

IF YOU  K FOR IT
I've got a sneaking suspicion
love catually is all around...



Our Miracle Maribel ▀ Love Catually Fundraiser! ▀ Bonded British Bulldogs

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"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."

— Helen Keller

The resilience of animals never ceases to touch our hearts. And recently, one very special cat has shown us her own unique ability to adapt in the face of adversity.

Maribel is mostly blind, partially deaf and all sweetness. Brought to us last month by a good Samaritan who found her in his backyard, she was dehydrated and quite thin. Her thick black fur was matted and dull, and her stiff hind legs trembled a bit when she walked. In other words, we could tell this sweet senior cat had weathered a few storms in her life.

Our shelter medical team gave her fluids and shaved the matted fur to help her feel more comfortable. Bloodwork revealed that one of her kidney enzymes was elevated but all other kidney values were normal. After a few days of nutritious meals and copious amounts of TLC, Maribel's mobility and outlook improved. We've been so impressed with her ability to navigate her surroundings. By reaching a paw out to feel for her next step, she has learned to find her way around her cat tower, water fountain and litterbox with ease.



Maribel loves companionship and – upon sensing your presence - will lean her fluffy cheeks in for gentle scratches. Our volunteer Cat Care Partners enjoy brushing her and leaving a trail of treats for her to discover on the way to her food bowl! We've all fallen in love with this wonderful being and are hoping to find a special someone who will too!

Wondering how you can give Mirabel the loving, cozy indoor home she deserves? Read these recommendations from HSSC's Feline Behavior Program Manager here: [Caturdays With Saffron](#). Then give our Adoptions team a call at (707) 542-0882 to schedule a time to come meet her!

From the bottom of our hearts, we'd like to thank you for helping us create a community where animals like Maribel can be safe and loved. ❤️

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

Love, Catually, Is All Around!



"All You Need Is Love" HSSC's Valentine's Day - Love Catually Fundraiser! ❤️

Profess your passion for the animals with a gift in honor of your special someone this Valentine's Day! **Whether your beloved is 2-, 3- or 4-legged, we will post your love note for all to see on our ["Celebration of Adoration"](#) page starting Monday, February 14th.**

Your devotion to the animals proves that love, actually, is all around us! So, pen your message of smooshy smitteness and seal it with a sloppy kiss!

Any level of love will go directly to help an animal in need. THANK YOU for your generosity in the name of LOVE!! ❤️

Give Your Gift of Love Today!

Healdsburg's Bonded Bully's



♥ Meet Bailey and Bridget! ♥

Bailey and Bridget are a bonded pair of British bulldogs available for adoption at our Healdsburg shelter. They're small, adorable and sweet as can be! Bailey (pictured on the left) is 10 years old and Bridget (on the right) is 3, these two girls appreciate a slow approach but it doesn't take long before they greet you with a bunch of happy, wiggly love! They have become staff and volunteer favorites very quickly because of their sweet personalities and adorable looks. Bailey and Bridget are looking for a family who will bring them on sniffy walks, give them delicious snacks and will love them forever. If you'd like to double the love in your life, give our Healdsburg shelter a call! (707) 542-0882

Want to know more? Visit their profile pages: [Bailey](#) / [Bridget](#)

News from our Shelter Medicine Team





Pony Boy during his intake exam. October 2021



Pony Boy post surgery. January 2022

Our boy is growing up!

Pony Boy became a favorite of the shelter medical staff after many hours caring for him. As a very young kitten, he experienced trauma to his genital area that affected his ability to urinate. He went out to a loving foster family for close monitoring until he was old enough for anesthesia. When he was ready, our shelter medicine team performed surgery to widen the opening of his prepuce so he could urinate with greater ease. Following surgery, he was gifted with a snazzy vest called a Suitical that helped him with his healing process. He was the most fashionable cat at the shelter! Pony Boy recovered well from his surgery and we were all very happy to see the playful, loving, older kitten he had become! Once he was officially cleared for adoption, Pony Boy was quickly scooped up by a new, loving family. We couldn't be happier for this sweet boy.

News From Our Community Vet Clinic



Dr. Ada Norris, her journey to veterinary medicine and the CVC

We are thrilled to share that our very own Dr. Ada Norris was featured on the [Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine](#) website!

This fabulous article truly shines a light on Dr. Ada's compassionate care for the animals and our local community.

To read about her life's journey to veterinary medicine and the CVC click the button below!

[Read the Article Here](#)



Squeaky's Life Saving Surgery

Squeaky was seen at our Community Veterinary Clinic after having a history of vomiting and inappropriate urination for 3 days straight. He was perky and didn't seem to be in pain or dehydrated, but a urinalysis showed that he had a urinary tract infection. Squeaky was given fluids, anti-nausea medication, antibiotics, pain medication and was sent home with a bland diet.

