Always here for the ANIMALS including the recent wildfires pages 7-8
DEAR FELLOW ANIMAL LOVER
A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KEN WHITE

You know the quote, “The only thing that doesn’t change is change itself.” Well, that Heraclitus was one smart cookie. Apparently the more accurate translation of this ancient Greek philosopher’s prophetic observation is “The only thing that is constant is change,” reframed (perhaps stolen) by the cowboy-Western themed novelist Louis L’Amour as “The only thing that never changes is that everything changes.” Actually, even more relevant is the line from baseball great Yogi Berra: “The future ain’t what it used to be.”

Let’s face it, neither the present nor the future are what any of us expected, and we’re not at all sure what else is about to change. Here at your Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA, we have and will continue to react to all that uncertainty by making certain that the changes we make – while neither simple nor inexpensive – have not and never will negatively impact the animals. Not only at the core but frankly throughout the organization, your PHS/SPCA remains the same compassionate, effective and successful animal welfare and protection nonprofit charitable organization you know and love.

Humans are a funny animal. The ability to adapt to our changing world is innate, seemingly baked into our DNA, to the point that most of us not only roll with change but even get pretty well used to it. In ways both big and small, most of us today are living a reality we would have considered impossible a year ago. While wearing a mask, my glasses still fog up, unpredictably despite my best efforts to understand exactly what makes it happen, but I no longer curse the fact. My hair hasn’t been this long or unruly since college (I seem to recall it was dark back then) but I’m no longer shocked when I catch my reflection. We are even using our phones as, gasp!, phones once again, albeit with software to enhance the experience dramatically (in theory), connecting live with friends and loved ones rather than relying entirely on cryptic, almost coded, text messages as we did in our pre-pandemic for the most part much busier lives. We are living the change.

So, too, has PHS/SPCA gotten in the groove of change and then change again.

We’ve gotten incredibly nimble at reviewing and reacting to the frequently changing directives from government health officials. So instead of closing for adoptions as so many other shelters chose to do, we found our way to remain open and active in finding the perfect families for our homeless animals: we did not close, not for a single day, but we altered and continue to alter as needed certain practices related to how the public interacts with us. The only real shift is that now, so many months into this, we now alter
our practices seamlessly, almost effortlessly, fortunate in a committed and creative staff and volunteer group who know the drill. Similarly, our animal rescue team never stopped rescuing, our veterinarians never stopped healing the bodies and our behaviorists never stopped their creative and supportive efforts to heal the spirits of the thousands of animals we’ve helped since COVID-19 and the recent wildfires. We’ve changed in our ability to change.

As for that future, now that I am quickly approaching my 469th birthday (dog years) and with retirement on the near horizon, I am happy and proud to report that we’ve met a number of amazingly talented and committed people interested in helping PHS/SPCA continue on its successful path as the new president. PHS/SPCA remains focused on creating the best and brightest future for the animals, and for the people who care about the animals. We’ll have more to say about that soon.

For now, stay well. Please. Give your own animals an extra hug from me, and I’ll do the same from you for those now in our care. Two- and the four-legged alike, we are all most definitely in this together. Despite what everyone from Heraclitus to Yogi have to say about it, that will never change.

With all best wishes,

[Signature]

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MAKE IT MONTHLY!

Are you a dedicated animal lover? Become a Faithful Friend Monthly Donor to help provide food, shelter and care to the animals and ensure they have a better, healthier tomorrow. Your consistent support means the world to the homeless animals looking for a family and love. Together we can ensure this is a reality for our local animals!
THE PENINSULA HUMANE SOCIETY & SPCA AUXILIARY PRESENTS

Home for the Holidays Gala Ball

Have you ever wanted to attend our gala... with your pets?

In your fanciest pajamas?

Without calling a babysitter?

Now’s your chance, because we’re bringing the party to you!

“A Home for the Holidays” returns on November 7th, and our venue is a little different this year - for the first time ever, we’re going virtual!

JOIN US ONLINE USING A SMART PHONE, COMPUTER, OR SMART TV

Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 4pm

Visit www.PHS-SPCA.org/events-2/gala to RSVP!

If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor or need assistance registering for the event, please contact Lauren Schneider at (650) 340-7022 ext. 375 or Lschneider@PHS-SPCA.org
THE NEXT GENERATION

PHS/SPCA BURROWING OWL NURSERY CONTINUES

With the hooting success of our first Burrowing Owl nursery, in Spring 2019, we have opened those doors again and received another batch of owlets to raise in our safe and secure nursery, babies who most likely would not have survived if not for our care.

