

Pets & People

Fall 2026

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.

The volunteers of the SVHS wish everyone **Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.** We are truly grateful for your generous and continued support.

Celebrating 34 Years of Service to the Community

Saddleback Valley Humane Society



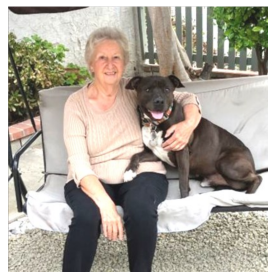
Chevy was hit by a car and suffered severe nerve damage. As a result, her right front leg was amputated. She is a sweet 3-year-old Queensland Heeler and, the vet notes, she has a good prognosis once she recovers from surgery. Vet Grant \$500

President's Message

Dear Readers,

You may recall, almost a year ago, we were made aware of a significant number of feral cats in a local neighborhood. At the time, the society pledged assistance to help cover the cost of spay and neuter in an effort to eliminate unwanted births and thus stabilize the feline population in the colony.

Since then, countless hours have been spent, often late at night or early in the morning, in an effort to ensure a successful outcome. The diligence paid off. Most, if not all of the cats have been trapped, spayed or neutered, and given lots of TLC, before being adopted into new homes or returned to the colony. Amongst them were two mother cats (both quite young themselves) who each had a litter of six kittens, an older female cat, likely grandma, plus several young males and another individual who is believed to be grandpa. When he was trapped, he had two significant wounds on his leg, apparently as a result of a fight with another cat. These needed to be cleaned and drained and monitored until they healed. Despite lots of attention throughout his recovery, he remained feral, just as was the case with a number of the other adult cats and so, he too, was released back to the location where he was trapped. We have been assured that all of the feral cats will be fed regularly and have a place to shelter courtesy of at least one kind neighbor.



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

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Financial Aid

Luciano & Black Mamba, rescued cats needed exams and ringworm treatment. Pledge \$200

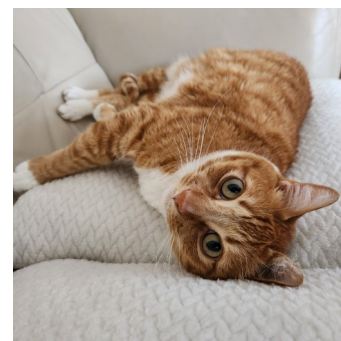
Snowball, a cat treated for upper respiratory infection. Pledge \$200

Gordo, a puppy was hospitalized after he ingested medication intended for humans. Pledge \$250

Chloe, a dog needed surgery to remove an ingested crocheted bandana. Pledge \$500

Alice, a Boxer needed care for an injured paw. Pledge \$225

Sassy, a dog needed a tooth extracted. Pledge \$300



Toby needed extensive dental care. Pledge \$250

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Your donations helped fund 34 Spay/Neuter Procedures and \$900 in SVHS grants to fund a Military Wellness Program in partnership with HEART.

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Financial Aid

Gorda, a 6-month-old English Bulldog needed bilateral kneecap surgery. Pledge \$350

Mala, an 8-year-old cat needed bloodwork and X-rays. Pledge \$150

Nala, a cat needed surgery to remove a hairball blockage. Pledge \$200

Elvis, a dog attacked by another dog caused damage to a previous hip surgery. Pledge \$300

Effie, a 10-year-old cat was hospitalized with elevated liver levels and needed an ultrasound and additional bloodwork. Pledge \$500

Big Girl, a 12-year-old rescued cat needed surgery to remove part of the colon. Pledge \$500

Oreo, a cat needed bloodwork and dental care. Pledge \$100

Louie, a cat needed a follow-up exam after having a mass removed. Pledge \$100

Buddy, a dog needed surgery to remove an intestinal obstruction. Pledge \$400

Rocky, a dog treated for an injured paw. Pledge \$125

Sunny, an 8-year-old Golden Retriever needed bloodwork before thyroid medication could be refilled. The guardian is homeless. Pledge \$358

Gino, an 8-year-old dog needed extensive dental work. Pledge \$250

Good Samaritan's Feral Rescue

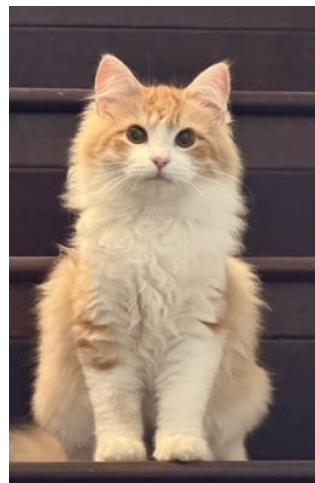
As reported in the Spring/Summer issue of *Pets & People*, a Good Samaritan, an experienced rescuer, trapped a feral mom cat and her kittens. The SVHS covered the cost of spay/neuter for the group, exams and vaccinations. At the time, the Good Samaritan was working to trap another feral mom cat and her kittens. The kittens will be socialized and new loving homes found; the feral mom cats will be socialized, if possible and homes found for them as well. If socializing the feral adult cats can't be accomplished, they will be returned to an area known to them — called TNR — Trap, Neuter, Return. They will be monitored, and if necessary the Good Samaritan will intervene and provide vet care to keep them safe and healthy.

A few months ago, a second feral mom cat and her six kittens were trapped. Again, the SVHS covered the cost of spay/neuter, vaccinations, antibiotics as needed. The mom cats were tested for feline Leukemia FELV and Feline Immunodeficiency FIV, which proved negative for both cats.

The SVHS provided kitten food, litter and other basic supplies. A male cat, that rescuers named Grandpa aka Milkman, had an injured leg that was treated. One of the female cats was treated for Metritis, an infection of the uterus that can happen after giving birth.

