.org** for details and to sign up!



Dine & Donate with Park Avenue Catering!

Saturday, May 8th

Ordering is live now! You can check out the delicious menu and make your selections to pre-order for pickup or delivery on May 8.

You get an amazing restaurant quality meal and HSSC gets 25% of the proceeds! You will also be supporting the local farmers and artisans who supply Park Avenue!

Click **here** and scroll down to find us (look for the dog!)

Was our eAnimail forwarded to you by a friend?

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 every animal protection, compassion, love and care. We are so grateful for this connection which inspires so much hope.







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 707-431-3386 | info@humanesocietysoco.org

Humane Society of Sonoma County
Board of Directors 2021

Kati Aho, President Kristen Trisko , Secretary Darlene Brazil, Treasurer

Jim Barnes, Sandy Chute, Johnny Drake, Sophia Grossi, Chris Kittredge, Grace Lucero, Steve Maass, Marty Olhiser, Robert Quail, Dorothy Rodella, Danielle Sandoval, Kelly Stromgren, Tim Wingard, Vee Wright

The Humane Society of Sonoma County never shares any contact information, including email addresses, with other organizations. Your privacy is always protected and very important to us.

<u>Unsubscribe</u> or <u>Manage Your Preferences</u>