Kitten season is happening MEOW!!









### **Kitten Season is HERE!**

It's that time of year again! In the past couple weeks alone we've taken in over 100 kittens, and the season is just beginning! We're expecting oodles of kittens this year and our dedicated kitten crews - from our intake and shelter medical teams to our foster volunteers - are making sure each and every fluffy baby gets the loving care they need to grow healthy and strong!

In addition to our local partners, we are working with other rescue groups including PAWsitively S.A.F.E, Tri-City Animal Shelter and the ASPCA to transfer kittens from overcrowded shelters across California to HSSC. Partnerships like these save so many little lives and we're very proud to be a safe haven for the animals who need us.

Each year HSSC takes in hundreds of kittens and we care for them until they are old enough to be spayed/neutered and adopted into loving 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.









# Happy Tails!





Mae is the newest employee at our Healdsburg shelter. She has been thinking of adopting a second cat for a while but was waiting for the right fit.

When Chip came in with a group of new cats, he stood out for his sweet and super outgoing, mellow personality. After working with him a few days Mae decided that he was the best cat ever and the cat she needed in her life!

The adoption was quickly made official and Mae and Chip started their happily-ever-after together.

Pat's husband recently moved into a care facility and she was in need of some companionship. Her son checked out our website and spotted Amy, an adorable senior dog who was also in need of companionship.

One look at Amy's photo and Pat wasted no time in making an appointment to meet her. She was instantly enamored by Amy's friendly personality and made the decision to give this sweet gal a home!

We wish these two a wonderful life together!





# News from our Shelter Hospital



Sweet kitty Miles transferred into our care having tested positive for FeLV (Feline Leukemia Virus) at a previous shelter. FeLV is a virus that infects cats and is transmitted through close, intimate contact. Often this occurs between a mother and her kittens but adult cats can spread the disease through grooming and sharing food or water dishes. FeLV infection can lead to anemia and sometimes cancer. Testing for FeLV can lead to confusing results due to the nature of the infection and the constraints of available tests.

Although his initial test was positive, a confirmatory test sent to our outside lab came back negative. The recommendation with these discordant results is to retest again in 60 days.

He was recently adopted and is now receiving tons of love in his new furever home. 🌮



Little Amy is a friendly chihuahua who was transferred to us from another shelter with a persistent intermittent cough. X-rays were done by our veterinary staff, and she was diagnosed with a collapsing trachea (or windpipe). A normal trachea is composed of a series of u-shaped rings connected by muscle, which helps it hold its shape. As a dog ages, these cartilage rings may lose their rigidity and the u shape flattens out, which causes irritation and coughing.

Several small breeds of dogs (chihuahuas included) are prone to developing this condition and there is likely a genetic component. Coughing can be brought on by stress, excitement, and exercise and treatment is often daily medication to help decrease the symptoms.

Luckily, Amy is well managed on her daily medication and recently found her new forever family which gives her all the love and care she deserves.

Read Amy's adoption story above

In these changing times, your support helps HSSC's Shelter Medicine and CVC programs provide lifesaving procedures and surgeries for animals in need.

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.

## How You Can Help



### 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 guarantee 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!!





### We'd LOVE to have your vote!!!

Wow! We are SO happy to announce that we've been nominated for The Press Democrat's Best of Sonoma County Reader's Choice 2021!!

Our Wags, Whiskers and WiFi Gala is in the running for Best Fundraising Event!

Visit the Press Democrat site to vote:



https://www.pressdemocrat.com/best/

Look for us under: Uniquely Sonoma – Fundraising Event
Voting runs through May 31st.

#### **THANK YOU!!**



# 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 <a href="here">here</a> now!!

## 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!



# Join us for Head West at The Barlow in Sebastopol!!

Head West is a local, community marketplace of neighbors and HSSC will be there June 12th and every second Saturday through December with our Kissing Booth, therapy dog visits, and training demos by our dog training department!

For more information visit:

https://www.facebook.com/headwestmarketplace

## 🤎 Was our eAnimail forwarded to you by a friend? 💝

Did a fellow animal-lover send our newsletter your way? Sign up <a href="here">here</a> 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 <a href="here">here</a> and on our <a href="#Facebook page">Facebook page</a> 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.







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