

Pets & People

Newsletter for
Members
&
Friends of the SVHS

Our Mission is to provide supplemental funding for veterinary care and treatment for pets whose guardians/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 2025

**Celebrating 33
Years of Service to
the Community**



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Diana & Roxy Fund



The Diana & Roxy Fund was started at the request of SVHS supporter Diana Fiori, in memory of her dog, Roxy. Diana wanted the funds to help cover veterinary care in extraordinary circumstances. The fund has aided dozens of pets.

Funds from the Diana & Roxy Fund were used when a Good Samaritan rescued a stray cat that was pregnant. The mom cat and her kittens (pictured above) received veterinary care and all were spay/neutered before new homes were found by a local rescue group.

*Some of the pets aided by the
Diana & Roxy Fund:*

- * Myah, a dog treated for Parvovirus
- * Barry, a rescued dog needed an exam and neuter
- * Oliver, a cat with a urinary tract blockage needed tests and surgery
- * Coco, a Chihuahua suffering seizures

Spay/Neuter Count:
Your donations helped
fund 36 Spay/Neuter Procedures.

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 internal 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.

President's Message

Dear Readers,

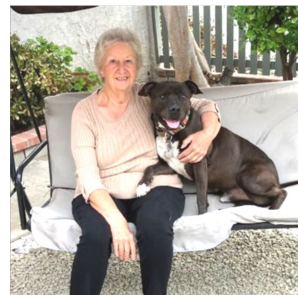
As in past years, the Saddleback Valley Humane Society has once again, been able to offer financial assistance for companion animals, thanks to generous donations received from the members and supporters of our non-profit, all volunteer organization. As

many of you know, we are not affiliated with either the Humane Society of the United States or the ASPCA and do not receive funding from either source; we rely entirely upon your generosity.

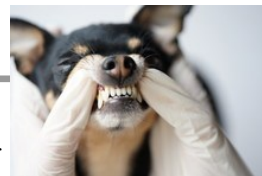
Every day, SVHS volunteers respond to a variety of phone calls and emails, the majority being pleas for financial assistance for pets in need of veterinary care. Often the calls involve strays rescued by good Samaritans or come from guardians with a limited income, veterans or homeless persons. Each situation is assessed carefully and if appropriate, a pledge is made for the pet at the client's vet office. Fortunately, there are numerous veterinarians who are willing to accept our pledges despite it being additional work for them. Once the pet's treatment is completed and we've received an invoice, a check is issued to the veterinary practice requesting that the funds be applied to the client's account. It's quite a process involving a series of phone calls but the outcome is so rewarding for all concerned.

Many, many thanks to the donors, veterinarians, their staffs and the SVHS volunteers for their contributions. They are an exceptionally special group of caring individuals who have enabled so many companion animals to receive much needed treatment.

Kindest regards,
Vivien Frankland



Vivien with canine family member, Quasi., adopted from Frosted Faces Foundation.



Gifts of Love

In Memory of Fred Saremi, a friend
To Mrs. Lynne Saremi
From Judy & Art Levine

In Memory of Tico, a dog
To Ellen Faulds
From
Judy Joyce
Susan & Herman van Eijkelenburg

**In Memory of Presley, a Pet Assisted
Therapy dog and much loved by
everyone**
To Lori Aced
From Vivien & Bob Frankland

**In Memory of Pierre, a gentle, loving
soul and Pet Assisted Therapy dog**
To Aprille Harris
From Vivien & Bob Frankland

**In Memory of Tico, a cherished
canine companion**
To Ellen Faulds
From Bob & Vivien Frankland

In Memory of Cleo, a cat
From Mary Galiardo

In Memory of Tegan, a dog
To Justin & Sara Lowery
From Mark & Andrea Lowery

**To Honor the Memory of Steve
Paschang, a loved brother, soulmate
and friend**
From The Paschang Family

**In Memory of Andy, a sweet dog
and devoted companion**
To Marcia Anderson
From Pat Paschang

For the Volunteers of the SVHS
From Stuart & Lois Halbert

For Cooper, a cat
From Mary Jo Hasty

In Memory of Clark, a cat
To Douglas & Susan Sietsema
From Tracy, Sue & Stephen Douthat

In Memory of Velvet, a cat
From Cindy Nelson

In Memory of Nigil, a dog
From Carol Willette

**In Memory of Henry, a former Pet
Assisted Therapy visitor who delighted
all who met him.**
To Cat & Tim Aires
From Bob & Vivien Frankland

**In Memory of Jane Cohen, who was a
friend and animal lover.**
To Beth Cohen
From Kim & Eugene Calvosa

**In Memory of My Dear Cousin,
Jane Cohen**
From Eileen Polidoro

In Memory of Ruby, a dog
To Debbie Petersen
From Donald Petersen

In Memory of Jane Cohen
To Beth Cohen & Family
From Bob & Vivien Frankland

**In Memory of Riley,
a much loved cat**
To Judy & Mike Joyce
From
Bob & Vivien Frankland
Susan & Herman van Eijkelenburg

**In Memory of Paisley and Roo, two
dear canine companions**
To Vanessa Christian & Family
From Bob & Vivien Frankland

In Memory of Jane Cohen
To Beth Cohen
From Sue Baldwin

**In Memory of Riley, a dearly
loved kitty**
To Judy & Mike Joyce
From Janet Willis

*"In Loving Memory of
Sir Clyde O'Riley, a cat who graced
our lives for four short years."*
From Judy & Mike Joyce

In Memory of Riley, a cat
"Run free sweet Riley!"
To Judy & Mike Joyce
From Gene & Ann DiCianni

