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ELLOW ANIMAL LOVER

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ANTHONY TANSIMORE

n behalf of all of us at Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA, I wish you a

2024 is shaping up to be an exciting time for PHS/SPCA and we're brimming

As we announced a few months ago, we have merged with Wildlife Center of with enthusiasm for the beginning of new ventures. Silicon Valley (WCSV) and are so pleased to welcome the staff and volunteers of the pure /cpc// family This now partnership will enable to at WCSV to the PHS/SPCA family. This new partnership will enable us to help even more wildlife in our community! And just on the horizon is another exciting opportunity for us. The new Larry Ellison Conservation Center for Wildlife Care located in Saratoga, will be opening in 2024. PHS/SPCA has been asked to operate this new state-of-the-art wildlife center, which we are looking forward to. Stay tuned for more information about when the center

We've also embarked upon another new venture, our enhanced Furchandise boutique store's website. This past fall we made the difficult decision to shutter the physical store that was housed at our Lantos for call for will officially open. Compassion in Burlingame. But we still wanted to offer items for sale for pets and pet lovers, so we've revamped the Furchandise online store, where pers and per lovers, so we ve revamped the Furchandise online store, where you can still buy pet supplies and gifts for pet lovers (including yourself)! We will still have supplies at our shelter for new adopters to purchase as we will still have supplies at our shelter for new adopters to purchase as well. The proceeds from Furchandise will continue to be directed back to our Hope Program. Look to the back of your PawPrint to see more about the

The heart of our mission is to help animals and people, and that includes our donor-funded Pet Food Bank. This program serves as a much-needed Furchandise online shop. safety net for struggling pet owners. We're hosting another pet food drive to replenish our stock and hope you can help by donating pet food. We need new and unopened bags of dog and cat kibble, canned dog and cat food, new and unopened page of dogs. We are unable to accept opened food cat litter, and treats for cats and dogs. We are unable to accept opened in cat litter, and treats for cats and dogs. or prescription (RX) food. Please drop off donations at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame between 11 am and 6 pm each day.

As always, I am so grateful for your support of PHS/SPCA and look forward to accomplishing much together in this new year!

Sincerely,

Anthony Tansimore, President



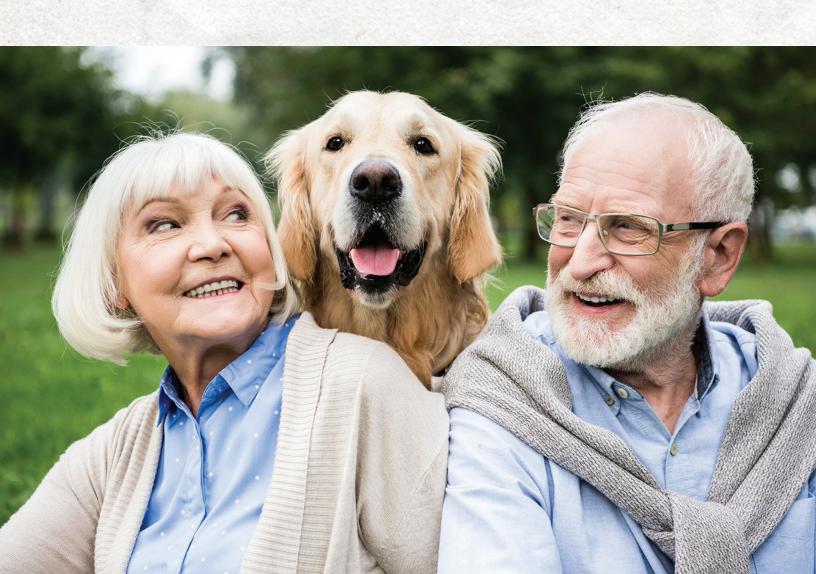
A LASTING Commitment

he day we bring a new pet into our family we make a promise to love them unconditionally and give them the best life we can provide them. But what happens if we cannot be there to carry our promise out? While we can't predict if we will pass before our beloved pets, we can still ensure a stable future for them without us.

Our Continuing Care Program was established to assist our community members in creating care plans for their pet if their pet should outlive them. Joining is free of charge, simple and a true act of love. We only request a yearly gift of any amount to the shelter animals currently in our care.

MORE INFO

For more information on the Continuing Care Program or to enroll in this crucial service, please contact Lisa Van Buskirk, Vice President of Development, Planned Giving & Community Engagement at 650- 340-7022 ext. 327 or Lvanbuskirk@PHS-SPCA.org.



A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

36TH ANNUAL GALA BRINGS HOLIDAY JOY WHILE RAISING LIFESAVING FUNDS

Shelter animal supporters came out to join us at our 36th annual "A Home for the Holidays" gala on November 4, 2023! Guests enjoyed a fur-bulous auction, dined on delicious multi-course meals, and danced the night away to live music! This year's amazing crowd raised almost \$300,000 for our Hope Program, which allows us to provide lifesaving medical and behavioral care to the neediest animals who are brought to our doors, giving them a second (or third!) chance to find loving homes of their own.

