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COMMITTED TO CARE

by Kenn Altine, Chief Executive Officer

When Gunner, a 6-month-old Plott Hound puppy was hit by a car, his family did everything they could to help him. They rushed him to the emergency vet clinic to get treatment for his badly injured back leg. But once he was stable and out of pain, they got the full diagnosis – he would require a specialized surgery and months of rehabilitation. Though they had done everything they could to help Gunner, they weren't able to afford his additional care.

So, they made the agonizing decision to surrender him to the only place they knew that could help him - the Sacramento SPCA.

Providing extraordinary care for injured, sick and suffering animals has been a hallmark of the Sacramento SPCA for more than 25 years – when we first hired a veterinarian to work in the emerging field of shelter medicine (years later, UC Davis would recognize shelter medicine as a specialty and begin offering training).

Now, we have a facility that not only supports and enhances this life-saving work, but accurately reflects the high standards we have always provided.

The Kristan Otto Shelter Medicine Program – with species-specific housing for sick and injured animals; an isolation ward for managing contagious diseases; and examination, laboratory and treatment space – is part of the new Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center, which opened to the public in January 2021.

The new center has multiple surgical and dental suites, digital x-ray and a full diagnostic laboratory including ultra-sound – all the resources needed to help little Gunner.

Our shelter medicine team changed Gunner's bandages daily for more than a month while the skin on his leg healed. The specialized surgery he needed for his hip – the most expensive part of the diagnosis given to his family – was done in one of the new surgery suites by an orthopedic specialist who only charged us for his time – a significant savings only made possible by having the right equipment, supplies and staff on hand in the new health center. And, of course, Gunner was neutered in the spay/neuter clinic before going up for adoption.

Throughout his treatment, he lived with one of our wonderful foster families and received the physical therapy – and the love – so important for his full recovery.

The Zoe K. McCrea Center and the Kristan Otto Shelter Medicine Program reflect our commitment to being local and national leaders in helping animals in need of veterinary care – whether they already have a home or are looking for a new one.

Sincerely



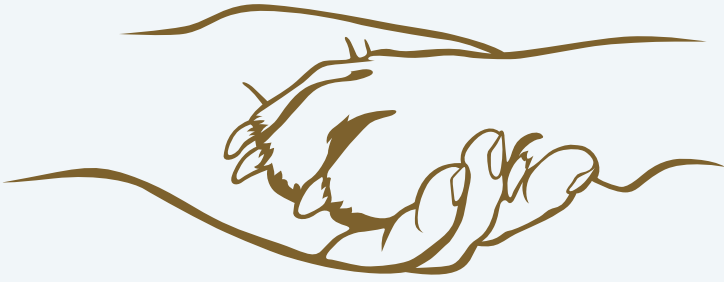
Kenn Altine, Chief Executive Officer



Kenn Altine and Dr. Laurie Siperstein-Cook with Gunner during one of his post-surgery check-ups in the Sacramento SPCA's new Kristan Otto Shelter Medicine Program exam room.

Good *for* Business

Community Partnerships That Save Animals' Lives



by Kristi Maryman, Senior Manager, Corporate Relations & Events

By partnering with the Sacramento SPCA, local businesses have the ability to impact the lives of animals and people in a significant way while also expanding their brand through philanthropic recognition. With so many ways that corporate partners and their employees can support the shelter's life-saving work, there are opportunities to collaborate, leverage resources and share information. Here are just a few ways that your company or employees can make a difference:

- PawPantry – Help feed our community's animals and keep pets and their people together by donating funds or food.
- We Pay to Spay – Provide access to spay/neuter services to low-income families and prevent animals from entering our community's shelters by underwriting.
- 2021 Doggy Dash – Promote your brand through sponsorship of the Sacramento SPCA's largest community event and build camaraderie by creating a corporate team.
- Animal Adoption – Help animals settle comfortably into new homes by sponsoring the adoption and welcome-home kit fees.

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Thank you, Nick Sadek of Sotheby's International Realty, for sponsoring the Sacramento SPCA's PawPantry.

