



NATIONAL HEARTWORM AWARENESS MONTH!



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Colt's Heart- *Worming* Tale · Spring Match Campaign

Kitty City's Ribbon Cutting · The Dogs are Throwing a Kitten Shower!

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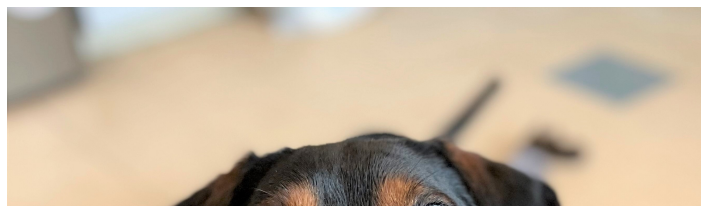


April is Heartworm Awareness Month! ❤️

Colt is a little groggy. He's just coming out of sedation and seeking snuggles from our veterinary team, who are only too happy to oblige. The handsome hound mix has completely melted our hearts, but it's actually his heart we're keeping an eye on.

Colt has Heartworm, a disease that is spread to dogs through mosquitos. When an infected mosquito bites a dog, it leaves behind infective larvae, which mature into adult heartworms. (At this point, we could show you a picture of some infective heartworms, but we'd much rather show you more pictures of Colt's beautiful sweet face!)

Compared to dogs, cats are somewhat resistant to infection, but it can still occur. These parasites can cause heart failure, lung disease and damage to other organs as well. Not only can Heartworm be life threatening to animals, treatment requires a series of sedated injections and oral medications over several months, as well as re-tests and extremely limited activity.





Heartworm treatment is lengthy, complicated and risky. Thankfully though, preventing it is much easier! According to the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control Abatement District, dogs are typically at highest risk of acquiring the disease from May through August. This means NOW is the perfect time to talk to your vet about the best method of prevention based on your pet's risk factors and lifestyle.

We began Colt's treatments when he first came to us from a partner shelter and, now that he has been adopted, we'll continue to work with his new family for the duration of his treatments. We are grateful to his family for providing a safe, loving home where he can continue to heal and look forward to a lifetime of snuggles and fun times ahead.

We are also grateful for YOU! Your compassionate support enables us to take in animals in need of lifesaving veterinary care. You make these loving second chances all possible and we appreciate you so much!

SUPPORT OUR MEDICAL PROGRAMS!

SPRING MATCH CAMPAIGN!



Spring Match Campaign

Double Your Donation Today! ❤️

Right now, during our Spring Match campaign, your gift goes twice as far!! HSSC's medical programs are supported through our Angels Fund. Thanks to longtime donors and beloved friends of HSSC, **every gift to our Angels Fund, until May 15th, will be matched, dollar for dollar up to \$100,000!!**

Our Spring Match Campaign is more ambitious than ever because the need is greater than ever. We are able to rescue animals at the highest risk, in their most desperate time of need, because you support the extraordinary life-saving efforts of our veterinary teams. **Your gifts to our Angels Fund support the medical**

for our Medical Programs

programs that make these urgent rescues possible – and now you can help save twice as many lives!!

DOUBLE YOUR
DONATION NOW!

KITTEN SHOWER!



it's kitten season and
our pups are throwing a
shower...
come join the party!

Kitten Season is here and our shelter dogs are throwing a party!

Woof!! Taking care of kittens is a full time job! And HSSC will be inundated with hundreds of kittens in the coming months. They will need food, litter, heating pads, baby bottles, spay/neuter surgeries, and *so much more!!*

Our shelter dogs know how *ruff* things can get - so they're hosting a virtual kitten shower to help raise funds, supplies and fosters for their little furry four legged counterparts!

Your gift to our Kitten Shower helps supply these precious babies with all they need to thrive on their journey to adoption! Find out how you can help a kitten today by clicking the button below!

From all of us, especially the shelter dogs...

Thank You! ♥

GIVE A GIFT TO THE KITTEN SHOWER!

KITTY CITY RIBBON CUTTING!



We celebrated our Healdsburg shelter's Kitty City with a ceremonial ribbon cutting!

This fun event was attended by beloved friends, volunteers and donors, Clay Nesbitt and Dan & Debbie Mason, who were integral to the development of our communal cat room. We commemorated long time beloved donor and extraordinary cat lover, Dean Gross, whose support and care have been essential and sustaining over many years.

The evening was also organized as a mixer for the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce members! Our dear friends Rodney Strong Vineyards poured their delicious wine, Epicurean Escape catered their tasty vegan nibbles, our kissing booth pooch was dishing out puppy kisses, and attendees visited with our shelter cats in Kitty City!