To date, 27 feral cats and kittens have been trapped.

Pledge \$2,312.00



Holiday Hazards

It's tempting to share favorite holiday goodies with pets, but foods intended for humans can cause gastric upset or worse in cats and dogs. Seek veterinary care

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

Chocolate contains theobromine, which may be fatal. **Unsweetened baking chocolate** contains the highest levels of this chemical. **Bones, cooked and raw**, even large ones, fragments 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 and tea** may cause damage to digestive, urinary or nervous systems. **Cookies, cake or any baked goods** can cause gastric upset sometimes severe.

Fatty and/or fried foods can cause gastric upset, or pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), which requires immediate vet care.

Xylitol, a common sugar alcohol sweetener, *causes low blood sugar and liver failure in dogs — if not treated quickly, ingesting Xylitol can be fatal.*

Xylitol is used to sweetened sugar-free candy and gum, but may be found in unexpected products including peanut butter, a favorite dog treat.

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Holiday Hazards *continued*

- ◆ Pets are attracted to flame — keep lighted candles out of reach and the fireplace secured;
- ◆ Keep food gifts out of reach and not under the tree;
- ◆ Some holiday flowers and plants, whole or part, are toxic, including Holly, Christmas Rose, Poinsettia and Mistletoe;
- ◆ Ribbons and other decorations are potential choking and intestinal obstruction hazards;
- ◆ Water additives placed in the Christmas tree stand may develop bacteria that is harmful if ingested.
- ◆ Unplug tree lights when not in use. Chewing on electrical cords may cause burns or electrocution.

Helpline Calls — Many pets guardians who call our Helpline looking for financial aid include the need for dental care and surgery to remove an internal obstructions.

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 chew toys 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.

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.



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

Presidents Message *continued*

In summation, whilst SVHS offered to help financially with the care of the cats, the success of the task is almost entirely due to our volunteer friend and rescuer who has unceasingly cared for each and every one of them from beginning to end. We are indebted to her for devoting so much precious time throughout the whole lengthy process. It's been a labor of love and one that hopefully has provided these formerly unwanted cats with a chance of a happier, healthier life.

*Kindest regards,
Vivien Frankland*

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



Call
949.262.5859



A special thank you to all our **Pet Assisted Therapy** volunteers for sharing your wonderful pets with the assisted living residents. You make their day!

Vet Grants

Luna, a cat needed surgery to remove a tumor
Vet Grant \$500

Piza, a cat needed diagnostics
Vet Grant \$300

Butcher, a cat was treated for a urinary blockage
Vet Grant \$500

Gifts of Love

In Memory of Charmaine, our beautiful blue-eyed Siamese kitty.

"She was our baby."

From Sam & Nancy Cho

In Memory of Pasha, a dog
From Harriette Watson

To Honor Tim Cronmiller
From Roslyn Cronmiller

In Honor of Jude and Jan
"Sharing a lifetime special friendship"
From Janet L. Willis

In Memory of Bumblebee, a dog
From Maryanne Dell

In Memory of Sophie, a dog
To Marie Christensen
From Eugene & Kim Calvosa

In Memory of Eddie, a cat
From David & Teresa Dayton

In Loving Memory of Sassy, our Husky
From Stuart & Lois Halbert

In Loving Memory of Tom, the cat we had when I was growing up.
From Caroline Christie

In Memory of Kenya, the sweetest little rescue dog in the world.
I'll miss you.
To Janie Baretta
From Diana Fiori

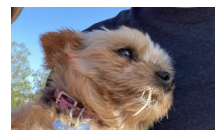
In Memory of Papi, a dog
From Michelle De Salvo

Gift of Love
"Thank you for the work that you do."
From Michael C. Dewey

In Memory of Windsor, a dog
To Mr. & Mrs. Dan Kasle
From Judy & Art Levine

In Memory of Zoey, a cat
From Ron Gorman

In Memory of Velvet, a cat
From Cynthia Nelson



In Memory of Dora,
"A tiny Yorkie with the heart of a lion."
To Tamara & Ron Allger

From Susan & Herman van Eijkelenburg

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.



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E-mail us at
susansvhs@hotmail.com
Or, call 949.262.5859

New Bank Requirement: Our bank is no longer accepting checks for deposit made out to the SVHS. The bank now requires that the name of our organization be spelled out fully — *Saddleback Valley Humane Society*. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

ADOPT DON'T BUY

Southland Collie Rescue



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

Just a reminder when you adopt a pet, 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

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

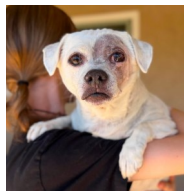
Pugs & Pals
949.262.PUGD
www.pugdogrescue.com

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DREAM Animal Rescue
www.dreamar.org
Tel. 949.484.9228

New Beginnings for Animals
949.348.8057
www.greatpets.org

Frosted Faces Foundation
www.Frostedfacesfoundation.org
858.304.0204



*Specializes in
placing older dogs*

*Stanley Sonnet
needs a home.*

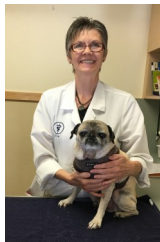


German
Shepherd Rescue,
OC
www.GSROC.org;
714.974.7762
Topaz is 10 months
old, sweet and shy

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.



Events Calendar

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, November 7th
From 11:30 am to 1 pm
Pavilion Park, 24051 Pavilion
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Cross streets:
Olympiad & Jeronimo
Refreshments will be served.
All are welcome —
dogs must be leashed

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

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corporation. Our non-profit number
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