This sponsorship was designed to offset ongoing pet food costs needed to keep the free pet food pantry running seamlessly through 2021 and beyond.



Thank you to all the individuals and businesses that have contributed to the PawPantry in 2020 & 2021 (as of March 15, 2021)

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Interested in learning how the Sacramento SPCA's corporate business program can help save lives and elevate your business?

Contact Kristi Maryman, Senior Manager, Corporate Relations and Events at:

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ON FEBRUARY 25, 2021, WE CELEBRATED 2 YEARS OF THE JOE WILLIE INITIATIVES.

Thanks to Mark M. Glickman and a very special kitty named Joe Willie, more than 80 cats have received additional medical care, like 8-year-old Regina.

For more information, visit sspsca.org/joewillie.





Love Connections

Happy Beginnings That Gave Animals and Their Families a Silver Lining During 2020

by Nicole Sullivan, Adoption Supervisor & Jonathan Swain, Guest Writer

It's 8:58 AM on a Wednesday morning and though the adoption center lobby currently seems quiet, the shelter's website, specifically the adoptable animals page, is buzzing as anxious adopters continuously refresh the page, waiting for the same-day appointments to go live at 9:00 AM.

One would assume that adopters are waiting for a chance to meet a young puppy or a set of adorable kittens that were just posted. That certainly happens regularly at the Sacramento SPCA; however, today is just like any other day, the adoption floor is filled with a variety of small and large mixed breed adult dogs and cats of all ages.

So why all the excitement, you ask? Over the past year, demand for pets has risen in the Sacramento region and across the nation. With more people working from home during the pandemic and feeling isolated from their social circles, pet companionship has taken center stage. Not only has the increased interest reduced the time most pets in shelters wait for a new home – those animals who have medical

or behavioral considerations are getting adopted sooner as well.

It's now 9:03 AM and the ten adoption appointments that were posted minutes ago have already been filled.

One of the individuals to quickly secure an appointment is interested in meeting long-timer Bon Bon. The year-old Shepherd mix arrived

at the Sacramento SPCA as a stray in November 2020 after escaping his yard, an activity that we soon learned had become quite regular for this energetic young dog.

Thanks to a microchip, we were able to contact Bon Bon's family. Though they were happy to learn that Bon Bon was safe, they decided to surrender him to the Sacramento SPCA because they

were unable to prevent him from repeatedly escaping their yard. They asked us to help Bon Bon find a family that could spend more time with him.

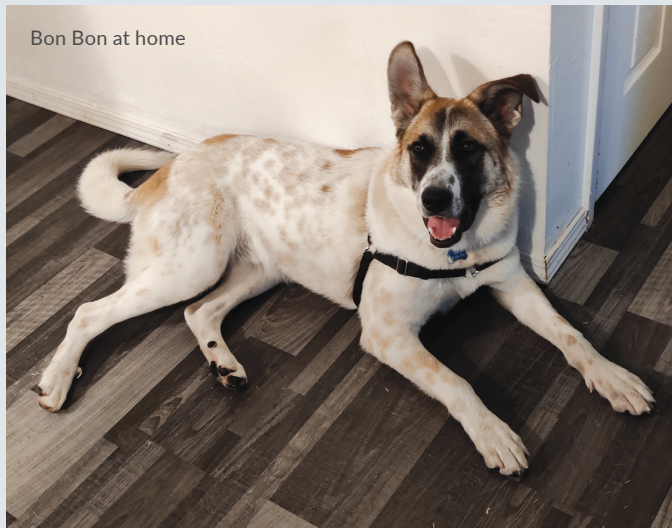
Over a three-month period, Bon Bon received a lot of interest from adopters. Being a young and handsome Shepherd mix, he met with many potential families and was adopted and returned multiple times due to his high energy level and large size. Though some might see Bon Bon's returns as failures, the experiences provided our adoption and behavior teams with a clearer picture of his ideal home and training needs.

