

# Happy St. Piggy's Day!



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**March is Adopt-A-Guinea-Pig-Month! • Healdsburg Puppies**

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## **St. Piggy's Day Parade** ♥

### **March is Adopt-A-Guinea-Pig-Month!**

We could kiss the Blarney Stone but we'd much rather kiss a guinea pig! It's no secret that here at HSSC, we are positively charmed by these sweet squeakers. We adore their intelligent, outgoing, delightful personalities, and their quirky antics bring a smile to our faces (wheeking and popcorning, anyone?)!

Guinea pigs tend to be social creatures and love companionship. Many thrive best with another guinea pig by their side! Ready to double your luck? We have plenty of bonded pairs at our Santa Rosa and Healdsburg shelters who are looking for loving homes.

**So, without further ado, we invite you to join HSSC's St. Piggy's Day Parade!**



**Pigarilla + Sour Cream** Pigarilla is a super cute 1-year-old smooth-haired guinea pig. She and her sister, Sour Cream, are looking for a loving home together. Their interests include snacking on veggies and fruits, and napping on hay mounds.

**Flore + Stella** are two darling young guinea pigs who are looking for a forever home together. You can often find



them snoozing in their p-igloo, squeaking at each other in their secret GP language, or munching on veggies.



**Laverne + Shirley** are an adorable duo ar looking to make their dreams come true with a loving family and lots of yummy snacks!



**Snowflake + Chocolate Chip** these impossibly cute brothers are fans of leafy greens and brightly colored bell peppers. They can be a little skittish and would love a home with older children who can respect their boundaries.



**Match + Boba** are a father and son pair who want to become a part of your family. These sweet fellas have lived with kids and other pets, so they are likely a great fit for any fam. If you're looking for a couple of silly companions to fill your days with squeaks and fun antics, come meet them today!



**Peppermint + Rooibos + Chai** this young, tea-named trio have been together through thick and thin and are looking to find a loving home where they can supply you with 3x the love!



**Pops + Mr. Bigs** are a fun, handsome, silly 2-year-old pair looking for a loving family to call their own. They love lap time and entertaining you by flipping their p-igloos over and sitting in them like little boats. Perhaps they were sailors in a past life?



**TV + Video** at just over a year old, this dynamic duo invites you to change up your channel to black and white. They are currently being fostered by a guinea pig-obsessed elementary school teacher who loves bringing them into the classroom to meet her students.

**Would you like to know more about our pretty piggies?** Our Adoptions team would love to help you make a match! Please call our Santa Rosa team at (707) 542-0882 or our Healdsburg team at (707) 431-3386. Or visit our Adoptables page for more information! [humanesocietysoco.org](https://humanesocietysoco.org)

***May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and may the joy of guinea pig friendship come through your door! 🍀***

**Are you cavy savvy? Here are some fun facts about these adorable friends:**

Like cats, guinea pigs are crepuscular, meaning they are most active during dusk and dawn. Unlike cats, they are awake up to 20 hours a day!

Guinea pigs are, of course, not actual pigs, but the males are called boars and the females are called sows.

Sweet feet! Guinea pigs have four toes on their front paws and three on their back paws.

Eatin' o' the greens: Timothy hay and fresh leafy greens are among the Guinea pig's diet must-haves.

**SUPPORT OUR ADOPTIONS PROGRAM!**

# HEALDSBURG PUPPIES!

## It's Puppy Time! ❤️

On Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> a van full of puppies arrived at our Healdsburg shelter. Five 3 month old German shepherd puppies named **Charm, Shamrock, Cabbage, Guinness and Dublin** wiggled and wagged their way into our hearts. These adorable St. Patrick's Day pups have been getting visits from our staff and volunteers, but what they truly want are loving homes of their very own.

They are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and all set to be adopted! If you've been thinking about adopting a puppy, we think you should stop by our Healdsburg shelter to meet this charming bunch! Or you can give our adoptions team a call to learn more about them: (707) 431-3386

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Everyone knows that puppies are a lot of work, but they will pay you back with an abundance of love and loyalty! HSSC is here to HELP! **Through our Academy of Dog's School of Pawsitively Puppy we offer training classes that make learning fun!**

Using games and positive reinforcement, we can help your pup develop into a great companion! We have 2 types of classes for puppies:

**Drop-off Puppy Play:** Drop off your pup for supervised play with other dogs, go run an errand or get a cup of coffee, and then come back forty-five minutes later to pick up your tired, happy pup!

**Kinderpuppy:** A safe and fun learning environment for you and your puppy. Your pup will develop important socialization skills with other puppies and their humans. Through games and easy exercises, you will develop basic skills such as sit, come, go-to-mat, and beginning leash-walking.

