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### **Prepare Today For A Safer Tomorrow**

September is National Preparedness Month, which is timely since this month Sonoma County has experienced... a heat dome which kept us sweltering in the triple digits for several days (in the middle of fire season), strong back-toback earthquakes followed by a heavy rainstorm.

Here at the shelter, we work year-round honing our emergency protocols to keep the animals in our care safe. We also know the importance of having a plan in place for our families, including our pets of course! Why not give yourself a little peace of mind by reviewing your emergency plan today? Ready.gov, the national public service campaign, makes preparedness easy by focusing on the following key areas:

• **Make a plan.** When you have a plan in place for you and your pets, you'll be able to face emergencies with greater confidence and less worry. Arm yourself with knowledge here: <u>humanesocietysoco.org/Disaster-</u> <u>Preparedness-Tips</u>

www.ready.gov/pets

www.aspca.org/pet-care/

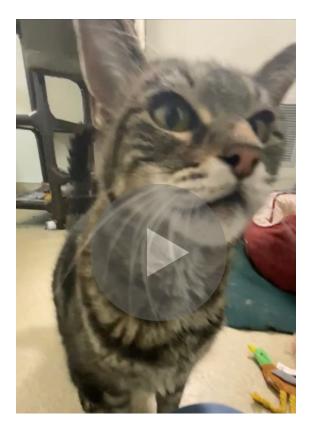


• **Build an emergency kit.** The links above contain detailed suggestions of what to pack for your pets.

• **Stay informed.** Sign up for local alerts and emergency apps, including: **socoemergency.org** and **www.pge.com** 

Please visit our website for additional resources, such as how to minimize stress during

evacuations: <u>humanesocietysoco.org/owner-support</u>. You'll even find tips for crate training your dog or cat to make it easier to evacuate in an emergency situation. Lola, our sweet adoptable tabby, demonstrates how easy it can be:



Be Prepared. Be Empowered. Stay Safe.

DONATE TO HSSC TODAY!

🦊 Ready to bring home your new fuzzy family member? Click<u>here</u> to see how!! 💗

HEALDSBURG'S LIFE-SAVING TRANSFERS



### Small Shelter BIG Impact

Our small yet very mighty Healdsburg shelter has been transferring adoptable animals directly from HSSC rescue partners since 2019. In doing this - they bypass the need to go through our Santa Rosa campus, reducing stress on the animals and increasing the number of lives saved!

Healdsburg staff are able to provide intake exams, treat basic medical conditions, test for FeLV/FIV, and treat ringworm positive animals. They also have in-house lab equipment enabling them to do microscopic cytology for ear and skin infections and run full blood panels to diagnose certain health concerns.

# Since 2019 they have taken in 444 animals from 21 different partner rescues and shelters, providing relief for those agencies and freeing up space for even more animals to be rescued.

So far **this month** they've transferred in 26 kittens (5 of which are ringworm positive), and 4 adult cats from partner rescues in Solano County, Sonoma County and Glen County. The Healdsburg team works hard every step of the way on each animal's journey to adoption. They take care of everything from organizing transfers to cleaning habitats, administering medications, evaluating behavior, thoughtfully facilitating adoptions and so much more! We are very proud of the Healdsburg team for providing so much compassionate care to the animals and our community.

### Did you know...

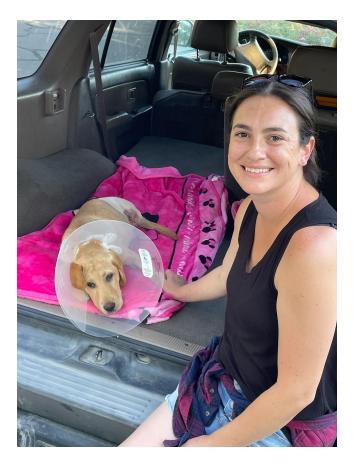
### Our fabulous Healdsburg team was honored by the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce as the

### 2022 Non-Profit of the Year!

### 💗 Go Healdsburg!! 💗

Want to adopt a pet from our Healdsburg Shelter? Please visit our website!

## **NEWS FROM CVC & SHELTER MEDICINE**



#### **Diamond's Life Saving Surgery**

Diamond the puppy was hit by a car and suffered a shattered femur and a fractured acetabulum (socket of the hipbone). Unfortunately, the only treatment option for Diamond was amputation of her hind leg. After the initial cost of her medical work up, x-rays and pain medications from a private vet, her owner couldn't afford the cost of surgery, so she reached out to our Community Veterinary Clinic.

