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Nate is a hero

# R FELLOW ANIMAL LOVER

### A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ANTHONY TANSIMORE

This past year was an interesting one all the way around. One thing is for sure — it was a great year for the animals here at the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA. Your support, along with that of our volunteers, helped us perform spay/neuter surgeries on thousands of animals, investigate reports of cruelty, reunite lost animals with their owners, rehabilitate and release thousands of wildlife, and find new homes for thousands of pets. Many of those pets were able, through your generosity, to receive special behavioral and medical support through our 100% donor-funded Hope Program to get them ready for adoption.

For me, this time of year brings about reflection — what I'm grateful for, proud of, and resolving for the year ahead. I'm grateful for my dog Zoey, who is by my side every day. If I do leave her at home, when I return, she greets me like she hasn't seen me in months, and that just never gets old! You have helped us create this experience and many more for thousands of families who adopted a pet from us this past year. I hope you experience the heartfelt satisfaction that I do when I consider the immeasurable love our shelter animals bring to so many families.

As for things I'm proud of, a new addition to my list this year is our Wildlife Care Center soon to open in Saratoga. Stay tuned for more to come on this state-of-the-art facility in a future issue of PawPrint.

Zoey and I have a resolution to find homes for all her shelter friends who are still waiting for their forever families. We know we cannot do this by ourselves and are grateful for YOU, the members of our community who make our work possible. Thank you for all you do. We wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Anthony Tansimore, President



# FOREVER FRIENDS, Forever Grateful

he Forever Friends Legacy Society honors those who remember Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA in their wills, trusts, and other planned gifts. To ensure that animals in need are given the long-term stability and care they deserve, consider making a difference by including PHS/SPCA in your estate plans — the animals will be forever grateful!

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'd also like to thank you and invite you to be a member of our Forever Friends Legacy Society. Members receive a certificate for their records, recognition in our spring edition of PawPrint (unless they choose to remain anonymous), and invitations to Society events and other special activities.

For more information, contact Lisa Van Buskirk: 650-340-7022 ext. 327 or LVanBuskirk@phs-spca.org.

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### TO SEARCH DOG

#### NATE IS A TRUE HERO

ou may remember Nate's story from from past PawPrint issues. Nate is a beautiful labrador retriever that came to us when his owner was no longer able to care for him. Our Behavior team realized when working with Nate that he had certain qualities that might make him a perfect fit for the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF) as a potential search and rescue dog. SDF aids in disaster response by producing highly skilled teams of humans and dogs to search for victims of natural disasters.

Our Behavior team saw in Nate a superstar rescue hero just waiting to be born, and they were spot on! Nate passed rigorous medical and performance evaluations and was accepted into the disaster search dog training program. He loved agility exercises and was great at climbing six-foot ladders and giving "bark alerts" to guide human rescuers to a person needing assistance. Nate mastered all the skills required of a search and rescue dog and graduated from the program in 2022.

Upon graduation, Nate was officially paired with his human search and rescue partner, Carey Jenkins of Lincoln Fire & Rescue. Nate went to his new home with Carey in Nebraska where they continued to grow their bond and train together. After a lot of hard work, Nate and Carey achieved FEMA certification last year. Their first deployment was in September to the East Coast for Hurricane Helene where they helped communities in need in the wake of the storm. They joined rescuers



Nate searching for people in need in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene

from across the country, answering the call for assistance from communities affected by the havoc-wreaking storm. Shortly thereafter they were deployed to northern Florida where they helped in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton.

We could not be more proud of Nate and his accomplishments. We look forward to hearing about many more years of service from Nate and his human partner Carey as they help those in need.

### HITCHHIKING KITTEN FINDS HIS FOREVER HOME

#### KITTEN SNEAKS A HARROWING 20-MILE FREEWAY COMMUTE

t was a day like any other for our Animal Rescue & Control staff member Jerry Mai. He responded to a call like dozens he has been dispatched to in his career. A kitten was stuck in a car engine in the parking lot of a Redwood City courthouse, and the vehicle owner needed help removing the kitten so he could drive without harming it. The kitten was squealing, but no one could see it. A Redwood City Firefighter, also dispatched to the call, opened the hood of the vehicle and out leaped a flame point Siamese kitten, dashing away into hiding before Mai could rescue him. After some time looking, Mai was disappointed he wasn't able to find the kitten.