Working alongside the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency and with hard-won permits issued by both Federal and State wildlife regulatory agencies, we will raise the new group of Burrowing Owl babies until they are strong and healthy adults. Once they are mature, they will be returned to the wild where they can breed and help increase the local Burrowing Owl populations.

This season’s group includes nine males and four females. But one distinctive quality of the new troop is that it includes some of the offspring from the owls that were in the first group of Burrowing Owls to go through our nursery. Yes indeed, we’ve established our own Burrowing Owl alumni club! For wildlife professionals, this is the gold standard of success: babies we rescued, raised and released are now adding new Burrowing Owls to the world.

For years now, the populations of these native birds have been in decline and are listed as a “species of special concern” in California. Burrowing Owls have a high rate of predation and with their natural habitat being encroached upon by rampant development, their populations in the wild have plummeted.

Our specially constructed nursery allows for the “head-starting” of the baby owls giving them an opportunity to grow beyond their most vulnerable juvenile stage in our care, releasing them into the wild as young adults with a far better chance of survival. Many Burrowing Owls in nature do not even survive past their first year, so every one of these birds that make it to adulthood is critical to the survival of the species.

We are honored to be a part of this regeneration and to assist the next generation of Burrowing Owls in our community.

Our Burrowing Owl nursery is funded entirely by donations. Please consider a donation to help us continue this successful program. To donate visit our website at www.PHS-SPCA.org/donate or contact Lisa Van Buskirk at 650-340-7022 ext. 327 or Lvanbuskirk@PHS-SPCA.org

2nd generation Burrowing Owl in our nursery
THANK YOU!
YOUR SUPPORT MAKES OUR WORK POSSIBLE

The news these days brings us many pandemic-related numbers, and most tell some version of a frightening and often tragic story. Like you, those of us who work here at PHS/SPCA are impacted by all of this as well. But with great thanks to you, happily, we were and are able to remain committed to helping animals despite a world-wide pandemic and a shelter-in-place order. Our numbers tell a very encouraging, very happy story.

Our care for the animals hasn’t wavered during this public health crisis. Because of your support, we’ve been able to remain on the front lines and be fully responsive to the needs of our community.

Below is a glimpse of just some of the work we’ve accomplished since the shelter-in-place took effect in March 2020. Your support makes our tangible and life-saving work possible, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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*as of September 14, 2020*
A United Airlines hangar at San Francisco International Airport recently served as the scene of a remarkable happy reunion. The reunification wasn’t between two star-crossed lovers or long-lost friends, but instead a family of native Peregrine Falcons.

To the delight of United Airlines employees, a breeding pair of Peregrine Falcons built a nest high up in an airplane hangar. The employees tenderly watched their new bird neighbors raising their two chicks. All was well, until the pre-fledging chicks became stranded on the ground and appeared to be injured.

Concerned for the safety of the chicks, they brought them to our Wildlife Care Center. Estimated to be about one month old, one of the baby birds had a soft tissue injury, which our highly trained wildlife staff was able to treat and repair. The chicks spent almost a month with us until they were fully recovered.

It was then time to take them back where they belonged: with their parents. Peregrine Falcons rely heavily on their parents to teach them how to hunt. Our wildlife team may be experts on many things but teaching falcons how to survive in the wild was a job the parents needed to do.

Working with the staff at United Airlines and the airport, we “hatched” a plan to reunite the chicks with their parents at the hangar.

The main hitch in the plan though was how to get the baby birds as close to the nest and their parents as possible? The nest was more than 100 feet from the ground, so our Wildlife Manager Nicole Weger climbed high up onto the hangar’s catwalk with the birds secure in an enclosed kennel. Thank goodness she’s not afraid of heights! As she was getting closer to the nest, the falcon parents were flying around and shrieking at her. Finally, in a good position, Nicole opened the door to the kennel and the chicks walked towards their parents for one very happy reunion!

Peregrine Falcons are native to the San Francisco Bay Area, and it isn’t uncommon for them to build nests in areas such as airport hangars. Breeding pairs usually have 2-3 chicks a year.

Thanks to the vigilance and concern from United Airlines, and airport staff and our skilled wildlife team, the Peregrine Falcon family is back together.

