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## National Heartworm Awareness Month



**Gianna's Heartworm Journey ▀ Wags Whiskers & Wine is BACK! ▀ Volunteer Appreciation**

**Healdsburg Happenings ▀ CVC Updates ▀ Vaccine Clinics ▀ And MORE...**



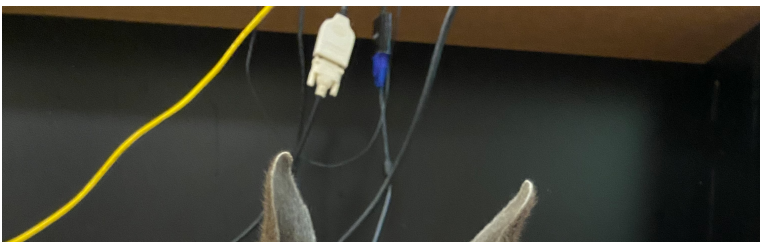
### **Like any exuberant two-year-old, Gianna is quite the busybody!**

She's curious about the world around her and wants to run and play! So why are we encouraging Gianna to "keep calm and carry on"? This beautiful pup came to our Healdsburg Shelter as a stray and our Shelter Medical team quickly diagnosed her with heartworm. Restricted activity and a low-stress environment are crucial to her lifesaving treatment while she waits for her forever home!

Heartworm is spread to dogs through mosquitos. When an infected mosquito bites a dog, it leaves behind microfilariae, which become larvae that mature into adult heartworms. These parasites can cause heart failure, lung disease and damage to other organs as well.

Treatment is not for the faint of heart. "It requires aggressive, expensive and potentially dangerous treatment with a combination of oral medication, and a series of deep and painful injections in the lumbar musculature," explains Lisa Labrecque, DVM, HSSC Director of Veterinary Services. "Complications can occur at any time during treatment as the worms die off and can cause side effects. Death can occur if the dying worms block blood flow in the lungs and blood vessels, which is why dogs undergoing treatment have to be kept quiet and calm."

In lieu of enthusiastic play for Gianna, our Behavior & Training





team is keeping her happy and engaged with lots of puzzle toys, scent work and chew toys. And Gianna is as affectionate as she is playful. She loves to climb into your lap for snuggles and sweetness!

How long until she can be adopted? Gianna wants to go home NOW! Our Shelter Medical team will work with her adopters to schedule the remainder of her treatments and go over instructions for best care. We can't wait for this snuggly sweetheart to truly blossom in her forever home!

As you might have guessed, heartworm disease is much easier to prevent than treat. If your pet (yes, cats can get heartworm too!) are not currently on monthly preventatives, please talk to your vet today! It'll do your – and their - heart a lot of good!

Read Gianna's profile here: [humanesocietysoco.org/pets/gianna-the-dog/](https://humanesocietysoco.org/pets/gianna-the-dog/)

Learn more about heartworm here: [heartwormsociety.org](https://heartwormsociety.org)

To help animals like Gianna who need lifesaving medical care on their journey to adoption, please donate to our Angels Fund: [humanesocietysoco.org/donate](https://humanesocietysoco.org/donate)

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

## Wags Whiskers & Wine!

Wags Whiskers & Wine

||| AUG 5th 2022 |||

be a sponsor

be an auction donor

be a part of it!

**Wags Whiskers & Wine is Back, Live and in Purrrrrson!!!!**

♥ Save the Date

♥ Become a Sponsor

♥ Donate an Auction Item

*We are wagging our tails with anticipation!!*

**Join us August 5th at [Kendall Jackson Estate and Gardens](#) for an evening of fabulous fun benefiting our fuzzy friends!**





- Kendall - Jackson Wines & Local Brews ▫ Fabulous Silent Auction ▫ The World Famous Cake Frenzy ▫
- HSSC's Tail Wagon ▫ Online Auction and Raffles ▫
- Save a Life Paddle Raise Hosted by California State Senate Majority Leader, Mike McGuire ▫

...and so much MORE!

**Be a Sponsor, Be an Auction Donor...**

BE A PART OF IT!