It was a delightful gathering of our animal loving Healdsburg community, who brought generous donations of pet food and supplies for our [Pet Food Pantry](#) and [Community Action Team](#). The donation bin was overflowing with pet supplies and our hearts were overflowing with love!

❤️ **Thank you to all who attended and made make this evening a wonderful success!** ❤️

❤️ **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!](#)

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Thank you, Julie Atwood and the HALTER Project for sponsoring Wags, Whiskers & Wine! ❤️

Sponsoring our 2022 gala is just one of the *many* ways Julie Atwood and the HALTER Project help animals in our community! Julie founded the HALTER Project in 2013 as a grassroots initiative dedicated to the safety and welfare of people and animals in emergencies and disasters. The HALTER Project's mission is two-fold: they facilitate training for first responders assisting animals in emergencies **and** they empower the community by connecting individuals who care about animals with the resources they need to be safe and prepared.

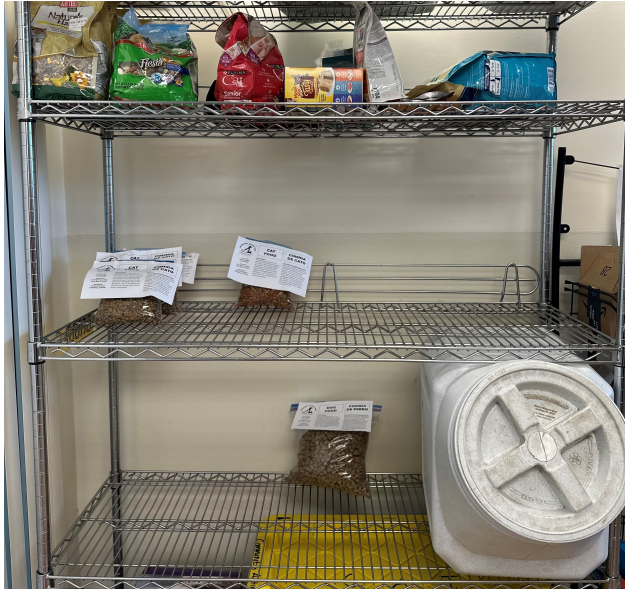
We are so grateful to Julie for supporting HSSC's mission and for making our community a safer place for animals and the people who love them! halterproject.org

**BECOME A SPONSOR OF
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WINE!**

We're on the lookout for WONDERFUL sponsors to help us make this year's gala event our VERY BEST EVER! Please click the link above for all the details and contact us at gala@humanesocietysoco.org if you have any questions. **More event details will be coming soon!!**



DONATIONS NEEDED!



Our shelves are bare and we need your help!

HSSC is in need of PET FOOD of all kinds for our Pet Food Pantry and TOWELS & BLANKETS for the shelter animals!

Our Pet Food Pantry supports pet owners when they need a little extra help caring for their pets. Any brands will be happily accepted! We are also running incredibly low on towels and blankets for our shelter animals, which are essential for keeping them clean and comfortable.

If you can donate, please drop your items off at our Santa Rosa shelter:

5345 Highway 12 West

10am – 6pm, Tuesday – Saturday

10am – 5pm on Sunday.

You can also have supplies shipped directly to us!

Check out our online wishlists [HERE](#).

❤️ **THANK YOU** ❤️

Your kindness is SO appreciated!

PAWSOME EVENTS!





Our friends at Papapietro Perry Winery have invited HSSC to take part in their "Dogs for Dogs" event in support of our Healdsburg shelter this Saturday, April 22nd! The event includes their spring wine club pick up day and our HSSC kissing booth! They will be serving up hot dogs for \$5 donations, plus 10% of winery sales will be donated to HSSC.

For more information about this very fun event that benefits the animals please visit: papapietro-perry.com



Join us Saturday, May 6th at Inman Family Wines for a paw-some event that benefits the animals! Have a delicious wine tasting and smooch a pooch at the HSSC kissing booth – tickets are \$30 and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to HSSC!

Regeneratively farmed and sustainably made, Inman Family Wines make their wines to reflect the character of the place the grapes were grown, while preserving and enhancing the environment around them. Grab your tickets to this fun event here: inmanfamilywines.com

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Come join us at the **77th Annual Apple Blossom Parade!** Enjoy authentic handmade floats, amazing animals, and colorful displays! The parade begins at 10am at Analy High School and runs down Main Street, ending at Calder Avenue at noon. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us for **Head West** at The Barlow in Sebastopol on Saturday, May 13th from 11am-5pm !

We will be there with our Kissing Booth, Animal ambassador dog visits, and more! ❤️



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!

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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