Our CVC team was able to provide the amputation, spay surgery, vaccines and a microchip all at the same appointment! For this case, the CVC partnered with <u>SAGE</u> <u>Compassion for Animals</u>, a foundation that pledges grants for individual medical needs. This grant funding helped cover the cost of Diamond's surgery. We are so happy to be able to provide this life-saving care for Diamond and her family.

### DONATE TO THE CVC!



#### Scout's Path To Health & Home

Scout is a handsome kitty who arrived at HSSC with a broken hip. His injury required a surgical procedure known as a Femoral Head Ostectomy, or FHO. In this procedure, the head of the femur is surgically removed and fibrous





scar tissue forms to stabilize the joint. It's a common surgery that can help an animal regain comfort and mobility.

It's always good news when an animal can avoid an amputation. Thankfully, our staff was able to provide Scout with the care he needed to keep his leg! After surgery he received physical therapy from our shelter medicine staff, helping him regain strength and recover well.

Scout's a very friendly cat, so it was no surprise to us that, once he was made available for adoption, he was scooped up quickly! We are so happy to be able to help Scout on his path to health, comfort and a new home.

If you'd like to help us support animals who need special medical care just like Scout, please consider a gift to our Angels Fund.

### DONATE TO OUR ANGELS FUND!

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! 💗

HELP US SAVE MORE LIVES - DONATE TODAY!

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!

## DONATE TO HSSC TODAY!

## A VERY HAPPY TAIL



#### ACED IT!

Ace came to HSSC as a scared stray from Healdsburg. He's a big handsome, one year old Belgian Malinois. Sadly, his owners never came to reclaim him, so once his stray hold was up, he was well cared for by our medical and behavioral teams and made available for adoption. We thought it might take some time before we found the right adopter - after all, he is a big dog who's a bit nervous. Ace would need someone who really understood



him.

Before we knew it we got a call from Rachael, whose family suffered the loss of their former Malinois just the year before. When she saw Ace on our website she instantly fell in love. Rachel is a dog lover who works at a local doggy daycare, and she was ready to give Ace a great home. She made an appointment to come to HSSC to meet him, and it was love at first sight! Ace walked right over and sat in Rachel's lap, and it was officially a done deal. Now Ace is named Hank! This adorable duo is sure to have many great adventures to come.

## You Make Happy Tails Possible - Donate Today!

## PAWSITIVELY FUN EVENTS



### Give Back Tuesday!

Join HSSC and the Rainbow Cattle Company on



### Rodney Strong Americana Festival With The David Luning Band

Join us for the Rodney Strong Americana Festival with the David Luning Band at Rodney Strong Vineyards this This evening of fun begins at 6pm with a \$5 dinner and Raffle to follow that's hosted by Sister Scarlet from the fabulous Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence! Win household items and pet packages while supporting the animals!

All proceeds of this event go to HSSC!

Saturday, September 24th from 5:00 - 7:30pm!

Our awesome friends at Rodney Strong have invited us and our infamous HSSC Kissing Booth to their beautiful green, and we'll be there with puppy kisses and fun raffle prizes!

More information can be found at: **lutherburbankcenter.org** 



### Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery Open House & Fundraiser

Join us at Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery located on 2950 Santa Rosa Ave on Thursday, September 29th from 5:00-8:00pm.

The Open House includes tours of their newly renovated showroom, cooking demos in their kitchens, cocktails and bites as well as the opportunity to win fabulous raffle prizes that benefit HSSC! We will have our Kissing Booth and some cute dogs joining in on the fun! <u>RSVP Today!</u> 707-525-0130

## ONEHOPE Wine Fundraiser Benefiting HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY



### **One Hope Wine Fundraiser**

One Hope Wine is generously donating a percentage of wine sales in benefit of HSSC! Save 5-20% on purchases of 4 or more bottles, and 10% of sales will benefit the lifesaving work at HSSC!

Pop bottles for the animals while this promotion lasts! For more information please visit: <u>www.onehopewine.com</u>

## HOW YOU CAN HELP



### A Little Help Goes A Long Way:

### **Become a Humane Partner**

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 - it's a subscription to a lifetime of love!

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.

Click the button below to become a Humane Partner

Thank you! 🤎

### Become A Humane Partner!





#### Thank you to our loving community!



Did a fellow animal-lover send our newsletter your way? Sign up <u>here</u> to make sure you get HSSC's amazing animal stories and shelter news delivered directly to your inbox!

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.



### Follow us for more animal stories on our socials!









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

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

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