

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.

**Winter
2025**

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

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Charlie, a 1-year-old Chihuahua-mix tried to jump on the sofa, but missed and hit the side of the sofa fracturing his front leg in two places. Surgery to repair the fractures required a specialty surgeon. Charlie was also neutered.
Pledge \$400

Sailor, a cat needed bloodwork . Pledge \$150

Chloe, a 14-year-old cat needed a heartworm test and X-rays. Pledge \$150

Pelusa, a dog was attacked by another dog and needed emergency surgery. Pledge \$350

Bella, a dog needed surgery to correct a dislocated hip. Pledge \$300

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

Daisy, a dog needed surgery to remove skin growths. Pledge \$350

Gunner, a dog needed surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in his mouth. Pledge \$500

Willow, a 13-year-old Chihuahua needed multiple tests. The vet suspects diabetes. Pledge \$385

Moxie, a dog diagnosed with Addison's Disease and low blood pressure. Pledge \$200

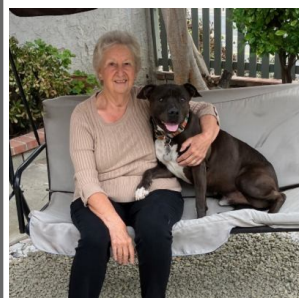
Mango, a dog needed surgery to remove plates and screws surfacing from a previous surgery. Pledge \$350

Financial Aid



Chanel, in pink, needed emergency surgery to treat pyometra.
Pledge \$100

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Vivien with new family member, Quasi.

Dear Readers,
It was with profound sadness and intense horror that I witnessed devastating wildfires in early January, ravage house after house and upend so many lives in Los Angeles and the outlying areas. The outcome is catastrophic and I've failed to imagine how it must be to have lost everything; your home, belongings, and worse still, family members and pets. My heart goes out to all those impacted by this disaster and I can only hope that the necessary help to rebuild their lives will come swiftly and effectively. Of the many pets who were displaced, some have been flown to shelters in other parts of California in the hope of finding new homes, whilst others remain in local shelters being caringly treated for any injuries they sustained,

President's Message

before they are available for adoption. May they all find ultimate happiness.

This disaster prompted me to make a firm evacuation plan in the event of a similar, future situation or emergency occurring. I trust you also have made one. Hopefully, it will never be implemented but it's essential if we are to act quickly and effectively. In addition to having a bag packed with your necessities enough for 5 days, have one for your pets too. Include health/veterinary records, medications, food, water, bowls, toys, leashes and carriers if necessary. Ensure your pet is wearing a collar with contact information and preferably a microchip too. Have a visible notice at your house stating you have pets and where to find them should emergency crews have to gain access whilst you are away. Lastly, make sure everyone knows where to meet if you are separated. Actions now, could help save precious & possibly life-saving, critical time in the future, so be prepared, take care and be safe.

Kindest regards, *Vivien Frankland*



Max, 5-years-old needed surgery to remove 3 tumors.

Pledge \$125

Moxy, an 18-month-old Pit-mix developed an infected paw after stepping on broken glass. Pledge \$225

Smudge a 2-year-old cat had “flu-like” symptoms that didn’t go away with antibiotics. The cat was referred to a specialty hospital for more extensive tests. Pledge \$250

A Good Samaritan found a **stray kitten** that the vet diagnosed with mange. Pledge \$150

Charlotte, a 10-year-old service dog needed surgery to remove a mass on her eyelid, plus dental work. Pledge \$225

Biscuit, a 1-1/2-year-old cat was having trouble urinating. Pledge \$175

Serenity, a cat needed treatment for an ear infection. Pledge \$125



Holly, 8-years-old was having nosebleeds and watery eyes.
Pledge \$100

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Gifts of Love

In Memory of Dudley, a dog
To: Bob, Vivien & Neil Frankland
From Ellen Faulds

Anonymous Gift of Love

Gift of Love

From Virginia Kinney

I wanted to share my gratitude for all the things you do for people who have pets in need of special care. I especially like to show generosity to the SVHS. May this check help to provide more care for pets who need veterinary help. May you continue your marvelous work with the Humane Society. This in honor of all the wonderful pets my husband I have enjoyed for so many years. With much gratitude to all of you.