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With this extra insight and thanks to features on Facebook and several Pet-of-the-Week news segments; the adoption team was able to connect Bon Bon with the right family in early February 2021.

Fast forward two months (and after frequent follow ups with the family by the adoption team and training support from the behavior team), Bon Bon is doing well and thriving. Now named Loki, he even has his own Instagram page at @Lokidogofthemischief, where you can follow all of his adventures.

Bon Bon at home





Angel

Like Bon Bon, sometimes a pet's journey touches multiple households before finally settling down in their forever home. This is true for Angel, who was originally surrendered to our shelter in 2012. She was adopted quickly and lived many years with her family.

In May 2020, Angel was surrendered back to our shelter since her owner could not afford the necessary medical care Angel needed. Unfortunately, she arrived morbidly obese, with severe periodontal disease, a collapsing trachea, and liver disease. At age 14 1/2, the sweet senior weighed in at 25 pounds (the healthy weight for a dog Angel's size is 10-15 pounds). Angel was moved into a foster home to lose weight before our veterinarians could safely operate on her to treat her ailments.

Fast forward six months, she is down to a healthier weight of 16

pounds and lives a happy life in her new forever home with another small dog, Rosy. Her and Rosy are best friends and get to enjoy many fun activities together like long walks several times a day, trips to the dog park, and even camping!

Like Angel, Aada's adoption journey involved multiple shelter experiences. Transferred from a Sonoma shelter impacted by the LNU Lightning Complex Fire, Aada quickly captured the hearts of staff and volunteers and became famous on the weekly Facebook Live videos. Despite her popularity, every day, adopters walked by 10-year-old Aada's condo on their way to visit other cats and they would hear her raspy meow as she tried to say hello.

While we provided Aada with a "senior special" (bloodwork and dental cleaning/extractions) to ensure her health; most families

continued to overlook her for younger cats and kittens. Despite this, we continued to feature her on our Pet-of-the-Week segments and Mark M. Glickman also sponsored her adoption fee.

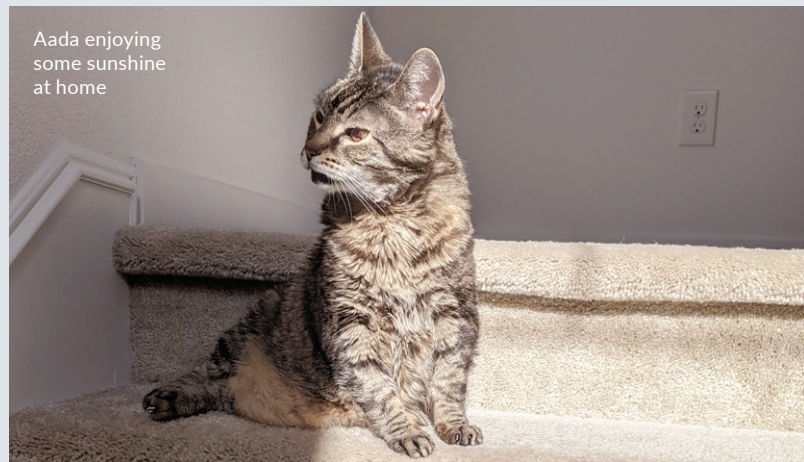
One day, Aada received a visitor who was excited to meet her and adored her friendly personality. Our adoption counselors were able to discuss how to properly introduce a senior kitty like herself to other pets in the home, a common barrier for senior cats.

Happily, Aada was adopted that same day. We recently checked in with her family and she is doing well, even with the family's dog.

While a senior cat might not have been the first choice for most adopters, we are glad Aada's family gave her the opportunity to join their household.

These are just a few of the many happy beginnings that became a silver lining of 2020. Thanks to the wonderful support of our community, we were able to find these special animals their forever homes. We look forward to making successful connections between people and animals into 2021 and beyond. To view the animals currently available for adoption or secure a same-day appointment, visit sspc.org/adoptable.

