

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.

**Spring/Summer
2026**

**Celebrating 34
Years of Service to
the Community**

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Good Samaritan Asks For Help

The Good Samaritan, an experienced animal rescuer, had trapped a feral mom cat and her 3 kittens. Because it was so close to Christmas vet offices were closed or had no available appointments to examine, vaccinate and spay/neuter the group.

With help of the SVHS, one vet offered an appointment on December 26th.

The Good Samaritan is working to trap another feral mom cat and her kittens. The SVHS will provide funding for basic vet care and spay/neuter.

Pledge \$718.50



Financial Aid

Bella, a pug developed pyometra and needed emergency surgery. Pledge \$300

Canelo, a dog needed diagnostics for a heart condition. Pledge \$200

Koma, a 1-year-old Poodle sustained a broken leg on Christmas Day. Pledge \$500

Patch, an 18-year-old cat developed a tooth abscess that ruptured causing the mouth and part of the face to swell. Pledge \$400

Nala, a cat developed a pyothorax. Pledge \$400

What is pyothorax? The presence of inflammatory fluid or pus within the chest cavity, which is the area between the lungs and the inner walls of the ribs, which is caused by a bacterial infection. (Source: VCAhospitals.com)

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President's Message

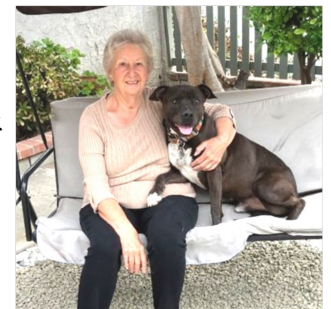
Dear Reader,

Last year, a matter of days before Christmas, I received a surprise phone call asking for help with several feral cats who were residing in a local neighborhood. Whilst this was not a typical or frequent type of request, it was one that demanded prompt attention since, given the fact that the cat population in these situations can increase dramatically, the neighborhood could rapidly be overrun with cats in mere months. The SVHS agreed to help with the cost of spay and neuter assuming the cats could be trapped. A friend and long-time pet rescuer was willing to set traps and monitor them and also offered to care and attempt to socialize any that were caught.

Within a day or so, there was a mom cat and three kittens in the cages. The mom was spayed the day after Christmas and was cared for till she had recovered from surgery. However, she remained "wild" during that time and so was reluctantly returned to the colony. The three flea-ridden kittens were bathed, spayed and neutered and received a tremendous amount of TLC over a period of weeks and have since found new adoptive homes where, we understand, they are "living the life of Riley."

Often, cats of feral colonies remain unsociable, rendering them unlikely to find new homes, unless they are very young. As in the case of the mother cat, and others like her, TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) whilst not perfect or ideal, is the best alternative. Fortunately, in this situation, someone is willing to feed and monitor the feral cats and has also provided shelter. It appears there are still more to be trapped, so we will continue to work towards having all the cats altered, securing homes for those that can be socialized and establishing a stable feral cat community for the remaining ones.

Kindest Regards, *Vivien Frankland*



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

Benefactors, Life Members & Members

Thank you! We are honored and grateful that you entrust us with your generous donations.

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



Call 949.262.5859

Financial Aid — from page 1

Cha Cha, a dog with kidney disease, hip problems and cataracts needed diagnostics. Pledge \$250

Storm, a cat needed medication for breathing problems. The guardian is homeless. Pledge \$71.69

Baby Girl, a Whippet-mix treated for a severe ear infection. Pledge \$250

Millie, an 11-year-old Chihuahua needed X-rays. The vet suspects gallstones; plus dental. The guardian has cancer and is living in his car. Pledge \$300

Niko, a kitten needed surgery to remove a foreign object from his intestines; also neuter. Pledge \$300

Honey, a puppy treated for Parvo virus. Pledge \$300

Sofie, a 5-year-old Terrier-mix needed emergency surgery to treat pyometra. Pledge \$250



Candy developed aspirated pneumonia, acute kidney failure and pancreatitis post surgery to repair a herniated disc. Pledge \$400



Carmen, 3-1/2 months old, sustained a broken left foreleg, needed surgery to realign and stabilize bones to ensure normal growth and leg function. Pledge \$500.

Spay/Neuter Count:

Your donations helped
fund 25 Spay/Neuter
Procedures.

