

Pets & People

Newsletter for
Members
&
Friends of the SVHS

Our Mission is to provide supplemental funding for veterinary care and treatment for pets whose guardian/owners need financial aid. We rely entirely on the generosity of members and donors.

The Saddleback Valley Humane Society is an all-volunteer, 501c3 non-profit incorporated in 1992.

Fall 2023

Celebrating 31 Years of Service to the Community

Annual General Meeting & Volunteer Recognition

Saturday, December 2nd
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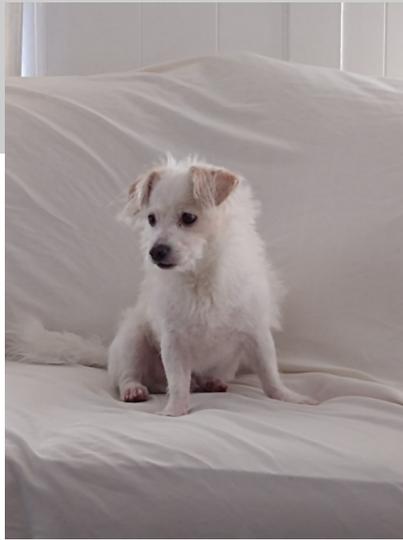
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Rocky, a one-year-old Terrier-mix had a tumor in his stomach and needed an Ultrasound. Pledge \$300

Tiny, a cat needed surgery to remove a kidney stone. Pledge \$200

Jax, a cat needed tests and medication to treat a runny nose and cough. Pledge \$100

Tramp, a cat needed medication to treat a skin infection. Pledge \$150

Bo, a cat needed surgery to remove a urinary blockage. Pledge \$250

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Holiday Food & Other Hazards

The holidays are a time of feasts and sweet treats. It's tempting to share with pets, but don't... **chocolate** contains theobromine, which may be fatal. **Unsweetened baking chocolate** contains the highest concentration of this chemical. **Bones**, cooked and raw, even large ones, fragment and may cause choking or perforate intestines. **Grapes & raisins**, even in small amounts may cause kidney failure in dogs. **Liquor** can be fatal and **coffee & tea** may cause damage to digestive, urinary or nervous systems. **Fatty and/or fried foods** can cause gastric upset, or pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), which requires immediate veterinary care.

Saddleback Valley Humane Society

President's Message

Dear Readers,

What better time than around Thanksgiving to reflect upon the things for which we are grateful.

I genuinely appreciate the interaction I share with our society volunteers who have now become firm friends. Whilst we all desire to help less fortunate animals receive the veterinary care they need, it's the generous donations, in the form of gifts of love, memberships and bequests, that enables us to do so. Therefore, donors, please accept my deep gratitude for your kindness and for trusting us to use your funds wisely and to the fullest extent that's possible.

Also, I'm most thankful for the many veterinarians and their staff members who are willing to work with us in order to help pets receive the treatment they require. Accepting our pledges places an additional burden upon them by increasing their workload: so my heartfelt thanks go to them for "going that extra mile."

Lastly, but by no means least, my thanks go to our Pet Assisted therapy volunteers and their wonderful dogs who brighten the day for the folks living in two local, residential homes when we visit each month. Their dedication is admirable and truly appreciated.

Upon reflection, I consider myself extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to work with so many compassionate people and to be doing a job that I enjoy so much. How lucky can one get?

Kindest regards, Vivien Frankland



Vivien Frankland with canine companion, Dudley.



Cookies, cake or any baked goods can cause gastric upset, sometimes severe.

Seek veterinary care immediately if your pet is vomiting, has diarrhea and you suspect non-pet foods were ingested.

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Gifts of Love

In Memory of Spikey, a dog
"He gave his heart to a very special lady."
 To Carol Scott
 From Rozanne & John Dorman

In Memory of Lacy, a cat
 To Stacy Slossy
 From Adrienne & Gary Laskin

In Memory of Kissy & Scruffy, dogs
 From Mary Mercier

Celebrating Alison's Birthday
 From Brenda van Loggem

In Loving Memory of Gidget, a dog
 To Bobbie & Jeff Foresta & Family
 From

Ann & Gene Di Cianni,
"I have fond memories of her at Pet Assisted Therapy. Run free over the Rainbow Bridge little one!"

Bob & Vivien Frankland,
"Gidget is a former Pet Assisted Therapy dog who was dearly loved by all. She will be sorely missed."

Susan & Herman van Eijkelenburg,
"Sweet little Gidget would roll over on her back asking for a belly rub."

