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Cat Who Survived Against All Odds Now Available For Adoption at Peninsula Humane Society

Burlingame, CA—The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is seeking adopters for a special cat who pulled through a severe injury that broke his jaw, injured his right eye and was found on the side of a road in Daly City after being struck by a car.

“On February 26, we received a call from a Good Samaritan who found a seriously injured cat on the side of the road in Daly City,” said PHS/SCPA’s Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. “The Good Samaritan was walking with his dog when the dog ran up to something on the side of the road, which turned out to be the wounded cat. The cat was in shock, had a broken jaw and was bleeding from his mouth. He was in such bad shape, we didn’t expect him to survive, but with our dedicated and specialized care he did.”

Expert veterinary staff at PHS/SPCA immediately performed surgery on the cat to wire his jaw and his lower lip. Despite the severity of his injuries, the cat came through the surgery well. Since his jaw was wired shut, a feeding tube was inserted so he could receive much needed sustenance. Over the next few weeks, he began to improve, the feeding tube was removed and he was able to gently eat on his own. PHS/SPCA staff estimated the cat was about two years old. No one came forward to claim the cat.

“Even though the cat was suffering from life-threatening and painful injuries, he would still purr and knead. He was such a fighter, our staff named him Toa, which means ‘warrior’ in Maori,” according to Tarbox.

After the wires from Toa’s jaw were removed and his condition was stable, PHS/SPCA veterinary staff treated the injury to his right eye. He was placed in foster care to allow him to continue gaining his strength. Once he was fully recovered, he was brought to the PHS/SPCA’s adoption center and was made available for adoption.

“Although Toa looks like a battle scarred cat, he is very sweet and friendly. He’s been through a lot and we want to find him a new home where he will be safe and loved,” said Tarbox.

Toa is a neutered male estimated to be about two years old with a beautiful white long-haired coat. He’s microchipped and vaccinated. People interested in meeting with Toa can visit PHS/SPCA at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame. His adoption fee is \$80.



Photos are courtesy of PHS/SPCA.

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 to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.