

# 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 2024**  
**Celebrating 32 Years of Service to the Community**



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# Saddleback Valley Humane Society

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Chica needed surgery to remove bladder stones.

Pledge \$250



Caller Yolanda was searching online and came across a post from a shelter in San Bernardino of a mom cat and her 3 kittens that were scheduled for euthanasia. Yolanda rescued the group, all of which had respiratory infections. The cost to care for the cats quickly became overwhelming and Yolanda reached out to the SVHS for help.

Pledge \$125

## President's Message

Dear Readers,

Ultimately, as pet guardians, we all face the inevitable; the loss of our beloved companion animals. For me and my family that occurred at the end of September when Dudley suddenly collapsed. The emergency veterinarians stabilized him but he was too weak to survive an operation. We were told there was blood in the stomach, likely caused by cancer of the liver. He was approximately 14 years of age and had numerous other health issues and so, with heavy hearts, we made the decision to put him to sleep.

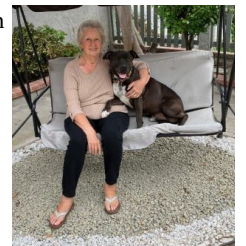
His loss has been difficult, but the kind, thoughtful words expressed by so many who knew him, has helped ease the pain. Also, because the house was so profoundly quiet and empty, we decided to offer another needy dog a permanent home. So we adopted Quasi, a lovely black pit bull stray who had been rescued by Frosted Faces Foundation. He's estimated to be around 8 years old but acts much younger and has definitely been in the wars since he has a large scar on his side and is blind in one eye. However, none of this matters to us or seemingly to him, since he's very affectionate and eager to please. He loves his daily walks and gets to sleep on a real bed at night. In the future, we're hoping he'll become a regular Pet Assisted Therapy dog, as Dudley was, since he's showed great potential so far.

We so appreciate all those who've cared for each of these dogs in one capacity or another and are thankful for once more, being given the opportunity to help a less fortunate animal. We're looking forward to spending many happy times with our newcomer.

Kindest regards, Vivien Frankland



*Vivien Frankland with canine companion Dudley.*



*Vivien with new family member, Quasi.*

## Financial Aid

**Mau Mau**, a cat needed urgent care to treat pyometra. Pledge \$250

**Miracle**, a cat needed treatment for a respiratory infection. Pledge \$200

**Troubles**, a rescued dog needed extensive general care. Pledge \$200

**Pippin**, a 10-year-old Chihuahua, with breathing difficulties needed X-rays and bloodwork to determine the cause. Pledge \$325

Good Samaritan helping a stray cat and kittens, all have mange. Pledge \$200

**Darby**, a dog needed care to treat a blood disorder. Pledge \$200

**Harlow**, a cat ingested a toy and needed surgery to remove the obstruction. Vet Grant \$500

**Lucy**, a cat treated for congestive heart failure. Vet Grant \$500

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# Gifts of Love

**In Memory of Luna, a dog**  
To The Petchul Family  
From Joyce Kruienza

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

**Wishing Art Levine a Happy Birthday**  
From Judy Levine

*"Keep up the wonderful work!"*  
From Shelley Thayer

**In Loving Memory of Gizmo, a dog**  
From Bobbie & Jeff Foresta  
*"In loving memory of our sweet little boy, Gizmo."*

**In Memory of Gizmo, a dog**  
To Jeff and Bobbie Foresta  
and their children  
From  
Judy & Mike Joyce,  
*"Our sympathy on your loss."*

Bob & Vivien Frankland  
*"In loving memory of dear Gizmo, a gentle loving dog, and former Pet Assisted Therapy visitor."*  
Ellen Faulds, *"A sweet dog"*

Susan & Herman van Eijkelenburg  
*"Our sympathy on Gizmo's passing, a sweet and gentle soul."*

Ann & Gene DiCianni  
*"Remembering sweet Gizmo & Gidget from Pet Assisted Therapy and holding them close to our hearts."*

**Gift of Love in the name of all the homeless creatures.**  
**Thanks for all you do.**  
From Doug Coward, DVM  
& Nancy Coward

*"In Memory of Zed, a faithful dog and loving companion for 15 years."*  
To Patty & Fred Spiess  
From Colleen O'Connor