Mike & Judy Joyce,
"In memory of a sweet dog, Gidget"

In Memory of Daphne & Mason Tipton

From Brian & Christine Tipton

In Memory of Abby, a dog
"Our golden girl"

From Joyce & Dean Warner

In Memory of John McClean
 From Bob & Vivien Frankland

Financial aid — continued from page 1

A Good Samaritan discovered that a cat, abandoned when neighbors moved, had a deep abscess on its thigh. Pledge \$225

A Good Samaritan found a stray kitten that needed medication to treat an eye infection. She will keep the kitten that she named Chopper. Pledge \$150

Eddie, a 17-year-old cat needed surgery to remove an eye with a non-cancerous mass. Pledge \$300

Scar, a cat needed surgery to clear an intestinal blockage. Pledge \$500

Rainbow, a cat needed surgery to remove a tumor. Pledge \$150

Neo, a dog needed medication to treat a severe ear infection. Pledge \$100

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In Memory of Chili Bean, "a kitten dearly loved and gone too soon."
 To Bri Levitch
 From Gene & Ann Di Cianni

In Memory of Louie, "a cherished dog and family member. Run free Louie!"
 To The Cutler Family
 From Gene & Ann Di Cianni

In Memory of John McClean, "a kind soul, fellow Pet Assisted Therapy volunteer and friend, now reunited with his beloved Frosty"
 From Gene & Ann Di Cianni

In Memory of Gidget, a dog
 From Bobbie & Jeff Foresta & Family

In Memory of Dulce, a dog
 From Irwin & Karen Gamal

In Loving Memory of Richard Pope, a loving husband and father
 To Gail Pope & Family
 From
 Judy & Mike Joyce
 Bob & Vivien Frankland

Gift of Love for Jack,
"The best dog ever"
 From Betty Fassett

In Loving Memory of Maureen (Dink) Coggins, an accomplished bowler, gardener, animal lover and dear friend."
 To Michele Lynch & Mark
 From Bob & Vivien Frankland

Gift of Love
 From Carol Willette

*For Every Joy That Passes,
 Something Beautiful Remains.
 Honor the Memory of a Lost Love
 or Commemorate a Special
 Occasion by Giving a Gift of Love.*



Angel, an 18-year-old Bichon has Cushing's Disease and dementia. The vet recommended a neurological workup. Pledge \$300

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Holiday Food & Other Hazards

Tinsel, Trees & Lights: keep fallen

decorations picked-up. Swallowing tinsel can cause choking and internal obstruction;

broken ornaments can cut delicate paws.

Water placed in the Christmas tree

stand, which is often treated with sugar-based preservatives, may attract pets. Left for

days or weeks, this water may develop

harmful bacteria. **Chewing on electrical cords** may cause burns, or even death by

electrocution. Unplug trees when you are not home, use pet-safe cords or treat cords with a deterrent spray.

Harmful if swallowed: Poinsettia plant is

toxic. Keep **antifreeze** out of reach and clean up drops

immediately and completely.

Antifreeze is

highly toxic and dogs especially

are attracted to its scent.

Keep **food gifts** out of reach and not under the tree. Pets are attracted to **heat and flame**. Burn candles away from pets and secure the fireplace when in use.

Xylitol, a sugar alcohol sweetener, causes low blood sugar and liver failure in dogs — if not treated quickly by a veterinarian, ingesting Xylitol can be fatal. Xylitol is commonly used to sweeten sugar-free candy and gum, but also may be found in unexpected products, including dog fav treat, peanut butter.

This list is incomplete and accurate to the best of our knowledge. Ask your veterinarian for more information to help keep your pets safe and healthy.

ASPCA National Animal Poison Control

888.426.4435 (fee applies)



Tucker, an 11-year-old Chihuahua needed extensive dental care, including tooth extractions. Pledge \$200

Deogia, a rescue Vizsla/Rhodesian Ridgeback-mix needed hip joint surgery. Pledge \$325

Chanel, an 8-year-old female Chihuahua developed pyometra and needed immediate surgery. Pledge \$100 for aftercare.

Lily, a Maltese needed surgery to remove a small growth from her ear. Pledge \$225

Rainbow, a cat needed surgery to remove a tumor from her tail. Pledge \$150

Kila, a 9-year-old female German Shepherd dog developed pyometra and needed immediate surgery. Pledge \$300

Penny, a Chihuahua needed tests and medication to control seizures. Pledge \$150

Coco, a Poodle suffering seizures and not eating needed diagnostic tests and medication. Pledge \$225



Arthur suffered from a severe ear infection. Pledge \$225.