After a few days his vomiting had not improved so he was brought back to the CVC and abdominal radiographs were taken. The radiographs showed Squeaky had possibly ingested a "foreign body." He was quickly taken into surgery and, unfortunately, a large part of his GI tract was compromised by a very long piece of dental floss that had looped around his tongue and was trapped in his stomach and intestines. Our CVC surgical team had to remove a significant portion of his GI tract because there was so much damage, but Squeaky recovered well! He was eating (and pooping!) within a few days of surgery!

In these challenging 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.

❤️ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** ❤️

[DONATE NOW!](#)

Community Partner Spotlight

KZST FM

You already know that KZST's chart-topping playlist puts some pep in your step - and their fun, positive on air personalities keep a smile on your face... but did you know the good people behind this local radio station have a longstanding love of





animals and community?

In 2013, the station started sponsoring a "Pet of the Week" feature on-air and online, a tradition which continues to this day – each Wednesday at 8:10am we talk about one of our adoptable animals with Brent Farris and Debbie Abrams on the KZST morning show!

KZST has also been a valued sponsor of our annual gala. Their generous support helped make our Wags, Whiskers and Wifi virtual events a wonderful success for the animals!

KZST – your format might be "Adult Contemporary", but we think YOU ROCK!!!

Join Us!



PUP PUP LUV! ❤️

Hawley Winery and Jeff Cohn Cellars are neighbors in downtown Healdsburg, and they are both hosting our Kissing Booth and Animal Assisted Therapy dog Bubbles for their Valentine Puppy Love day on **Saturday, February 12th from 12-5pm!**

HSSC gets a percentage of wine sales from Hawley Winery and 5\$ donation per item of merchandise purchased from Jeff Cohn Cellars!

To RSVP for Hawley Winery email: taste@hawleywine.com

And you can purchase Jeff Cohn Cellars merchandise here: www.jeffcohncellars.com

For more information click over to our events calendar: humanesocietysoco.org





HUMANE SOCIETY
of sonoma county
Santa Rosa

February 14th
3-6 PM
Mercy Wellness Santa Rosa
900 Santa Rosa Ave.



Valentine's Day
Puppy Kissing Booth



Valentine's Day at Mercy Wellness!

Get some sloppy kisses this Valentines day with HSSC and Mercy Wellness!

Monday, February 14th HSSC will have our Kissing Booth and Animal Assisted Therapy dog Bubbles at the Mercy Wellness on Santa Rosa Ave from 3-6pm.

We'll be dishin' out cute puppy smooches and sweet Hershey Kisses for donations!

TUNE IT UP HELP A PUP!
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19 1P - 4P



Bring in your electric or acoustic guitar, or ukulele and we will restring it for you with a new set of Ernie Ball Strings with your \$10 cash donation to the Humane Society.

Play Bass? Buy strings from us the day of the event and we'll put them on for you with your \$10 donation! Volunteers from the rescue will be onsite along with a Puppy Kissing Booth!

All Proceeds go to the Humane Society. We try to get as many instruments done as possible so, please no repairs, 12 string guitars, or locking tremos.

LOUDANDCLEARMUSIC.COM

Tune it up with Loud and Clear!

Loud and Clear will re-string your instrument while you kiss some puppies at the HSSC Kissing Booth!

Saturday, February 19th from 1:00pm-4:00pm the amazing staff at Loud and Clear Music will re-string your electric guitar, acoustic guitar or ukulele with a new set of Ernie Ball strings for a \$10 donation!

Play Bass? No problem! You can purchase strings from them the day of the event and have your bass re-strung for a \$10 donation. HSSC will receive all of the proceeds from the day!

Tune it up and Help a Pup!! ❤️



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How You Can Help



Be There for the Animals, Through Thick and Thin! ❤️

Become a Humane Partner with your automatic, recurring gift today!

Simplify your giving life and provide consistency and security for those animals who need it most. As a member of our Humane Partner program, your monthly donations will provide homeless animals with loving shelter, protection, medical treatment and all the time they need to find new homes. As a Humane Partner, you won't receive regular donation requests in the mail, but you may hear from us from time-to-time. And, in January of each year, we'll send you a "Thank You" receipt for tax purposes.

You will touch many hearts and lives with the kindness of a recurring gift. Become a Humane Partner today!

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Help Us Raise the *Roooof!!*

All the rain we've had this season has been so great to see! But it's taken a toll on our old roof - we've experienced many leaks, visible damage and it sometimes has required us to temporarily re-locate an animal.

The good news is our roof is currently being replaced!! But we need to continue on our path to raise \$200,000 to cover the cost.

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.

[DONATE HERE](#)



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](#).

♥ **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!

Follow us for more amazing animal stories on our socials!



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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