The next day, we received another call to rescue a screaming kitten hiding on the underside of a vehicle. Mai was dispatched, this time to the juvenile court parking lot on Paul Scannell Drive in San Mateo. When Mai arrived, the high decibel screaming sounded familiar. Mai was able to capture the kitten. As he gazed at the grease-dusted flame point Siamese—an uncommon combination of color pattern and breed—he recognized it as the very same kitten who escaped from the car hood the prior day in another city.

Mai asked vehicle owner Jeff Rolston where he was the prior day at 4:30 p.m., when the kitten rescue was attempted. Sure enough, Mr. Rolston was at the Redwood City courthouse where Mai had been dispatched the prior day and pulled out of the very same parking lot at about 4:45 p.m. Unbeknownst to Mr. Rolston, he had a stowaway! Mai and Mr. Rolston stared at each other in disbelief as they both realized it was the same kitten!

As described by Mr. Rolston, this adventurous kitten travelled on the undercarriage of his Honda CRV ten miles to Burlingame, spending the evening hidden away under his vehicle. The next morning, he stayed hidden while Mr. Rolston stopped for coffee, and then travelled 10 miles on the freeway to the Scannell Drive San Mateo site. It wasn't until later that afternoon Mr. Rolston heard the hidden kitten squealing from under his car's wheel well and called PHS/SPCA for help.





Animal Rescue & Control staff member Jerry Mai and kitten full of car grease!



Mr. Rolston and the kitten on adoption day

Once in our care, the kitten needed multiple rounds of flea and dewormer treatments and was monitored for a possible upper respiratory infection and being underweight. As it turns out, the kitten's hoarse voice was from all of the hollering he was doing inside of the vehicles—the exam deemed his lungs clear! He quickly gained weight, passed his medical and behavioral evaluations, received his neuter surgery, and was put up for adoption. Not a moment passed before Mr. Rolston came and adopted him!

PHS/SPCA saves and finds homes for hundreds of cats and kittens each year.

#### A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

37TH ANNUAL GALA MARKS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE HOPE PROGRAM!

Shelter animal supporters joined us at our 37th annual "A Home for the Holidays" gala ball on November 2, 2024! 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 over \$340,000 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.

Our PHS/SPCA Auxiliary, a devoted group of volunteers, made this night possible. With their dedication to the event, A Home for the Holidays has raised over \$5,000,000 for the animals over the last 37 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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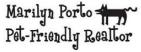






























See's CANDIES.





#### ROCKY FINDS HIS FOREVER FAMILY

AFTER ONE YEAR AND TWO DAYS IN OUR CARE, ROCKY GOES HOME!

ocky came to PHS/SPCA in September of 2023 when his owner could no longer care for him. Our veterinary staff treated Rocky for some minor skin irritations and allergies that required regular medication and performed a neuter surgery. During his behavior evaluation, our staff noticed that Rocky pulled extremely hard on his leash, and when introduced to other dogs, Rocky was eager to make friends, but didn't always understand when other dogs didn't want to play with him. They created a training plan to help Rocky with his dog manners and to learn to walk on the leash without tugging.

Once Rocky was available for adoption, staff and volunteers continued to work with him on his training plan and his behavior began to improve. After a few months, Behavior staff determined that Rocky would benefit from a change of pace and matched him with a foster volunteer so he could continue his training in a home environment and become accustomed to one-on-one consistent training and attention from the same person. Our staff continued to be in touch with and support Rocky's training in his foster home.

This past September, a man whose beloved dog had recently passed found himself looking at the dogs on our website and was drawn to Rocky. Over the next few days, he kept returning to Rocky's webpage and photos. And then something amazing happened! Rocky visited the man in his dream, where he hopped on his bed to snuggle with him while he was sleeping. The very next day the family came to our shelter to meet Rocky. It was a perfect match, and after 367 days in our care, Rocky headed home with his forever family, who named him Rocco!

The generosity of our donors made it possible to provide Rocco with the extra time and care he required. Our Hope Program saves over 150 animals per month.



Rocky (now Rocco) poses for his adoption profile photo



Rocco on adoption day with a big smile and his forever family



Rocco loves his backyard!

"Rocco is amazing. After losing my dog of 14 years I thought it would be a long time before adopting another dog, but Rocco instantly captured my heart....(and my entire bed!)"