**Gift of Love to thank the volunteers of the SVHS**  
From Stuart & Lois Halbert

**In Memory of Casey, a dog**  
From Ann Woodson

**In Loving Memory of Dudley, a dog**  
To Bob & Vivien Frankland & Family  
From  
Susan & Herman van Eijkelenburg  
*"Beautiful Dudley made everyone smile."*

Bobbie & Jeff Foresta  
Judy & Mike Joyce  
*"In memory of Dudley, a very special dog. It was a pleasure to know him."*

Ann & Gene DiCianni  
*"In memory of Dudley, the gentlest and best boy! Fly high Angel!"*

*"In Memory of our beloved dog Dudley, a long time Pet Assisted Therapy visitor and faithful K-9 companion. Endeared by so many."*  
From Bob, Vivien & Neil Frankland

**In Memory of Rufus, a dog**  
From J. Furuta

**In Memory of Little Boy Reggie, a dog**  
From Eugene & Kim Calvosa

**Wishing Ace, a horse a Happy 30th Birthday**  
From Cynthia Nelson

**In Memory of my past fur babies and honoring my present fur babies**  
From Sybil Carhart

*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.*

## Financial Aid — from page 1

**Kacey**, needed treatment for a scratched eye. Pledge \$150

**Bully**, a dog needed care for a leg injury. Pledge \$200

**Camilla**, a dog that needed surgery to remove bladder stones. Pledge \$250

**Zen**, a dog with a heart murmur needed follow-up tests. Pledge \$250

**Gigi**, a Boxer needed surgery to correct a torn ACL. Pledge \$500

**Buttercup**, a cat whose constant licking has caused open wounds that aren't healing. Pledge \$200

**Johnny Cash**, a Great Dane needed care to treat a ear hematoma and other skin issues. Pledge \$300

**Cuddles**, a cat needed surgery to remove a growth on her ear. Pledge \$250



## 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** may cause pancreatitis in dogs. Even small amounts of **grapes or raisins** may cause kidney failure in dogs. **Chocolate** contains theobromine, which is toxic to pets.

**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. **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: **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 maybe severe.
- Water additives placed in the Christmas tree stand may develop bacteria that is harmful if ingested.



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

**Rexy**, a 3-year-old Boxer-blend was diagnosed with lymphoma. The vet prescribed steroids, which are reducing the tumor on the dog's neck. The dog is very ill, vomiting and losing weight. Our pledge is for a consultation with a cancer specialist. Pledge \$247

## Benefactors, Life Members & Members

We are honored that you continue to entrust us with your donations.

### Thank you!

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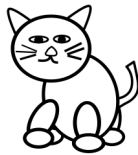
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**Spay/Neuter Count:**  
**Your donations helped**  
**fund 81 Spay/Neuter**  
**Procedures.**

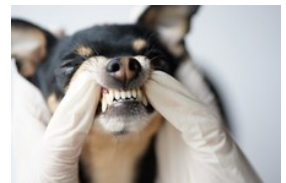
**Help sick and injured pets even after you're gone. Please consider putting the SVHS in your Will or Trust.**

**Call 949.262.5859**

## 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.

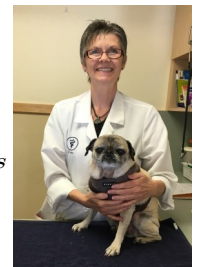
## Ralphs Community Contribution Program:



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

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

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older dogs*

**Events Calendar**  
*Annual General Meeting and  
Volunteer Recognition Day*  
Saturday, December 7th  
11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.  
Pavilion Park, 24051 Pavilion,  
Mission Viejo  
Refreshments will be served.  
**Leashed pets are welcome!**

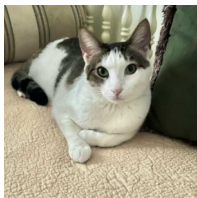
**Pet-Assisted Therapy Program**  
*Visits are held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30  
a.m. the 3rd Saturday monthly  
in Mission Viejo.*  
*\*No visits in December*  
**New participants are welcome.**  
**Call 949.262.5859**  
*Your pet should be well behaved and enjoy  
meeting people and other animals.*

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*Niles, 1-year-  
old was  
rescued with  
his sister  
Natasha from  
a local  
shelter.*

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*Eddie is a  
gentle soul  
who loves  
attention.*

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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.

- Board member Ellen  
Faulds shared a  
Facebook post

**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.



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