In Memory of Leonardo De Coto, a dog

From Patricia Agid

In Loving Memory of John, my husband

From: Kris Kinard

Gift of Love

“Thank you for all you do for our animal friends.

From Sybil Carhart

In Memory of Bill Christie, my husband

From Caroline Christie

In Memory of Rocky, a dog

From Donald & Linda Hanzich

Gift of Love — Merry Christmas

From Mark & Heather Valpreda

In Memory of my parents

From: Mark & Andrea Lowery

Gifts of Love

From: Bonnie & Leif Ranestad and Guinness

To: Jordan Fraser

In Memory of Sammy (Samantha) remembered by Jordan as a happy and playful puppy who was much loved by not only Jordan but Jordan’s parents, Jane & Ken.

To: Brad Crosley

In Memory of J.P. who was Brad’s beloved Golden Pomeranian. He loved to sit on Brad’s lap as they traveled to many places always together. J.P. gently greeted everyone he met and was loved by all the neighbors and his dog friends at the park.

To: Rhonda & Barry Villines

In Memory of Cuz — Rhonda & Barry’s beloved pup, Cuz, loved being part of the family and always tried to keep up with the Golden in the active family. He took many trips with his mom and would ride close by her. He was an important part of the Villines family. He will be truly missed by all who loved and knew him.

To: Steve Beever & Family

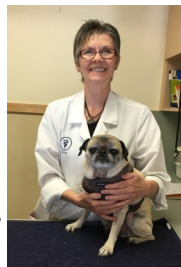
In Memory of Sierra, Steve’s beloved Labrador, who was dramatically rescued by Steve and others after 2-1/2 months of attempting to rescue her. A nice juicy steak wouldn’t even entice her into the kennel. After Sierra finally joined the Beever family, she and Steve took many wonderful walks together—becoming the best of friends. This love extended until they said good-bye and she crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

To: Margie Matsil

In Loving Memory of Timothy McGee, a precious kitty and Margie’s friend.


Now a big welcome to new kitty, Finnegan. With Margie’s gentle and loving assistance, Finnegan became an indoor cat who is now in a safe and loving 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.*



Ralphs Community Contribution Program:

A percentage of your **Ralph’s** purchases will go to the SVHS.
Our NPO # is G1593



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Rocket needed a splenectomy and a second surgery to remove part of his lung.
Pledge \$500

Lola, a 5-year-old Chihuahua, whose guardian is homeless, rescued the dog from an abusive situation. Lola needed medication to treat an eye infection and nails that had grown into her paw pads needed extensive trimming.
Pledge \$370.98

Sailor, a cat, diagnosed with diabetes needed insulin. Pledge \$150

Max, a dog, bleeding from the rectum needed diagnostic tests. Pledge \$400

Tom, a cat, needed surgery to clear a bladder blockage. Pledge \$300



Waffle needed bilateral patellar luxation surgery.

Five months after the surgery, the dog's guardian says she's doing very well. She no longer

limps and is walking straighter. The family is very thankful for financial support from the SVHS.

Pledge \$250



Oliver, needed extensive dental work and an echocardiogram to monitor a heart murmur.
Pledge \$200



Lupe, much-loved, immigrated to the US with the family from Columbia. She began to limp, and at 7-years-old, the family thought the it was age related. However, a growth developed on her paw that grew quickly. The family spent several thousand dollars on X-rays and tests with no clear diagnosis. The vet, suspecting cancer, recommended a bone marrow biopsy.

Pledge \$400

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.



Vet Grants

Jack, a dog needed diagnostic tests.
Vet Grant \$200

Sadie, a dog needed a Heartworm antigen test and medication.
Vet Grant \$100

Raven, a rescued kitten needed surgery to remove an abscess on his paw and will be neutered. Vet Grant \$500

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

Call 949.262.5859

Spay/Neuter Count:

Your donations helped fund 26 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 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.



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**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.

Events Calendar
Pet-Assisted Therapy Program
*Visits are held 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
*Your pet should be well behaved and enjoy
meeting people and other animals.*

Our thanks to everyone who
attended the Saddleback
Valley Humane Society's Annual
General Meeting, which was held
last December
7, at Pavion
Park in
Mission Viejo.



*Board member Bob
Frankland prepares
for the event.*



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