**ROCCO'S NEW FATHER** 

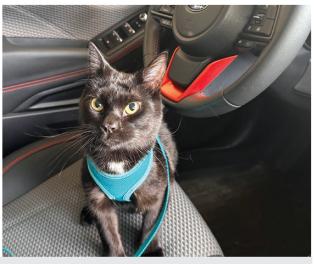


#### JIMMY'S ROUGH START TURNS INTO THE BEST ENDING

#### KITTEN OVERCOMES TRAUMATIC INJURIES AND LANDS HIMSELF A GREAT FAMILY!

n November of 2023, Jimmy, a domestic shorthaired kitten, arrived at our shelter with severe wounds. We did not receive any information regarding the source of his wounds, but it was clear he needed immediate medical attention. Jimmy had lacerations on his head, tail, and rear legs and the left side of his head was visibly swollen. During a full evaluation by our veterinary staff, an X-Ray revealed the kitten had a partly healed skull fracture. Jimmy's head and leg injuries were treated with pain medication and antibiotics and his leg wounds were sanitized. His leg injury sites were kept clean, and he was monitored for any further swelling or discomfort. Unfortunately, due to the severity of his tail injury, Jimmy needed an amputation to remove most of his tail. After a successful surgery our staff concluded he would benefit from being in a home environment with one-on-one care. We placed him in a foster home with a specially trained foster care volunteer. Jimmy spent four months recovering in foster care before becoming available for adoption.

In March of 2024 Jimmy was adopted into his forever home. His family wasn't sure all the fur on his head would grow back, but as you can see, Jimmy has a full head of hair and is living his best life!



Jimmy loves to go for car rides



Jimmy relaxing in his forever home

We were able to provide medical care and recovery time in a foster home for Jimmy thanks to our 100% donor-funded Hope Program. This program helps our neediest animals and gives them a second chance at life. As an open-door shelter, PHS/SPCA accepts all animals regardless of their age, size, or species. Some animals arrive perfectly healthy and need nothing more than a new loving home, but many others need extra medical care, behavior modification, or TLC before they can be placed into a new forever home. For some of them, PHS/SPCA is their only chance. Our Hope Program saves over 150 animals every month, thanks to your generous support!



"ACE (AKA Idris) is quite the character. He's doing great! He likes to sunbathe on his deck and has been such a joy to have around."



"STORM is doing great! He loves watching squirrels in the backyard and making friends of all kinds on his daily walks."

"BEAST (formerly Sky) and MICOLASH (formerly Peridot) have both been finally cleared from quarantine by their vet and are quickly becoming the best of friends!"



# Sweet Home



"SQUID is super cuddly. He just moved in like he owns the place."



"PIPSQUEAK has grown into a sweet and lovely hen. She's living a happy life with our little flock! Thanks for everything you do!"



"SCAMPER is two now. He was a butterfly for halloween."



"We took **NOVA** (formerly Sahara) to my daughter's school this morning for Blessing of the Pets and our priest said how beautiful Nova is."



"ESME is thriving! Her favorite activities are looking out of the open window on her cat perch, 'hunting' the 'tail' on her fishing rod toy, exploring every crevice of our home, eating, and observing her family closely."



"Our little **BETTY** is just the sweetest! We are signed up for puppy training at PHS/SPCA. Really looking forward to it!"



"CARA (aka Sunny) is settling in nicely!"



"ODIN is a very intelligent loving pup. He loves spending time with us, whether that's going for a hike or watching a movie. We love him so much."



"REESE (formerly Amira) has become such a cherished member of our family in a short amount of time. She excelled at training. We are impressed at the progress for a 6-monthold puppy."



"We LOVE ANGUS!!!! He is an amazing dog who has integrated into our lives seamlessly! We are so happy we found him at your organization!!"



"We really hit the jackpot with TANK. He's such a loving boy."



"CHARLI has been an absolute love. She has even learned how to play fetch."



"We fostered YOGI POGI, however we couldn't resist and adopted him. After a special adoption day In-N-Out puppy patty to celebrate, we ended his gotcha day at the beach!"



"ANASTASIA is doing great! She is sweet, gentle, curious and loves to be held! She is a great pet. She enjoys eating mealworms, waxworms, and crickets."



"KYLO adopted us and we fell in love. He loves taking over the dog's bed."



"By taking **ZIPPY** in, tirelessly working with him, and never giving up on him, you saved him, and by extension, our family."



"CINNAMON (formerly Pearl) enjoys taking her toys to her new cave under my bed. She also loves to chat and wake me up at the crack of dawn! We are quickly becoming best friends."

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#### 01 LOW-COST VACCINATION CLINIC 9-10:50 a.m., Coyote Point Shelter By appointment only

#### 01 SHELTER TALES 10-11:00 a.m., Center for Compassion 650-340-7022 ext. 369 for more info

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