

## Team Effort Rescues Terrier Struggling to Survive In the Foothills of San Jose Silver Creek Valley Neighborhood

Burlingame, CA—A concerned resident of the Silver Creek Valley neighborhood in south San Jose attempted for nearly two weeks to capture a stray dog who was struggling to survive in the foothills of her neighborhood. With the assistance of the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA), the dog was finally trapped on March 30. It is not known how the dog ended up as a stray and no one came forward to claim him, nor was he microchipped.

“We were contacted by a concerned resident familiar with our programs who sought our help in trapping a little dog she had been leaving food out for a number of weeks,” said PHS/SPCA’s Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. “The dog was extremely frightened and had been living an almost feral existence in the foothills of her neighborhood. Without the kind-heartedness of the resident to help him, it is doubtful he would have survived much longer.”

Given the name Buddy by the resident, the dog arrived at PHS/SPCA severely matted, emaciated and covered in ticks. PHS/SPCA staff needed to anesthetize him in order to safely shave off his matted fur and remove the ticks that covered his small body. He’s estimated to be about two years old and a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.

“Buddy is a true survivor,” according to Tarbox. “We are certain he was someone’s pet because he’s house-trained and knows basic commands like ‘sit’ and ‘stay’. Since he was rescued in San Jose, he waited at the San Jose Animal Care and Control shelter for four days in case someone came looking for him, but no one did and San Jose Animal Care and Control released him into our custody per the request of the resident who first reported him.”





After more than a month of medical and behavior treatment at PHS/SPCA, Buddy was finally ready for adoption and is now seeking a new home at PHS/SPCA's adoption center in Burlingame. He is neutered, microchipped and fully vaccinated. Buddy's adoption fee is \$120.

Buddy does have special adoption requirements, including being the only animal and a household with no small children. PHS/SPCA adoption staff will provide more detailed information to potential adopters.

Buddy was treated through PHS/SPCA's donor funded Hope Program, which provides animals like Buddy a second chance by treating medical and behavior issues. On average, the Hope Program saves the lives of more than 150 animals a month.

People interested in meeting Buddy can visit the shelter at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame, CA. PHS/SPCA is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and one the weekends 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PHS/SPCA is an open door shelter that accepts all animals regardless of age, health or even species.

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#### **About The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 6,300 lives saved each year. Please visit [www.phs-spca.org](http://www.phs-spca.org) to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.