Gifts of Love

In Memory of Max, a dog
To Renee Bretz
From Jacky Garren

In Memory of Buffy, Teddy, Ernie, Lulu and Jeffrey, dogs
From Joan & James Samonte

In Memory of Rocky, our beloved Yorkie
From Linda & Donald Hanzich

In Loving Memory of the dog we had when I was growing up named Cub.
From Caroline & William Christie

For the wonderful volunteers of the SVHS
From Stuart & Lois Halbert

In Memory of Riley, a much-loved cat
To Judy & Mike Joyce
From Ellen Faulds

In Memory of Brisa, a cat
From Holly O'Meara

"May God continue to bless your wonderful work."
Anonymous

In Memory of John Kinney, spouse
From Virginia Kinney

For Dulce, a dog
From Irwin & Karen Gamal

In Loving Memory of Sandi Mahanna, spouse
From Tim Mahanna

In Memory of Mia, a cat
"A very special girl."
To the Hood Family
From Tracy & Sue Douthat

In Memory of Arnie, my beloved dog
From Linda Escobar

In Memory of Pasha, a dog
From Harriette Watson

"God bless all creatures great and small and bless all the volunteers who help the injured and sick animals."

From Bonnie, Leif Ranestad and Golden Retriever, Guinness

In Memory of Nigel, a dog
From Carol Willette

In Memory of Riley, a dog
To Rona Orgel & Family
From Susan & Herman van Eijkelenburg

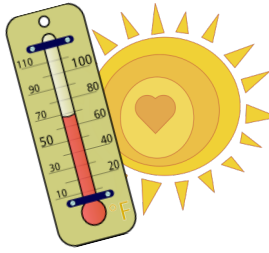
In Memory of Charger, a dog
To Al Hargett & Family
From Susan & Herman van Eijkelenburg

In Honor of Piper, a dog
From Jane Yapp

In Memory of Cheddar, a cat
From Ron Gorman

In Memory of our Beloved Kitty, Woody
From Lynne & Dave Holt

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.



Summer Sun Safety Reminders

◆ **Don't take your dog with you to run errands in the car.** Extreme heat builds quickly inside a parked car that can kill a dog in minutes — and, that's with the windows open and the car parked in the shade.

◆ **Walk your dog during the cooler morning and evening hours.**

Hot pavement can burn delicate paw pads. If the sidewalk or asphalt is too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for your dog's paws.

◆ **Don't shave or close cut your dog's fur.** Instead, brush to remove excess fur, which helps keep him cool. A dog's exposed skin sunburns easily. Fur protects from sun, heat and insects, and helps retain water after a romp with the garden hose.

◆ **Keep a supply of cool, clean water in a spill-proof bowl available at all times.** Some dogs enjoy a water filled wading pool to lie in when temperatures rise.



Poisonous Posies, Lethal Leaves & Other Hazards

Even in small amounts, some flowers and plants are Pet Killers

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) recommends against allowing pets to eat or chew any type of plant.

Lilies, Marijuana, Sago Palm, Tulip/Narcissus bulbs, Azalea/Rhododendron, Oleander, Caster Bean, Cyclamen, Amaryllis, Autumn Crocus, Chrysanthemum, English Ivy, Pothos, Schefflera...

See the ASPCA website: www.asPCA.org for a list of toxic and non-toxic plants.

Other hazards ... chocolate, macadamia nuts, coffee, alcohol, grapes & raisins, yeast dough, raw or undercooked meat, raw eggs, bones, Xylitol artificial sweetener, onion, garlic...

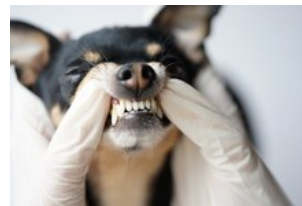
ASPCA National Animal Poison Control: 888.426.4435 (fee applies)

Note: Lists are incomplete and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Source: ASPCA

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.

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





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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;
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**Pet Adoption Center of
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Pugs & Pals
949.262.PUGD
www.pugdogrescue.com
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Eloise is about 2 years old. She is shy with new people, but she is playful and affectionate with her foster mom.

DREAM Animal Rescue
www.dreamar.org
Tel. 949.484.9228
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dreamanimalrescue@gmail.com

Frosted Faces Foundation
www.Frostedfacesfoundation.org
858.304.0204
Specializes in placing older dogs



Buddy Business, male, 9-years-old. He was an owner surrender, and now he's ready for his forever home.

Promise 4 Paws
San Juan Capistrano
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Everest is a 4-month-old, female, Terrier-mix with a big personality. She warms up fast and loves to play.
www.promise4paws.org

Events Calendar
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



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

German Shepherd Rescue Orange County
GSROC.org;
714.974.7762



Hera is a 55 lb. Doberman-mix with a sweet soul and loving heart. She was found as a stray with a gentle male Akita who was adopted. Now it's Hera's turn to find her forever home.

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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