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Aada enjoying some sunshine at home



Susan Lynn Mahlman and Tessa

IN LOVING HONOR OF SUSAN LYNN MAHLMAN

by Sarah Haney, Director of Development

In October of 2020, the Sacramento SPCA gratefully accepted a bequest in the amount of \$250,000 from Susan Lynn Mahlman to further our mission to provide for the health and well-being of our animals large and small. Susan lived in Folsom with her beloved kitty, Tessa, and had a long career as a nurse with Kaiser Permanente, working both in the hospital and as a home-health nurse.

Susan had a love for cats, and shared an unbreakable bond with Tessa. Shortly after Susan's passing, her sweet Tessa, who was in the loving care of family, crossed the rainbow bridge.

Susan and Tessa will be honored with a plaque outside of the Cattery in our Adoptions Building.

"THOSE WE LOVE AND LOSE ARE ALWAYS CONNECTED BY HEARTSTRINGS INTO INFINITY." - TERRI GUTLEMMETS



A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH

Finishing Construction of the Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center

by Dawn Foster, Director of Marketing & Communications

Just over a year ago, as our community, state and nation confronted uncertainty in the midst of shutdowns to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Sacramento SPCA faced a very important decision – a choice that would impact the animals and people in our community for generations to come:

Do we move forward with building the new health center?

Construction plans had been finalized, building permits had been filed and a lead gift from Zoe K. McCrea had been received, along with other significant life-saving gifts. The shelter was still in the silent phase of the campaign to raise the critical funds needed to complete the project and we didn't have plans to make a public announcement until late summer.

At the same time, the shelter's

public programs were suspended due to the lockdowns (including the spay/neuter clinic) and there was uncertainty as to when operations would resume. During regular operations in the previous clinic space, clients were waiting up to three months for a surgery appointment - how would the clinic ever catch up? How could the shelter get animals altered quickly, out of the shelter and into new homes? How could we ensure that our community's animals had access to low-cost and no-cost vaccines and preventative care?

The question quickly shifted to, "How can we NOT build the new health center?"

Without a crystal ball, we had no idea of knowing what the future would hold or how long this health crisis would impact operations. All we knew is that we had to push forward because the animals and people in our community needed us more than ever before.

As soon as restrictions lifted and we could shift to a modified operational plan, we pushed forward with construction of the Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center, beginning interior demolition of the organization's administration and sick bay building in May 2020.

While floors were being poured and walls constructed for the new health center in the back of the property, the Sacramento SPCA continued to modify operations to ensure continued public access to its life-saving programs during the pandemic. To limit the number of people in the remaining two shelter buildings, staff operated in cohorts and programs adopted appointment-based processes.

Even as the Sacramento SPCA stepped up to help neighboring communities in response to the devastating wildfires, construction moved forward and an announcement about the health center was shared publicly at a press conference on August 19, 2020.



Animals recovering from surgery on "the beach" at the Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center.

As we approached fall and moved into year-end, we continued to receive life-saving gifts from our generous supporters, to fund both the project, as well as general shelter operations. After a successful final push to complete the Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center was launched on January 4, 2021, construction was finally completed, and the clinic's first surgeries began later that month.

During the pandemic lockdown, the waitlist for spay/neuter surgeries rose to more than 7,000 animals. Today, performing 50+ surgeries daily, that list has reduced to less than 1,000 and we are booking appointments for May. As of March 31, 2021, more than 3,000 animals have already been altered in the new health center.

In April, the vaccine clinic moved from the Adoptions building to the new health center. This occurred as the shelter shifted out of cohorts to work in a much larger space.

With a full staff, the spay/neuter clinic will be able to perform 60 – 65 surgeries daily and 125+ on Sundays during the feral/community cat clinic. The Sunday clinic, which provides surgeries to feral cats in Sacramento County has been made possible by funding in 2021 from CDFA Pet Lover's License Plate Program, Christy G. Shands, Coalition for Community Cats (C4CC) and the William Dean Charitable Foundation.