**Learn more about our Pawsitively Puppies Training Classes here:** <https://humanesocietysoco.org/dog-training/pawsitively-puppies/>

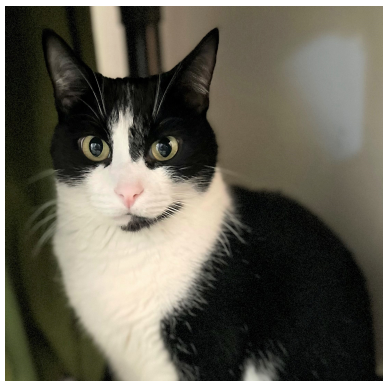


♥ Ready to bring home your new fuzzy family member? Click [here](#) to see how!! ♥

Not ready to adopt? You can still help so much with your gift today!

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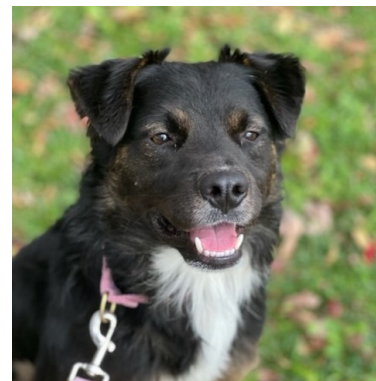
Join Team Maximillion!



Join Team Pigarilla!



Join Team Turner!



Join Team Summit!

**Time to pick your team!!**

With our friends [TogetheRaise](#), we are running a Team Challenge with adoptable pets: Maximilian, Pigirella, Summit, and Turner!! These four teams are challenging each other to recruit fans and raise funds for HSSC!

**The challenge has already begun, and Guinea Pig "Pigarilla" is in the lead!!**

**Be a part of this "FUNraising" campaign and support the animals! First, choose your favorite team and join it by making a small donation. Then spread the word!** After you donate, you'll get your own team invite link to share with family and friends via email or social media - all to help grow your team and help our adorable furry friends!

**Join in on the fun! Simply click on the button of the adoptable animal whose team you'd like to be on to get started! Or visit: [togetheraise.com](https://togetheraise.com)**

## NEWS FROM THE CVC



### Heart Care, with Heart ❤️

Maggy is a teeny tiny chihuahua adopted from Mexico. Recently she had been coughing, was lethargic and had a loss of appetite, all signs of heart disease. Her family brought her to the Compassion Without Borders wellness clinic, and she was diagnosed with a heart murmur.

CWOB referred her to our Community Veterinary Clinic for treatment. Dr. Ada performed a low-stress point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), before starting her on heart medications. After 2 weeks of taking her medicine, Maggy came back to the CVC for a recheck - and we're happy to say that she is doing great!

SUPPORT THE CVC!

## NEWS FROM SHELTER MEDICINE



### Dothraki's Lifesaving Surgery

Dothraki was at risk of euthanasia at a very crowded, overwhelmed shelter because of his acute medical condition. He was transferred to our care in the nick of time with several other cats and a dog who were also scheduled for euthanasia. All of their lives were saved that day.



Dothraki was suffering from an abnormal enlarged left eye, but, in spite of the discomfort it caused him, he came out of his crate the second he arrived and snuggled with our admissions manager. This sweet boy melted our hearts right from the start. Our shelter medicine team performed an enucleation surgery to remove his diseased eye and, after recovering like a champ, he is now available for adoption!

If you'd like to know more about Dothraki, please visit: [humanesocietysoco.org/pets/dothraki-the-cat/](https://humanesocietysoco.org/pets/dothraki-the-cat/) or call our adoptions team: (707) 542-0882

In these challenging times, your support helps **HSSC's CVC and Shelter Medicine Teams** provide lifesaving procedures and surgeries for animals in need. Any gift you can spare right now will do a world of good for an animal in need and allows our medical teams **to continue saving these precious lives.**

♥ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** ♥

HELP US SAVE MORE LIVES, DONATE TODAY!

## COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



### Thank You Chuck & Donna Hussey! ♥

Chuck and Donna Hussey's commitment to the animals runs deep. Longtime friends and donors of HSSC, they have been supporting our mission for many years. As sponsors of our Wags, Whiskers & Wine gala and members of our Founders' Society, they're an integral part of our ability to provide happily-ever-afters for the animals who need us. They've even personally ensured happily-ever-afters for some very special kitties!

Most recently, they adopted Zeek – a sweet stray who arrived at HSSC with an injured tail. At his intake exam it was clear that he'd need surgery to heal properly. He'd been through a lot and had been living with pain for an

unknown period of time, but that didn't dampen his spirit one bit! He was always happy, loving and looking for pets. Everyone at the shelter immediately fell in love with this adorable orange cat and it was love at first sight for Chuck and Donna too!

Thank you Chuck and Donna! We are so grateful for your support!

HELP SUPPORT OUR MISSION

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**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!** ❤️

With as little as \$5 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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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 that inspires so much hope.



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