October is Pit Bull Awareness Month…

…and we’d like to make you aware of some incredibly adorable Pit Bulls who are looking for loving homes!

With their big, goofy smiles, snorty kisses and snugglesome ways, we’re “pittie” sure you’re going to find a velvet burrito to fall in love with…

**DIEGO:** Champion couch potato who’s always down for cuddles and long, heart to heart talks. This 5-year-old cutie pie also loves car rides (pupiccinos, anyone?), packing his toys around and dressing up for the holidays! Diego wants to be the only dog in the home but at 75 lbs., this chunky monkey thinks he’s all the dog you’ll need. Read more about him [here](#)!
PEACHIE: a fan favorite of our office fosters. Friendly and loving, she enjoys cuddling but isn’t a Velcro dog. (Although she will most likely escort you to the bathroom – you know, just to keep an eye on things.) Peachie may not want us to share this, but she has the cutest little snores! While we’re spilling her secrets, we’ll also let you know that she weighs 60 lbs. (pandemic weight) and is a youthful 7 years old (the new 5 for dogs). Learn more about this cutie here!

TOBIAS: At just under 2 years old, Tobias is a 73 lb. husky/pittie mix and one heckuva good boy. He may take a minute to warm up but bonds quickly and loves his people with all of his heart! Tobias would love a family that is home most of the day, maybe even one with a well-matched dog. He’s eager to show off his great leash skills with long daily walks. Toby is trending here!

Looking for more Pit Bulls and other adoptables? Click here!

Learn more about these intriguing dogs: [10 Reasons Why Pit Bulls Rule - (Petfinder.com)](https://www.petfinder.com/more-reasons-why-pit-bulls-rule)

[Position Statement on Pit Bulls | ASPCA](https://aspca.org/advocacy/position-statements/pit-bulls)

DONATE TO HSSC TODAY!

❤️ Ready to bring home your new fuzzy family member? Click [here](https://www.hssc.org) to see how!! ❤️
Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade & Costume Contest!

Join us **THIS Saturday, October 22nd from 12-2pm** at the Healdsburg Plaza for HSSC's annual **Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest!**

Check in is at noon – Parade begins at 12:45

This event is **FREE**

and open to all who would like to participate!

*** **You must check in to be eligible for parade prizes** ***

Prizes will be given out for best costume in Small, Medium, Large and Group categories.

HSSC will happily accept donations and supplies for our Pet Pantry at the event.

Many thanks to our friends at **Big John's Market** for sponsoring this year's parade!!!

Halloween Quilt Auction! 💖

Win this **Fa-Boo-lous** Quilt while supporting our Healdsburg Shelter!!

This **boo-tiful** work of art was hand crafted by our wonderful supporter and amazing quilter Sue Morrill. Featuring fun and festive fabrics, this **wickedly** cute cotton quilt measures 62” x 84” – sized just right for **chilling** with your fur fam on howl-oween! (Some parts even glow in the dark!)

**Auction begins Wednesday 10/26 at 9am and closes Friday 10/28 at 6pm.**
For more information about the quilt, creating a watch list and how to bid, please visit: one.bidpal.net/halloweenquilt22

NEWS FROM CVC & SHELTER MEDICINE

Nicki’s Access To Care

Our CVC staff first met two sister senior kitties, Nicki and Baby, at one of our outreach clinics held in 2020 during the Covid-19 lockdown. Their dad Henry wasn’t able to financially access regular veterinary care for them, so we scheduled appointments for both Nicki and Baby to get routine blood work at our clinic. Both of these sweet kitties were diagnosed with hyperthyroidism, which is a condition easily treated with medications.

Recently Nicki, the older of the two cats, began having seizures every few weeks. Henry called the CVC and we asked him bring Nicki in to be seen right away. We started her on seizure medications and pulled bloodwork to check her thyroid levels. Nicki’s been doing well since starting the new medications, and Henry is very happy that his beloved senior cats got the care they needed at a manageable cost.

DONATE TO THE CVC!

Little Heart Melter, Frozen!

Donate to our Healdsburg Shelter!
Frozen is a cute 7 year old Lhasa Apso mix who was transferred to us from a partner shelter in Sacramento. He arrived needing a neuter and surgical removal, or enucleation, of one of his eyes. This little scruffernutter was a great patient for our medical team and, as he healed from surgery, Frozen quickly became a volunteer and staff favorite for his friendly, happy-go-lucky nature. It’s no surprise that this adorable little guy was quickly adopted within 2 weeks of his arrival! We’re so happy we could help him on his path to health and home.

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 Oliver’s Market! ❤️

Since 1988, Oliver’s Market has been proud to serve Sonoma County, partnering with local vendors and local charities whenever possible, because they believe this improves and strengthens the fabric of our community for
everyone. They have supported The Humane Society of Sonoma County for many years, directly and through customer support via our Oliver’s Market Community Card. “We value the important work HSSC does day in and day out to improve the lives of countless animals - and people - in our community.”

Oliver’s Market, thank you for your support of our mission. And thank you for all the ways you give back!

DONATE TO HSSC TODAY!

NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

National Estate Planning Awareness Week - A plan for a bright and loving future.

Around 67% of Americans do not have a will. Regardless of where you are in your life journey, every single person, especially pet-owners, should have an estate plan. October 17-23 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week (NEPAW) and we’re sharing FreeWill: a free online resource you can use to make or update your will in just 20 minutes. Creating a will allows you to designate a guardian for your pets, protect your possessions no matter the size of your estate, and take care of the people you love. If you make a gift in your will to the Humane Society of Sonoma County, you can even build a legacy that ensures every animal receives protection, compassion, love and care for years to come. Together, let’s make a plan for a bright and loving future.

CREATE YOUR LEGACY TODAY!
CAST YOUR BALLOT FOR HSSC!

Vote for HSSC Alum Gertrude!! 💜

Our sweet senior bulldog Gertrude was entered to win the Bar Dog Wine HOWL-oween Costume Contest!

This exciting fundraising event offers $1000 to the costumed shelter dog with the most votes!

HOW TO VOTE:
-Visit: https://bit.ly/3ST0XZW
-Select Gertrude’s adorable picture
-Then Submit your name & email address!

By voting YOU’RE entered to win a Furbo Dog Camera. Please cast your vote and help spread the word for all these adorable adoptable pups!
We'd love to have your Vote! 😊

The North Bay Bohemian Best of 2023 Voting period is now open!! And HSSC is eligible for the following categories:

Arts & Culture Category
Best Charity Event – HSSC Wags Whiskers & Wine

Everyday Category
Best Non-Profit - Humane Society of Sonoma County

Family Category
Best Summer Day Camp - HSSC Animal Adventure Camps
Best Veterinary Service - HSSC Community Veterinary Clinic
Best Animal Adoption Center - Humane Society of Sonoma County
Best Animal Rescue Group - Humane Society of Sonoma County
Best Dog Obedience School - HSSC Academy of Dog

Voting ends December 1st – Click the link to vote NOW: https://votesonoma2023.bohemian.com/
Thank you!! 😊

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! ❤️

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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!

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.