

Mama Mai and Tiny Tai • Kittens are Coming! • Healdsburg Anniversary

Shelter Medicine and CVC Updates • Vaccine Clinic • Exciting Events! • And MORE...



Baby Tai taking a cozy nap at her foster home.



# Thanks to you, tiny Tai and mama Mai have landed on their feet!

In January, a shelter in the Central Valley reached out to us: they were overflowing with animals and they desperately needed our help. In addition to several dogs, we took in mama cat Mai and her newborn kitten Tai. Mai and her kittens had been picked up as strays. Unfortunately, three of her babies had already passed away prior to being transferred to us and her remaining kitten, Tai, was in rough shape. Our shelter medical team addressed the golf ball-sized abscess on Tai's tiny tummy and treated her with antibiotics and warm compresses. We also treated Mai for congestion and noted that she had several fractured and missing teeth. We then placed mama and baby with Carolyn, one of our dedicated foster volunteers. Carolyn made sure Mai and Tai had a quiet, cozy place to rest and worked closely with our medical team to monitor Tai's healing.

Mai did a wonderful job feeding Tai and keeping her warm and clean. After a few weeks, she began to lose interest in nursing so we supplemented Tai's diet with formula. We kept the pair together for a while longer before bringing mama back to the shelter to be spayed and receive some much-needed dental care. She healed very quickly and was adopted shortly after! And, once Tai was big and strong enough, she was spayed and adopted right away too!

Mai in her foster home.



Tai having a check up!

Tai is one of the first kittens to arrive at HSSC this year! As we celebrate the unofficial start of Kitten Season 2022, we salute everyone who helps us save these vulnerable, precious, itty bitty beings: our hardworking rescue partners, our skilled and dedicated foster volunteers and YOU!

Your compassionate support ensures that animals like Tai and Mai have a safe place to land! Thank you!

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

## Kittens Are Coming!









#### Last year HSSC adopted out over 600 kittens!

We are gearing up for even bigger numbers this year and are looking for some help!

There are many ways to assist us with the inevitable influx of tiny, fluffy, adorable kittens:

- **Become a foster parent** from mama cats to bottle babies, unsocialized kittens to entire litters, our foster parents help us keep space in the shelter while providing these kittens with much needed care, socialization and monitoring to ensure their happy healthy futures!
- **Food donations** one of our biggest needs is always KITTEN FOOD! These adorable tiny floofs eat up a surprising amount of food! Donations of any kind can always be dropped off at either of our locations during business hours.
- Kitten Shower with Kitten Season comes our annual Kitten Shower!

- Keep an eye on our social media for all the details on how to donate!
- Donate through our Wish Lists we have an Amazon wish list dedicated to our kittens:
  - https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1FECMDQ2SZ79B/ref=nav\_wishlist\_lists\_2
  - And you can find more kitten items on our NEW Chewy Wish List:
  - https://www.chewy.com/g/humane-society-of-sonoma-county\_b80850414
- Adopt If you're interested in adopting a kitten, keep an eye on our adoptions page!









### **Humane Partners**



#### Always There for the Animals 💚



It can be such a challenge to give to the causes you love when times are hard. Sometimes giving a little at a time makes it easier to keep your loving support going.

A monthly, automatic payment through our Humane Partner program ensures ongoing support for the animals through thick and thin.

For as little as five dollars a month, your Humane Partner gifts provide homeless animals with safety, stability and the time they need to find their new forever homes.

Every penny makes a difference, and you touch so many little hearts with the kindness of your recurring gift.

Become A Humane Partner Today!

Thank You!!

### **Aftercare**



#### **Our Pets are Our Family**

The loss of a companion animal can be overwhelming. Following the passing of your beloved pet, there are multiple options for their care.

Our Aftercare Services offer private or communal cremations with the utmost respect and care. If you would like more information about the services we provide, please contact dkerwin@humanesocietysoco.org.

## Happy Anniversary Healdsburg!

## 🏂 🏂 Happy 6th Anniversary to our Healdsburg Shelter!! 🏂 🏂



Over the past six years the Humane Society of Sonoma County Healdsburg has adopted out over **1600 pets**, assisted over **1,100 strays** and brought **joy to thousands** of people in our community.

Our Healdsburg shelter also offers Training Classes, Pet Food Pantry, Youth Camps and more!

They're off to a strong start for another successful year of intakes and adoptions in 2022!

DONATE TO HEALDSBURG TODAY!



#### The Perfect Tribute!

Pave your way into your favorite animal lover's heart with a Commemorative Brick, and help the Humane Society of Sonoma County continue their life saving work!

For a donation, you can purchase a brick in honor of your true love, best human friend or best furry friend. Or celebrate your love of animals with a heartfelt message inscribed with your own name. Bricks are placed in the beautiful Memorial Courtyard at our Healdsburg Shelter.