We couldn't host our annual gala without PHS/SPCA's Auxiliary, a devoted group of volunteers who have raised almost \$4,800,000 for the animals over the last 36 years! THANK YOU to our paw-mazing donors, guests, and dedicated volunteers who make this event a success year after year. To learn more about how to get involved in next year's Gala, including becoming an event sponsor, donating auction items, or joining the PHS/SPCA Auxiliary, please contact Special Events Coordinator Tatiana Nori at 650-340-7022, ext. 375 or tmnori@PHS-SPCA.org.

Many thanks to our outstanding

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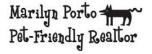
































HELPING TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

PHS/SPCA ASSISTS WITH VITAL LOCAL SECURITY MEASURES

ogs are known for their topnotch sense of smell, which is a fantastic asset when it comes to public safety, especially at our local San Francisco Airport. Canine detection teams, comprised of a highly trained dog and their handler, patrol airports, mass transit and cargo facilities and maritime ports to uncover prohibited items.

This vital security activity is called the Passenger Screening Canine program and is operated by the Transportation Security Administration. The program works with volunteers who serve as mock traveling passengers to assist in creating training scenarios that resemble an everyday traveling environment. These exercises help test the dogs who are specially trained to sniff out items that are illegal to travel with.

Several of our volunteers jumped at the chance to assist with this essential task to help keep our airport safe, including Melissa Smith who said: "It was a privilege to participate in this training process. Each agent is in tune with their dog's body language and behaviors, allowing them to interpret their partner's findings. It makes for a beautiful symbiotic relationship meant to keep us all safe."

Our volunteers arrived at the airport with an empty piece of luggage, and a concealed training aid was placed inside their baggage, to see if the item captured the attention of the dogs. Walking through the terminals and security check points, the dogs would sniff around the baggage, and were quite successful in detecting the contraband inside our volunteer's luggage.

To ensure the efficacy of the training session, the identity of our volunteers was never revealed to the dogs or their TSA handlers and there was a rotation of the dogs and their handlers throughout the volunteer shift. These tests are vital to ensuring each of the dogs was still capable of finding the training aid.



PHS/SPCA volunteer with TSA



Volunteers at SFO



Canine detection dog with a volunteer

And our volunteers enjoyed the experience and knowing they were helping to keep our transport areas safe for everyone.

TSA passenger decoys are needed on an on-going basis.

If you are interested in volunteering and are over the age of 18 years old, please contact Brian Probst at 650-340-7022 ext. 328.



TWO HORSES DRAMATICALLY RESCUED

MULTI-AGENCY EFFORT SAVES THE EQUINES

t was a harrowing scene to take in...a large horse trailer was hanging precariously over a 100-foot drop in a remote area of La Honda. Inside that trailer were two horses, terrified and possibly injured.

The driver who was transporting the horses missed a hairpin turn, and the horse trailer attached to the truck became unstable and shifted on its side, dangling dangerously over a deep precipice. The driver was not hurt in the accident and called for help.

Multiple agencies arrived to help, including PHS/SPCA. A powerful tow truck was also en route. But before the trailer could be towed away from the steep drop, our rescue staff needed to sedate the horses to keep them calm and help prevent any additional injuries. That delicate task required a PHS/SPCA staff member to hang off the side of the trailer and use a blow pipe to inject the sedative. Under the direction of a veterinarian, the staff member, was able to safely sedate both horses.

Then the heavy lifting began with the massive tow truck wrenching the horse trailer away from the cliff and back onto the flat dirt road. Our team immediately entered the



Trailer dangling over the edge



PHS/SPCA to the rescue

trailer, removing the horses to check them for injuries. Thankfully they only suffered minor injuries. The horses happily lapped up much needed water and munched on food.

The rescue operation took nearly five hours but was worth every minute to save these two beautiful animals.

These horses are just two of the thousands of animals we rescue every single year. ■

WINGO STARR'S HAPPILY EVER AFTER

PEACOCK FINDS THE PERFECT NEW FLOCK

e are proud to be an open-door shelter, accepting and rescuing animals of all kinds, including peafowl. So, when we received a call from a staff member at KIPP Esperanza High School in East Palo Alto about a loose peacock wandering around the school's parking lot, we were quick to jump into action.

Arriving on scene, the bird was darting aimlessly around the parking lot and in danger of being accidentally struck by a vehicle. Peafowl are extremely smart birds and can be difficult to catch, but after about 20 minutes, our rescue staff was able to safely net the errant bird and bring him back to our shelter in San Mateo.

The bird was examined by PHS/SPCA veterinarian staff, and they noticed he was underweight and quite thin, and his wings were clipped. Since his wings were clipped, we were fairly certain he was someone's pet, but no one came forward to claim him. So, after the peacock put on some weight and was cleared medically, he was made available for adoption. And we christened him with the name Wingo Starr.

With a name like Wingo Starr and beautiful iridescent blue and green plumage he had all the ingredients to be a media star. So, we arranged for local media to do news stories on the bird to help him find a new home.

A family in the East Bay were watching the news when they saw the story about Wingo Starr and as experienced peafowl owners, they knew he'd fit right in with their flock. One of their male peacocks had recently passed away, and the surviving female peahen mate Barbara was lonely. The family was hoping she and Wingo Starr would be a perfect match. When they introduced the two there were immediate sparks of love and affection.



