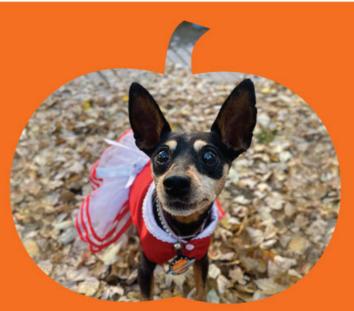
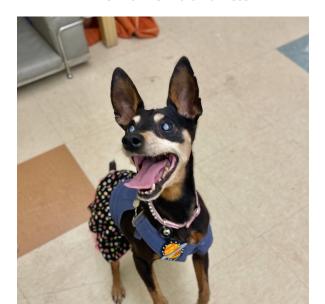
# HAPPY HOWL-O-WEEN!







Minnie with her halo harness.



## **Marvelous Mighty Minnie!**

Strutting through our Santa Rosa shelter lobby in her polka dot dress, Minnie soaks up every bit of attention she gets. She responds to our squeals with tail wags, smiles and spins. It's not just the tiny Min Pin's spontaneous fashion show that has us smiling... it's her courage and joy in spite of challenges. It's the hope we have in our hearts that a compassionate adopter is out there waiting to give her the love she deserves!

Minnie has come a long way since arriving at HSSC as a stray this August. A good Samaritan found the senior dog wandering near a local middle-school. She was blind, very thin and covered in fleas. We welcomed her with a safe cozy bed, fresh water and a nutritious meal. Once she was settled, our shelter medical team assessed her condition. Upon examination, they noted she had a skin mass on her neck and cataracts in both eyes. Bloodwork revealed she was diabetic.

Our veterinary team has been carefully tracking Minnie's blood glucose levels and adjusting her daily insulin injections accordingly. Simultaneously, they've been monitoring her safe weight gain. Now that her condition is becoming manageable, we are ready to place Minnie into a loving home where she can be cared for and treasured.

Minnie's ideal adopter will need be comfortable with giving her twice daily insulin injections. They'll also need to provide a safe environment for her, keeping her bed, food and water dishes in consistent locations to help her navigate. Even though she is visually impaired she is fearless (and spring-loaded!), so care



should be taken with stairs and furniture. She loves going for walks and does well on a leash, fancy dresses optional

## 9 Decades · 9 Lives



This year, HSSC is celebrating our 90th anniversary as a safe haven for animals. From older animals with chronic medical conditions like Minnie, to fragile newborns and animals at every stage in between... your support of our Angels Fund helps us provide the medical care they need for happy, healthy lives.

We're so grateful to have you by our side!

Watch our 9 decades 9 lives anniversary celebration <a href="here!">here!</a>

Thank you for your support and commitment to our mission!

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

## Healdsburg Happenings





#### Join us for the Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade!

The Spooky Season is upon us!! 🚱

What better way to celebrate all things wickedly cute than the Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade!? Join your fellow Ghoul and Goblin pet lovers for an afternoon of fun at the Healdsburg

Plaza on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from

# 12pm-2pm - \$20 donation per group to march in the parade!

Get in the spirit for a howling good time! There will be a costume contest, raffles and more!

Prizes from Healdsburg stores and businesses include:

Costeaux • Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce •
Pizzando/Hotel Healdsburg • Fideaux • Bon Ton Studio •
Amy's Wicked Slush • Rodney Strong • Montage Hotel •
Debbie's Boutique

Healdsburg Mayor Evelyn Mitchell will MC the event and judges include Evelyn, Kim Lloyd of Big John's Market, Healdsburg Chamber Executive Director Tallia Hart (and her dog), Fire Chief Jason Boaz, Erin Morris from Fideaux and Police Chief Matt Jenkins!

Big John's Market is our amazing and beloved sponsor for this year's event!

So hop on your virtual broom stick, fly over to <u>our</u> <u>website</u> and register your pups to take part in the parade!