**For All of Our Fur Friends,
Past & Present**
From Sybil Carhart

**In Memory of Martin Comacho,
father and husband**
To The Comacho Family
From Joyce Kruizenga

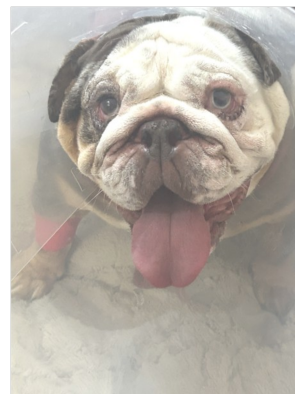
In Memory of Hemmingway
From Anne Schmid

**In Memory of Joey, a dog who was
Tom's best friend**
To Tom Collins
From Sue & Stephen Douthat

**In Memory of my friend
Jane Cohen**
From Anne Schmid

In Memory of Georgie, my Grand Dog
*"He was loved dearly by all of his family and
belonged to my son, daughter-in-law and my
two grandsons. He was about 14 years old..
We are not positive of his age since he was a
rescue. He had a good life and was loved by
all of us."*
To The Goodman Family
From Willie Goodman

Financial Aid



Dexter
needed
surgery to
correct an eye
injury.
Pledge \$225

Panda, a dog diagnosed with pyometra
and kidney failure.
Pledge \$300

Luna, a dog needed surgery to remove
bladder stones. Pledge \$350

Snickers, a dog needed medication to
treat Cushing's Disease. Pledge \$120

Kensie, a dog needed treatment to
remove a cancerous tumor on his paw.
Pledge \$400

Logo, a stray cat taken in by a Good
Samaritan needed care for a broken tail
and neuter. The Good Samaritan will
keep the kitty. Pledge \$300

Goober, a dog needed surgery to
remove a tumor from his neck.
Pledge \$300

Chloe, an 8-year-old Chihuahua needed
extensive dental work.
Pledge \$325

Presley, a 3-year-old German Shepherd
developed a growth on his belly. The vet
was able to reduce the growth
substantially without surgery.
Pledge \$200

Romeo, an 18-month-old cat developed
a urinary blockage that required
immediate surgery.
Pledge \$250

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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



Carl, a one-year-old Australian Shepherd, suffered intestinal distress. The dog needed diagnostic tests and medication to treat Giardia.

Pledge \$328



Buddy, a 9-year-old Miniature Schnauzer diagnosed with a heart murmur needed diagnostics.

Pledge \$250

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.



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

Call 949.262.5859



Holiday Hazards

It's tempting to share holiday foods with our furry friends, but the foods that humans love may cause



gastric upset or worse in cats and dogs. Seek veterinary care immediately if your pet is vomiting and/or has diarrhea and you suspect non-pet foods were ingested.

The high fat content in **poultry skin, fatty or fried foods** may cause pancreatitis in dogs (inflammation of the pancreas), which requires immediate vet care. Even small amounts of **grapes or raisins** may cause kidney failure in dogs. **Chocolate** contains theobromine and may be fatal. **Unsweetened baking chocolate** contains the highest levels of this chemical.

Raw bones, may contain harmful bacteria and cooked bones splinter easily and may cause intestinal perforation. **Liquor** can be fatal and **coffee/tea** may cause damage to the digestive, urinary or nervous system. **Cookies, cake** or any **baked goods** can cause gastric upset. **Anything sweetened with Xylitol** is highly toxic to dogs.

- Keep **food gifts** out of reach and not under the tree.
- Some **holiday flowers and plants** are toxic to pets: **Poinsettia** and **holly** can cause irritation to a pet's mouth, decreased appetite or vomiting. **Mistletoe**, even in small amounts, may cause gastric irritation that may be severe.
- **Water additives placed in the Christmas tree stand** may develop bacteria that is harmful if ingested.
- Chewing on **electrical cords** may cause burns, or even death by electrocution. Unplug tree lights when you are not home, use pet-safe cords or treat cords with a deterrent spray.
- Keep **antifreeze** out of reach and clean up droppings immediately and completely. Antifreeze is highly toxic and dogs especially are attracted to its scent.
- **Tinsel, Trees & Lights:** Keep fallen decorations picked-up. Swallowing tinsel can cause choking or internal obstructions; **broken ornaments** can cut delicate paws.



These hazards represent a partial list of items harmful to pets. Ask your vet for more information.



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The volunteers of the SVHS wish you Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a Joyous, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

ADOPT DON'T BUY

Southland Collie Rescue



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

Pet Adoption Center of Orange County

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Pugs & Pals

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Gremlin, a sweet female, Tabby, DOB 4/21/25
Her foster mom says she's good with dogs, cats and kids.

Frosted Faces Foundation www.Frostedfacesfoundation.org

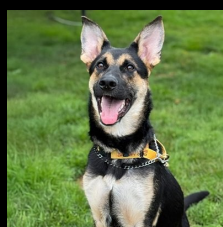
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Specializes in placing older dogs



Byte was found as a stray in Riverside County. He's about 15-years-old.

His foster mom says he loves to be near his humans, nap and sunbathe. He likes light activity. A quiet home and gentle walks or yard time would suit him perfectly.



Tate is 11-months-old. He and his siblings were a few days old when they were found abandoned in the desert with their mom.

German Shepherd Rescue
Orange County
GSROC.org; 714.974.7762

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Events Calendar

Annual General Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Day

Saturday December 6

11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Pavilion Park, 24051 Pavilion,
Mission Viejo

Refreshments will be served.
Leashed pets are welcome!

Pet-Assisted Therapy Program

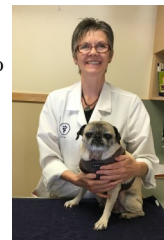
*Visits are from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
the 3rd Saturday monthly in
Mission Viejo.*

*New participants are welcome.
Call 949.262.5859*

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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