**Thank You HSSC Volunteers!!**

**Happy National Volunteer Appreciation Week  
to all our fabulous HSSC VOLUNTEERS!!**





**We are so grateful to work with such dedicated, compassionate, caring volunteers. You are the heart of our shelter and provide so much love and joy to the animal's lives. Your hard work makes a difference every single day.**

**From the bottom of our hearts, Thank You!! ❤️**

**If you're interested in volunteering with HSSC, please email [volunteer@humanesocietysoco.org](mailto:volunteer@humanesocietysoco.org)**

## Healdsburg Happenings



Martini



Pluto



Neptune



Yoshi



Margarita



Piña Colada

### Healdsburg's Guinea Pig Herd

Our Healdsburg shelter recently transferred in two groups of Guinea Pigs from shelters that had been inundated with these small, squeaky sweeties. Margarita, Piña Colada and Martini all came from San Francisco Animal Care and Control. Yoshi, Neptune and Pluto arrived to us from Monterey County Animal Services!

They may be tiny, but they can provide a big world of happiness for their adopters. From chirping, wheeking and purring to snuggling and cutely chewing on veggies – it's so easy to fall in love with a Guinea Pig!

If you're interested in adding a little adorable companion to your family, you can read about all these sweet Guineas on our website: [humanesocietysoco.org](http://humanesocietysoco.org) or you can call our Healdsburg shelter (707) 431-3386



# Virtual Kitten Shower!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL

*kitten shower*



Visit [HumaneSocietySoCo.org/kitten-shower](https://HumaneSocietySoCo.org/kitten-shower)

## It's Raining Kittens!! ❤️

**Join our virtual Kitten Shower and help us gather the funds and supplies needed to care for the HUNDREDS of kittens that are coming to HSSC this year!**

Over the next few weeks we'll be bringing you fun and informative content on our social media all about KITTENS and What to Expect When You're Expecting Kittens! From intake and foster to spay/neuter - all the way to adoption – we'll give you the lowdown on what it takes, why we need your help and how to get involved!

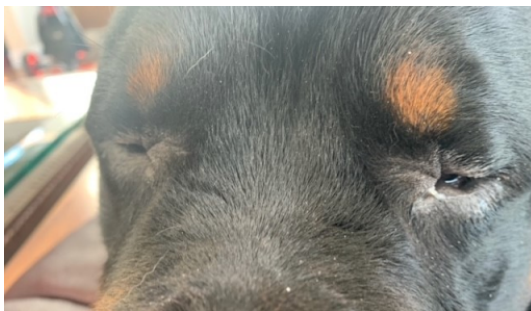
**Your gift to our Kitten Shower helps us make sure these precious fur babies have all they need to thrive. Find out how you can help a kitten today by visiting: [humanesocietysoco.org/kitten-shower/](https://humanesocietysoco.org/kitten-shower/)**

Thank you - And stay tuned on our social media for fabulously fuzzy and fun content to come! ❤️

**Instagram/TikTok at @humanesocietysoco**

**Facebook /Twitter at @sonomahumane**

## News From Our Community Vet Clinic





Buddy pre-surgery



Post surgery Buddy sporting a cone



All healed up and looking handsome!

## ♥ Good Boy Buddy! ♥

Buddy is a recent rescue who was diagnosed with entropion. This condition was causing his eyelids to roll inward and his eyelashes were scratching against his eyes. Buddy's eyes were becoming so painful that he wasn't able to open them for his owner to apply medication, and she couldn't afford the high cost of corrective surgery so she brought him to our Community Veterinary Clinic.

Our CVC was able to perform surgery to repair both his eyelids and he was neutered as well. The first picture is before surgery, the second one is approximately one week after his surgery, and the third one was from a recent text update: "Buddy's eyes are looking great! Thank you all so much!"