Now that we have more capacity for surgeries, the Sacramento SPCA will be focused on adding more opportunities for low-income pet owners to have their unaltered pit bull/mix or Chihuahua/mix spayed/neutered for free through the We Pay to Spay (WPTS) program. The program was originally instituted by the Sacramento SPCA in October of 2002 for the purpose of providing free spay or neuter surgeries for pit bull/mixes within our community and has since expanded to Chihuahua/mixes as well. As of December 2020, we have altered more than 14,000 pit bull/mixes – at no cost to the owners.

As we peek through the other side of a year-long pandemic, we know that there is still uncertainty about the long-term effects on our community. Thanks to our generous supporters and our 129-year commitment to this community, we have built a hopeful future for the animals and people with the completion of the Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center. It is our promise that no matter what the future holds, the Sacramento SPCA will be there to support those who need us.

To learn more about how you can support the life-saving care for animals at the Sacramento SPCA, please contact Sarah Haney, Director of Development, at 916.504.2805 or email shaney@sspca.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR GIFT CONTRIBUTORS!

Their gifts toward building the Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center at the Sacramento SPCA will help eliminate animal homelessness, save lives, and improve quality of life for our community's pets and the people who love them!

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Visit sspca.org/savepetslives to view the complete list of donors who contributed to this life-saving project.



Heart Beats

SACRAMENTO SPCA ALUMS THAT HAVE FILLED THE HEARTS OF THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

To have your companion considered for our next issue of *Heartline*, submit a high-resolution close-up photo of your Sacramento SPCA alum to:

www.sspca.org/happy-tale

Please include his/her name, age, photo and adoption date. You can even include a little blurb about how much you love your pet!

We will feature some top photos based on quality in Heartbeats and on our social media pages.



TEDDY, ADOPTED 2020

"In September 2020, my boyfriend and I adopted Teddy. Upon our first meeting with Teddy he was quite withdrawn. We did not want to put too much pressure on him to accept us and let staff know we needed to think about adopting him. By the time we reached our car in the SPCA parking lot we knew we had to adopt Teddy. He needed a stable, forever home and we knew we could provide it.

We have been blessed with a calm, loving, socialized boy who has become a protective big brother to his little brother Po. We are forever grateful for Teddy and our family is complete."



**ADMIRAL ACKBAR
ADOPTED 2019**



**CHICKPEA
ADOPTED 2020**



**SAGE
ADOPTED 2020**



**RUTH
ADOPTED 2020**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SACRAMENTO SPCA ALUMNI WHO CROSSED OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



Barbara



Colonel
Peanut



Cubbie
Weebles



Frenchie



Guy



Jack



Maisie
Jane



Poppy





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New Volunteer Orientation 6:00pm - 8:00pm SSPCA.org/volunteer	Big Day of Giving All Day SSPCA.org/BDOG	Big Day of Giving Yappy Hour 3:00pm - 7:00pm Jackrabbit Brewing Co. SSPCA.org/yappy-hour
JUNE 5 SATURDAY	SEPT 11 SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 2
Doggy Dash 9:00am SSPCA.org/dash	Estate Planning Seminar 10:00am - 11:30am SSPCA.org/estate	Art Fur Paws Auction All Day SSPCA.org/artfarpaws



MEET THE NEW SACRAMENTO SPCA BOARD PRESIDENT

The Sacramento SPCA is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Altavilla as board president. Bill is a Principal and Financial Advisor for CAPTRUST in Folsom and has served on the Sacramento SPCA Board of Directors for nearly six years.

"I joined the board of the Sacramento SPCA due to my love for animals. As I have discovered over time, there is so much more to this organization than just the love of animals. It is also an organization that loves people. We strive to provide a forever home for an animal, but also to make people happy and to complete their families by adding or keeping a companion animal. The Sacramento SPCA is there for people as well as animals in their time of need. In the last year, the PawPantry (free pet food pantry) was created to provide food to animals, but also to allow animals to stay in their homes when family resources were stretched. I am proud to be a board member of this organization and support the great things our board and staff can do for the community."