# Win this *fa-booOOO-lous* Halloween-themed quilt while supporting our Healdsburg Shelter!

We're not *ghoulin'* around when we say our wonderful supporter and amazing quilter Sue Morrill has created something extra special to help us raise money for our Healdsburg animals! This *boo*-tiful handmade cotton quilt features fun and festive fabrics (some even glow in the dark) and measures 59" x 74" – sized just right for *chilling* with your fur fam on Halloween!

#### Get ready to place your bids!

Click **HERE** to add it to your watch list.

The auction will be open from 8am on 10/27 through 11:59pm on 10/28.

The winner will be announced 10/29!

#### A little about our dear Sue Morrill...

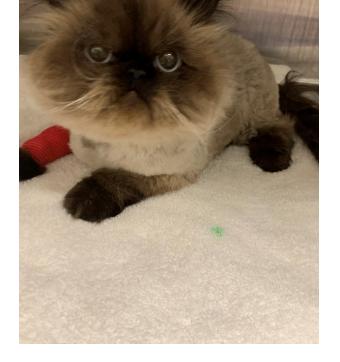
Not only is Sue an amazing quilter, she has deep Healdsburg roots. Her mom was born and raised in Windsor/Healdsburg and her dad, in his day, was quite the rabble-rouser at the old Healdsburg High School. He was famous for driving his car up the high school steps and there might have been an occasional race around Fitch Mountain. Sue's cousin, Harlene, still lives in Healdsburg. Sue has been donating quilts, mostly to animal charities, for years. What a beautiful way to support the animals! Thank you so much for thinking of HSSC, Sue!

## News From Our Community Veterinary Clinic



## Ash on the Road to Recovery.

Ash is a 4-1/2 year old Persian who came in as a referral from a local veterinary clinic. He had a urinary obstruction



and had been unblocked, but his owner was unable to afford ongoing hospitalization or life-saving surgery. Her father had passed away the week before and she was distraught at the thought of also losing her beloved companion. Her veterinarian reached out to our Community Veterinary Clinic to see if we could do surgery. They were able to stabilize Ash while keeping costs down, then he was transferred to us for perineal urethrostomy surgery the following day.

This is a perfect example of how our clinic serves as a safety net in the community, working in partnership with other area clinics to get animals the care they need at an affordable cost. Surgery was successful and the last we heard Ash was doing great, urinating in his litterbox, and comforting Mom again. Our CVC staff said, "Ash is a 100% good boy and his owner was extremely grateful that we were able to help."

## News from our Shelter Medicine Team



#### **Roommates with benefits!**

Mittens and Squeaker were a pair of cats transferred into our care together.

Squeaker, the white and brown tabby with the squeaky meow, had chronic issues with his left eye. It was enlarged, irregular in shape, and painful, so it was removed. Mittens, the grey and white kitty, was treated for an upper respiratory infection. In spite of all their medical woes, they were extremely sweet cats.

In the shelter we tend to be cautious about housing cats together. They may not always get along and the risk of spreading infection may increase. Sometimes, however, cats really benefit from having a roommate -- it can actually improve their quality of life -- so our medical and behavioral teams work together in making these decisions.

Mittens and squeaker enjoyed being roommates -- having each other around made their short stop here at the shelter seem a little easier.

We are delighted to say these two super cuties have both been adopted and are living it up with their new furever families!

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.



**DONATE NOW!** 

## Community Partner Spotlight



### Thank you E.R. Sawyer Jewelers!

For over 140 years, the Van Dyke Family has served the jewelry needs of Sonoma County. Today, **E.R. Sawyer Jewelers** is owned and operated by Doug and Ame Van Dyke. Being raised in Sonoma County, both Doug and Ame appreciate the importance of doing business locally and giving back to the community they serve. The Van Dykes are active members of the community and have been sponsors of HSSC's annual Wags, Whiskers & Wine gala for many years.