**Our recent grant from the Banfield Foundation helps our CVC provide medical care for animals just like Buddy whose families qualify for services. Thank you to the Banfield Foundation – and YOU! – for helping us provide access to care in our community. We are so grateful for your support!**

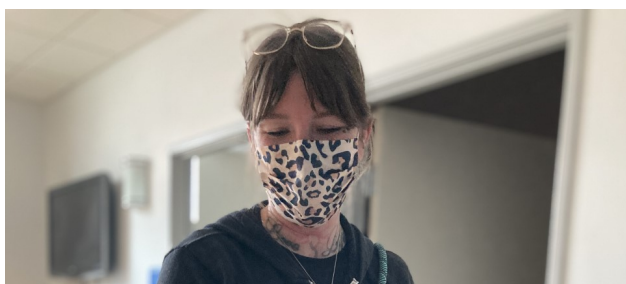


In these challenging times, your support helps **HSSC's CVC program** provide lifesaving procedures and surgeries for animals in need. Any gift you can spare right now will do a world of good for the animals and allow our medical team to continue saving these precious lives.

♥ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** ♥

[DONATE TODAY!](#)

## Free Vaccines with Petco Love



### **HSSC is offering FREE Vaccines for dogs and cats!!**

We are welcoming walk-in clients for free vaccines and microchips! **Pet owners can get canine DAAP and feline HCP vaccines- which have been generously**





provided by Petco Love!

**We're also offering to microchip pets and our Pet Food Pantry will be available at both locations!**

**Our current days and times are:**

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

2pm-4pm

2pm-4pm

555 Westside Road

5345 Highway 12 WEST

Check in at Front Door

Check in at Spay/Neuter

Supplies are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis. Please note rabies vaccines are not available.

❤️ Huge Thanks to Petco Love for providing our vaccines! ❤️



## Pawsitively Fun Happenings

**GIVE BACK TUESDAY**  
at the  
**RAINBOW CATTLE CO.**  
16220 Main Street, Guerneville



**HUMANE SOCIETY**  
of sonoma county  
Santa Rosa & Healdsburg

**APRIL 26TH 6:00PM-8:00PM**  
\*\$5 ITALIAN DINNER BY MAIN ST. BISTRO & SMART PIZZA\*  
\*HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, PET & WINE RAFFLE PRIZES!\*

WITH SPECIAL GUEST: SISTER SCARLET OF RUSSIAN RIVER SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ANIMALS AT THE  
**HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY**

### Give Back Tuesday at the Rainbow Cattle Co.

Join HSSC April 26th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for Give Back Tuesday at the **Rainbow Cattle Company** - 16220 Main St in Guerneville.

**Enjoy an Italian Feast by Main Street Bistro & Piano Bar - Cabaret and Smart Pizza! Try your luck at winning great household, pet & wine raffle prizes! Be dazzled by special guest– Sister Scarlet Billows of Russian River Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence!**

Cost is \$5 for dinner, but bring extra cash for raffle tickets! All proceeds benefit the animals at HSSC!

# Wags & Whine Day

at Karah Estate Vineyards

A Fundraiser for  
Humane Society of  
Sonoma County

Saturday April 30th

2:00pm - 5:00pm

at the Tasting Room,

Lawn & Patio

Entry Fee:

Donation of your choice

Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine or  
a full wine tasting. Visit HSSC's Kissing  
Booth and enter to win raffle prizes!

1010 W Railroad Avenue

Cotati, CA

[karahestatevineyard.com](http://karahestatevineyard.com)

707-795-3030



## Wags & Whine with Karah Estate Vineyards!

Join us Saturday April 30th from 2:00pm-5:00pm at the Tasting Room, Lawn and Patio, at Karah Estate Vineyards located at 101 W. Railroad Ave. in Cotati.

Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine or full wine tasting. Kiss a pup at our HSSC Kissing Booth and enter to win raffle prizes!

Entry Fee is a donation of your choice (via cash or check).

For more information visit: [karahestatevineyard.com](http://karahestatevineyard.com)

707-795-3030

## IT'S GRATEFUL APRIL AT AMY'S WICKED SLUSH!



Adopt a pet from HSSC  
during the month of April and  
receive a gift card for one

**FREE Pip Squeak Slush from**

**Amy's Wicked Slush!**

(one per family/household)



## 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 Pipsqueak Slush from Amy's Wicked Slush!**

Check out all of our adorable adoptables on our [website](http://www.humanesocietyofsonoma.org) - and get your **FREE Pipsqueak Slush** to celebrate!!

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!**

♥ **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!**



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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 Santa Rosa Shelter:  
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707-542-0882 | [info@humanesocietysoco.org](mailto:info@humanesocietysoco.org)

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

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