Beautiful bird



Barbara and Wingo Starr



Wingo Starr

Going from starving on the streets to a new home complete with a love match, Wingo Starr's happily ever after is one for the books!

TIMOTHY RECEIVES A SECOND CHANCE

THE HOPE PROGRAM SAVES SENIOR CAT

t was not quite 5:30 in the morning, when our night shift staff heard the bell ring indicating that an animal had been placed in our after-hours kennels. When our staff member opened the door to the kennel, he spotted the downcast face of a fluffy tripod orange tabby. There was no paperwork accompanying the arrival of the sad cat.

The cat was microchipped, and we discovered his name was Timothy and he was eight years old. But after contacting the person linked to the microchip, we learned that the first owner had given him away to someone and did not want the cat back. Our calls to the person whom Timothy was given to went unanswered and no one came forward to claim him.

Rejected and scared, Timothy seemed completely despondent huddled against the back of the cage. He needed a lifeline and we were there to offer one to him.

During Timothy's initial medical exam, we saw that one of his hind legs had previously been surgically amputated, but that didn't limit his mobility at all. Aside from Timothy's dejected emotional state, what was causing him some problems were his teeth and severe matting of his coat, especially around his tummy.

We knew performing a complete tooth cleaning to help treat his dental issues and shaving off his cumbersome mats was going to be the easy part. It was healing Timothy's heartbreak that would be challenging.

For several months, our staff and volunteers spent time with Timothy, showing him kindness, brushing his long fur, and giving him plenty of time to learn to trust again. One of the volunteers who worked with Timothy recalled how joyful she felt when Timothy reached towards her and started to "make muffins", aka kneading and is often an expression of a cat's contentment. "I knew then that Timothy's heart and trust were on the mend."

Already a fan favorite of PHS/SPCA staff and volunteers, no one was surprised Timothy was adopted his first available day. His new family says: "He is an adorable



Timothy



Timothy and his new family



Timothy with his new reptile brother

cat and we are happy to give him a life full of pets, treats and loving attention. He's also getting along well with his new reptile brother!"

PHS/SPCA's donor funded Hope Program provided Timothy what he needed most at the time: hope. Thanks to generous supporters such as you, Timothy went from rejection twice over to a cat who believes in and accepts the kindness of others. And his muffin making game is still going strong!



"OLLIE is doing fantastic! Thank you for taking care of us with the adoption process and for taking care of her before we met her."



"We love MAHINA so much and I wanted to thank you for being so kind and helpful during the meet and adoption of Mahina!"

"BUTTER BUNS loves exploring, being pet and keeps her pen tidy!"



Sweet Home



BJORK is getting along wonderfully with her new bird friends!



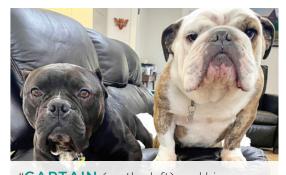
"DALLAS is doing very well, he has already gone hiking with us and to the beach, he has also done his first agility class, he is doing very well with his training, he is intelligent and learns quickly."



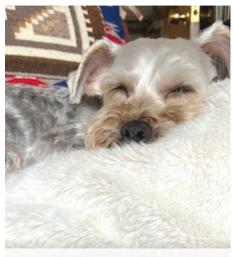
"TAKO loves to snuggle!"



"We really felt like WILLY chose us rather than us choosing him."



"CAPTAIN (on the left) and his new sister Shiloh are a couch potato match made in heaven, complete with bulldog snoring in unison. So, yep, he's pretty much perfect, and we feel lucky to call Captain our little chonky boy!"



"We walk a lot, and **KENJI** is getting settled in."



"TULIP is the biggest cuddle bug and lover of all humans big or small. Thrilled to have her and can't wait for more memories. She belongs with us."



"Everything is going great with **QUEENIE!** He is king of the house and spends most of the day napping on the sofa."



"LUCA AND SAM love to chase each other and their toys around, sit on my dining room chairs, and hide and play under my bed. Thanks for helping me bring these two guys home!"



"BENJAMIN's cheerful, curious and very social personality has been a perfect match for our family. Thank you so much for helping this adorable, sweet bunny come into our life!"



"CAROL continues to be the best dog. We are so crazy for her!"



"OREO is a very sweet boy and we love him so much!"



"ROCKY and our six-year-old blue parakeet, Roscoe, were super excited to meet from the minute we introduced them. Often, we see both birds eating together from the same feeder cup. Thank you PHS-SPCA for matching us up with this sweet little bird. He's already captured our hearts!"



"BLUE loves to play at the dog park with the other dogs, swim, go for car rides and jump in the bushes. Snuggles, hugs, and kisses are her favorite. We are nothing short of obsessed with our sweet girl!"



SCAMPER is doing great in his new home!



"WALLEN has been the missing piece to our family. He has filled our lives and hearts with so much love and laughs."



"STEVE never leaves my side and has been the best cuddle buddy through this time. He literally has been holding my hand and I think that his purrs have healing powers. Thank you for bringing me my little orange man!"

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