PHS/SPCA’s Wildlife Care Center successfully rehabilitates 1,200 to 1,400 animals each year and is funded entirely by donations.
Generally, it is the Fire Department receiving calls for help, but in the case of this rescue, it was the Fire Department calling PHS/SPCA for assistance.

A San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department staff member certainly wasn’t expecting to be surprised during a routine inspection of a fire truck engine at the Fire Academy’s Foster City training facility. As he was checking the water hoses of the truck, he started to hear tiny meows. Opening the hatch to the hose compartment of the vehicle, he spied five sets of kitten eyes staring up at him.

A call was immediately placed to us for assistance and we arrived on scene within minutes. PHS/SPCA rescue staff looked for the mama cat, but she was nowhere to be found and there didn’t appear to be any traces of her. The defenseless under-aged kittens were in dire need of rescue. PHS/SPCA and the fire department staff devised a plan to safely remove the litter from their precarious spot.

With PHS/SPCA staff guarding the doors to the hose compartment, the fire department opened the metal chamber. PHS/SPCA staff climbed on the sides of the truck and plucked each teeny kitten one by one from the compartment and placed them in a kennel. Again, the rescuers scanned for mom, but she couldn’t be found. With all five of the little ones now pulled to safety, our staff brought them directly to our shelter for evaluation.

Thankfully all the kittens were in good health and they were placed with a PHS/SPCA foster care volunteer until they were old enough to be adopted. Had the fire department staff member not heard the kittens inside the truck, this miracle rescue could have turned into a tragedy.

But thanks to the attentiveness of the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department staff, tragedy was avoided. All five of the kittens have been adopted into new loving homes.

These kittens are just five of the more than 5,700 animals PHS/SPCA rescues every single year.
DISASTER RELIEF TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE AUGUST WILDFIRES

PHS/SPCA ACTIVATES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The stench of smoke and ash descending from the skies seemed to be in every corner of the San Francisco Bay Area this past August and September during the calamitous complex fires. Not only was there smoke and ash in the air, there was also a palpable fear in the air, especially for those residents who were forced to evacuate. Local government and other agencies were coordinating efforts to house the human evacuees. But what about the animals who were also forced to flee their homes? That’s where your local humane society stepped in.

We are no stranger to organizing rescue efforts quickly in the face of an emergency or disaster. As the organization responsible for animal welfare in San Mateo County, we are always prepared to activate our highly trained Emergency Response Team of staff and volunteers to aid pet owners in the face of any type of disaster or emergency, including fires.

Working in conjunction with other disaster relief agencies and local governments, we quickly set up an area at the fire evacuation centers in Half Moon Bay and San Mateo County Event Center to administer basic supplies and assistance to pet owners. Pet food, water and even cat litter was provided. Since many human shelters and hotels do not allow pets, we opened our doors to house animals that had been evacuated.

We sheltered 98 companion animals at our Coyote Point location while their owners waited to be allowed back into their homes or sorted out new living quarters.

As the fires tore through rural areas of San Mateo county, the relocation of large animals and livestock became a top priority. Again, PHS/SPCA stepped up and began to assist with large animals and livestock at the Cow Palace in Daly City. Additionally, we offered aid to other animal organizations outside of San Mateo county. A fast-moving wildfire does not pay attention to borders or jurisdictions. When it comes to preserving the life of animals in danger, PHS/SPCA is more than willing to assist beyond our county borders.

Our Emergency Response Team is funded by donations to PHS/SPCA. With your support, we were able to provide comprehensive disaster relief to animals and pet owners who were directly affected by the fires.

If the year 2020 has taught us anything, it’s to be prepared for any type of unimaginable catastrophe, including a destructive wildfire during a world-wide pandemic.

Please consider a donation to PHS/SPCA so we can continue to be here for the animals in any kind of situation.
THE HEALING PRESENCE
OF AN ANIMAL-VIRTUALLY

PET ASSISTED THERAPY STILL GOING STRONG DURING SHELTER-IN-PLACE

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us all to rely more heavily on technology than ever before. And that includes our Pet Assisted Therapy programs. With in-person Pet Assisted Therapy visits suspended during the shelter-in-place, we devised alternative methods of reaching people with the healing and calming presence of an animal, something very much needed in these challenging and anxious times.

Our extremely popular Paws for Tales Reading to Dogs program couldn’t operate in its usual setting at local public libraries. This program helps children who have difficulty reading to become more confident and self-assured readers by reading out loud to a non-judgmental audience: A Pet Assisted Therapy dog. With so many young people now attending school virtually from their homes, it seemed perfect for our Paws for Tales program to also be offered virtually.