The Healdsburg Shelter Commemorative Brick

Project offers an opportunity to be part of our life saving
work - providing a safe haven, new beginnings and second
chances for animals.

ORDER YOUR BRICK TODAY!

## News from our Shelter Medicine Team



#### **Bonded Bullies!**

Bridget and Bailey are a bonded pair of English bulldogs who were transferred into HSSC together. Bridget, the younger of the two arrived underweight and with an ear



Bridget and Bailey enjoying a walk in the sun at our Healdsburg shelter!

infection, but overall she was relatively healthy. Bailey, on the other hand, was skinny and had several lumps and bumps - mostly cysts and mammary masses.

When screening Bailey for possible malignancies, our medical team noticed something very interesting... Bailey had rocks in her stomach! She was promptly scheduled for surgery to have both rocks and mammary masses removed, and was spayed at the same time. She recovered well and started gaining weight.

These two happy girls melted the hearts of staff and volunteers. We are overjoyed to report that these two sweeties were adopted together last weekend!!!

## News From Our Community Vet Clinic



#### **Meet our CVC client Lolita!**

This adorable little pup was seen for a dental evaluation after her owner noticed some teeth had fallen out. Lolita has had a history of seizures and was diagnosed with a heart murmur.

Our veterinary staff started her on medication, and Lolita is scheduled to come back in a month for a recheck exam and blood work. If everything looks good she will then be scheduled for a dental!

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.

## Free Vaccine Clinic with Petco Love







#### Thank you Petco Love!

This month HSSC hosted two **FREE Vaccine Clinics** where pet owners could get DAAP and FVRCP vaccines for their pups and kitties thanks to Petco Love! We also offered microchipping services, Pet Food Pantry, a pet thrift store and information about our Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic!

#### Our hardworking team of staff and volunteers Vaccinated over 100 pets and Microchipped 70!!

Big Thanks to Petco Love for providing our vaccines!





## Community Partner Spotlight



#### Thank You Russian River Brewing Company!



Pliny the Younger draws beer enthusiasts from around the world to the Russian River Brewing Company for its limited edition release each year. Their beers, brewery and brewmaster have won dozens of awards from the Great American Beer Festival and the World Beer Cup over the years. Russian River Brewing Co. is considered an innovator on the international beer scene and their Santa Rosa and Windsor brewpubs are popular local fixtures.

Russian River Brewing Co. is also enthusiastically renowned here at HSSC! Owners Vinnie and Natalie Cilurzo are animal lovers and longtime supporters of the Humane Society of Sonoma County. In addition to donating beer and time to so many of our events over the years, they are regular sponsors of our annual Wags, Whiskers & Wine gala (and stay tuned for news about THIS YEARS Wags, Whiskers and Wine!).

Please join us in raising a toast to Vinnie, Natalie, the entire brew crew and their big, hoppy hearts - we thank them for being such an amazing force for good in our community!

## Pawsitively Fun Happenings





Nominate Us! pressdemocrat.com/best

The Press Democrat's Best of Sonoma County 2022 is open for nominations from now until April 10<sup>th</sup>!!

We're eligible for the following categories:

In the Uniquely Sonoma County category -

Best Nonprofit (Humane Society of Sonoma County) and Best Summer Camp (HSSC's Animal Adventure Camps)

In the Real Life category -

**Best Veterinarian (Dr. Ada Norris with the CVC)** 

Please help us get on those ballots -click the button below!

**NOMINATE US!** 





#### Amy's Wicked Slush ♥'s Shelter Pets!!

It's Grateful April at Amy's Wicked Slush!

When you adopt a pet from HSSC during the month of April you'll receive a gift card for one FREE Pip Squeak Slush from Amy's Wicked Slush!

Check out all of our adorable adoptables on our <u>website</u> - and get your **FREE Pip Squeak Slush** to celebrate!!



#### We're Back at HEAD WEST in Sebastopol!

Head West is a local outdoor retail marketplace taking place every second weekend of the month at the Barlow in Sebastopol!

**HSSC** will be there with our Kissing Booth, therapy



dog visits, and more-

#### Saturday April 9th from 11am-5pm!

For more information visit the **Head West website**.

## How You Can Help

It can be so hard to give during times of uncertainty. Your gift - whether volunteering with the animals, donating pet supplies or giving financial support - is so deeply appreciated, and every single thing you do helps the animals.

From the bottom of our hearts - THANK YOU for your help.

Ways to Give!











#### Thank you to our loving community!



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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!

### 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.







HSSC's Santa Rosa Shelter: 5345 Hwy 12 West | Santa Rosa, CA 95407 707-542-0882 | info@humanesocietysoco.org

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