Ame notes, "animals are such a big part of our family's life... we have 4 dogs and a cat and 3 of our dogs and our cat are rescues. Many members of our work team also have beloved rescue animals! We believe all animals deserve love, safety and a happy home. The Humane Society of Sonoma County is a cause near and dear to our hearts and we are supportive of their amazing work!"

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Van Dyke family for the many, many ways they make Sonoma County a vibrant and beautiful place to live, and for always putting the community at the heart of their business. We are so very grateful for your support!

## How You Can Help



## Your For the Animals Looks So Good on You!!

What better way to celebrate 90 years of compassion and resilience than wearing your heart on your sleeve...or your bag!

HSSC merch is such a good-looking way to support the animals and our new 90th Anniversary swag will have you heading through the end of year and beyond in style!

Visit our Bonfire merch store to grab your very own tees, totes, long sleeved tees and sweatshirts now!!

**ORDER HERE** 



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#### Vote for us!!

The North Bay Bohemian Best of Sonoma County Voting period is open now!

We're eligible for the following categories:

In the Arts & Cluture category - **Best Virtual Charity Event (HSSC's Wags Whisker's & Wifi)** 

In the Everyday category – **Best Non Profit, Best Animal Adoption Center and Best Animal Rescue Group** 

In the Family category – **Best Summer Day Camp** (HSSC's Humane Education Camp), Best Veterinary Service (HSSC's Community Veterinary Clinic), Best Dog Obedience School (HSSC's Academy of Dog)

Voting ends December 1<sup>st</sup> – Click below to vote NOW!

THANK YOU!



Vote Here



### Help Us Raise the Roooof!!

We need to raise \$200,000 to replace our Santa Rosa Shelter's roof.

We're turning to you to help us keep a roof over the animals' heads – literally!

Our animal-adoring friends at ARS Roofing have pulled out all the stops to get us an amazing "cool roof" with a lifetime guarantee to protect the animals from ever more severe weather, save energy and significantly lower our utility bills.

Please help us keep our promise to the animals: to protect them and keep them safe, no matter what.

Click Here to Make Your Gift!!

Thank you so much for your support! 💚



## Join Us!



#### **Cheers to the Animals with Rodney Strong!**

Our generous community partners at Rodney Strong are once again finding ways to pair their delicious wines with lifesaving care for the animals at HSSC!

10% of sales from select bottles of wine will go toward our mission of protection, compassion, love and care. Use the code GOOD CAUSE for an extra 30% off!

This amazing offer starts 10/15 and runs 10/25.

So, pour yourself a glass of wine and cheers to the animals!

**Place Your Order Here** 



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

Head West is a local, community marketplace of neighbors and HSSC will be there Saturday, November 13th with our Kissing Booth, therapy dog visits, and more!

For more information visit the Head West <u>facebook page</u>.



#### **Dine & Donate with Round Table!**

On Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> **20%** of your total order placed at **Round Table on Guerneville Road in Santa Rosa** will be donated to HSSC!

Present this flyer when you order Dine-In, Carry-Out & Curbside Pickup and Round Table will take care of the rest! Who doesn't love pizza with benefits?

Be sure to **RSVP** by Monday 10/25

This delicious deal is only available between 11am-10pm on 10/28/21 and excludes all other coupons, discounts and  $3^{rd}$  party delivery sites.



### Thank you to our loving community!

We have been honored with one of the first Top-Rated Awards of 2021 from GreatNonprofits!

We appreciate all of your contributions! Read inspiring stories about us and add your own here.

First and foremost, we want you all to stay safe and healthy. As we work toward safely re-opening post-pandemic, we will continue to post updates about

our programs and services on our website **here** and on our **Facebook page**.

Your ongoing support enables us to continue our lifesaving work for the animals during changing times.

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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HSSC's Healdsburg Shelter: 555 Westside Rd | Healdsburg, CA 95448 707-431-3386 | info@humanesocietysoco.org

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