Redwood City and other San Mateo County libraries jumped at the chance to host virtual Paws for Tales events. Eager young readers and our Pet Assisted Therapy teams were equally excited to be able to participate in the reading program again, albeit in a different format and from the safety of their homes.

Via Zoom meetings on computers, kids took turns reading animal themed books to Pet Assisted Therapy dogs, who were at their own homes with their handlers. Despite not being able to visit in person, the children were engaged and enthusiastic. The dogs loved hearing the voices of young readers even though filtered through the computer speakers. And the human partners of our Pet Assisted Therapy teams were delighted to be back alongside their dogs offering the program again.

Paws for Tales is a Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA program offered free to young readers. To learn more or to sign up to participate in the ongoing virtual Paws for Tales events, please visit www.PHS-SPCA.org/volunteer/pet-assisted-therapy/.

Additionally, we have youth friendly content available on the PHS/SPCA YouTube channel including an educational video series called Animal Adventures with Kylynn and videos from some of our Pet Assisted Therapy teams. Check it out at https://www.youtube.com/peninsulasPCA.
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The Animals say “Thank You for Supporting Us!”

GIVE BACK DURING THE HOLIDAYS!

Holiday shopping has never been so rewarding. Shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to the Peninsula Humane Society & SPA. Give back today in the easiest way—help the local animals in your community!

FROM MAY 1, 2020 TO JULY 30, 2020

PEOPLE TRIBUTES

In memory of:

Mr. Steven D. Abrams
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Mr. Charles K. Alder
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mowelko
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Mr. Alan Ackerman
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Mrs. Helen Abbe
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eve
Ms. Sandra Prusiner
Ms. Arline Radine
Ms. Barbara D. Wood
Ms. Linda Zalko

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In honor of:

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Our Friends of all types
Ms. Carrie Schau & Ms. Nicholas Sutton
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Ms. Paula Escalada
A car donation can be a tax deduction and help animals in need!
OCTOBER

03 LOW-COST VACCINATION CLINIC
9:10:15 a.m., Coyote Point Shelter
By appointment only

08 PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP
7-8:30 p.m., check website for info
650-340-7022 ext. 328 with questions

14 LOW-COST VACCINATION CLINIC
6-7:20 p.m., Coyote Point Shelter
By appointment only

17 LOW-COST VACCINATION CLINIC
9:10:15 a.m., Coyote Point Shelter
By appointment only

23 PICK OF THE LITTER DONATION DAY
9-11 a.m., Coyote Point Shelter Parking Lot
Drop off gently-used items for resale

DECEMBER

05 LOW-COST VACCINATION CLINIC
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NOVEMBER

07 A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS GALA BALL
see page 3 for details

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6-7:20 p.m., Coyote Point Shelter
By appointment only

21 LOW-COST VACCINATION CLINIC
9-10:15 a.m., Coyote Point Shelter
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JANUARY

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30 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Center for Compassion

HOLIDAY HOURS

PHS/SPCA WILL BE CLOSED:
Veteran’s Day, November 11th, 2020
Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, 2020
Christmas Day, December 25th, 2020
New Year’s Day, January 1st, 2021

WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSING AT 5 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
December 24th & December 31st

Our animals continue to receive care while we are closed to the public.
Taking care of your loved ones is the first priority of any estate plan. Once you’ve provided for your family, friends and pets, consider helping future homeless animals find their forever home. By including the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA in your estate plans, you will support the long-term stability of our shelter, ensuring the safety of thousands of community animals in need of our care.

If you have already included PHS/SPCA in your plans, please let us know! We want to make sure your future gift will be used exactly as you intended. We also would like to thank you personally, and invite you to become a member of our Forever Friends Legacy Society, which honors those who are helping in this generous and extraordinary way. To learn more about including PHS/SPCA in your estate plans, contact Lisa Van Buskirk at 650-340-7022 x327 or Lvanbuskirk@PHS-SPCA.org

LANTOS CENTER FOR COMPASSION is open for adoptions by appointment only. Call 650-340-7022 to schedule an appointment to meet adoptable animals.

COYOTE POINT SHELTER is open for receiving, lost & found and other services weekdays from 11 a.m. -7 p.m. and weekends 11 a.m. -6 p.m.
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