Chester, a Maltese/Poodle-mix needed vet care to remove a foxtail from his ear and medication to treat an ear infection. Pledge \$150

Zoe, a Shih tzu needed knee surgery. Pledge \$200

Ease the Cost of Vet Care

Try to set aside a small amount of cash monthly or weekly in your own pet care fund. Even a small amount will help when your pet needs to visit the vet.



Cookies & Cream were treated for Giardia, which is a microscopic parasite that lives in the intestines of dogs (and other animals, including cats and humans), and causes severe gastrointestinal disease. Pledge \$300

Helpline Calls

Many of the pets whose guardians call our Helpline looking for financial aid for veterinary care include the need for dental care and surgery to remove an intestinal obstruction.



Oral care is an important part of overall good health. Speak with your vet about your pet's oral care, which may help prevent infection and the need for urgent veterinary intervention.

Dogs of all ages love to play and sometimes items intended for humans end up as a chew toy if left on the floor. Remember to keep items picked up and off the floor to help prevent your pet from ingesting something that could cause obstruction and the need for expensive emergency life-saving surgery.

Help sick and injured pets even after you're gone. Please consider putting the SVHS in your Will or Trust.

Call 949.262.5859

Events Calendar

Annual General Meeting & Volunteer Recognition

Saturday, December 2nd
From 11:30 — 1 p.m.
Pavilion Park

24051 Pavion, Mission Viejo, CA 92692
(Cross streets: Olympiad & Jeronimo)
Refreshments will be served.
All are welcome — dogs must be leashed

Pet-Assisted Therapy Program — Share Your Pet's Love

Visits are held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
the 2nd & 3rd Saturday monthly at two
locations in Mission Viejo.

New participants are welcome. You
need NOT commit to both.

Call 949.262.5859

Your pet should be well behaved and enjoy meeting
people and other animals.

Spay/Neuter Count:

Your donations helped fund 37
Spay/Neuter Procedures
in the last quarter.

What's the difference between a Pledge and a Vet Grant?

At the end of each medical aid recipient listed, a **Pledge** or **Vet Grant** dollar amount is noted. The SVHS offers a **Veterinary Grant Program** that provides \$500 to each of the first 15 area vets who register annually. Program vets may use the grant, at their discretion, to help one pet or several. Requests for Vet Grant funds are made by the vets on behalf of their clients. Conversely, **Pledges** are offered to individuals who call our Helpline asking for financial aid. *Like Vet Grants, Pledges are paid directly to veterinarians, not as a reimbursement to individuals.*





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949.262.5859

*Happy Holidays
&
Merry Christmas*

The volunteers of the SVHS are grateful for our very generous members and donors. Working together, we truly do make a difference in our world.

Thank you!

ADOPT DON'T BUY
November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

**Pet Adoption Center of
Orange County**
www.adoptocpets.org
949.858.1000

Pugs & Pals
949.262.PUGD
www.pugdogrescue.com

DREAM Animal Rescue
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See cats available for adoption
www.dreamar.org
Tel. 949.484.9228
Email: dreamanimalrescue@gmail.com

**German Shepherd Rescue
Orange County**
GSROC.org; 714.974.7762



1-year-old Penny

A bit shy at first, Penny warms up to people quickly. She knows some basic commands and is good on a leash. Penny would love to be in a home where she can share affection with her people and cuddle at their feet.

Frosted Faces
www.Frostedfacesfoundation.org
715.574.6320
*Specializes in placing
older dogs*

Save Some Bunny Rabbit Rescue
www.savesomebunny.org



Tony, a senior Papillon /Cavalier King Charles spaniel, walks with a spring in his step. He is gentle and good with other dogs, cats and kids.

New Beginnings for Animals
(949.348.8057

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www.greatpets.org

Southland Collie Rescue

Contact
Sue Baldwin at
lovecollies@cox.net;
or 949.858.0298
www.collie.org



Just a reminder when you are adopting a pet, to take the time to meet the scared ones, the shy ones, the ones that don't stick out to you, the ones with the boring colors or missing limbs, the older ones, the frail ones. They have not given up. They just need you. And maybe you just need them too.

- Board member Ellen Faulds shared a Facebook post

Ralphs Community Contribution Program: 
A percentage of your **Ralph's** purchases will go to the SVHS.
Our NPO # is G1593
Please go to Ralphs.com to register



Mouse, is 12 weeks old. She's a bit shy at first, but warms quickly and purrs non-stop. She is adorable and loves to play.

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