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In an effort to find homes for more animals in our community, the Sacramento SPCA regularly transfers animals from other local area shelters to our location at 6201 Florin Perkins Rd.

Since 2016, the Sacramento SPCA Foster/Rescue Team has transferred close to 1,000 animals from overburdened shelters, including regular stops at Stockton Animal Control, Sacramento County Animal Control and weekly transfers from the Sacramento City Animal Control on Front Street.

Thanks to a \$50,000 grant from PetSmart Charities, the Sacramento SPCA was able to purchase a new animal transport vehicle this summer. This new van will enable us to create more room in kennels at overburdened shelters, while also helping the pets transferred find loving homes in a new environment.



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ON THE COVER Kira (a summer Camp Kindness participant) shares a joyful moment with Pawspice dog, Sunny.

Learn more about how meeting Sunny and the other adoptable animals this summer impacted the camp participants (pictured above) - and how that experience inspired them to help the animals.

Read the full story on page 4.



"Camp Kindness gives us an opportunity to help kids understand the impact of spay/neuter and why their family's animals should be altered. They see first-hand the number of animals without homes – and become advocates for the animals they meet by producing adoption flyers and albums." - Kenn Altine

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ANIMALS

By Kenn Altine, Chief Executive Officer

I remarked to someone the other day that working at the Sacramento SPCA has made me a better human with my dogs.

It's not that I was a bad person – it's just that I now better understand their needs and my responsibilities. Growing up in the 60s with many dogs and cats – none of whom were allowed to be in the house – there wasn't much encouragement for me to learn how to care for, treat, and interact with animals as a child.

That's why our Camp Kindness youth program is so important. For seven weeks each summer, children and young teens from ages 7 to 15 get an opportunity to learn not only how to humanely treat animals, but also our responsibilities as humans to the companion animals in our communities.

Thanks to the Teichert Foundation and the River Cats Foundation, we were able to offer scholarships to low-income students during the spring and summer camps in order to ensure our message was being spread in the communities where spay/neuter is most needed. And we continue this important message throughout the school year through classroom visits and field trips to the shelter. This year, we are partnered with Sacramento-based RedRover to expand our humane education program into our community's schools.

A significant part of all these youth programs is to help families understand the importance of providing good food, shelter and veterinary care to the animals in their homes. But the ability to afford that veterinary care – even simple vaccinations and easily treated skin and ear conditions – is a real issue in our communities. Every day, we see animals brought to us for surrender or end-of-life services that are suffering from simple medical issues. The families were not cruel to the animals, nor did they want them to suffer. They simply did not have the resources, or access to programs, that could have helped them.

Earlier this year, we started offering low-cost wellness at our Monday and Tuesday vaccination clinics. The public response has proven to us that if people had an affordable way to get a diagnosis for their cats and dogs, they were willing and capable of finding a way to pay for the ongoing treatment. And we have now rolled out a low-cost mobile program that not only includes wellness visits with a vet, but also focuses on providing pet vaccinations in low-income communities as well as awareness of the low- and no-cost spay/neuter programs that are the hallmark of our work in Sacramento.

We are partnering with local community groups and agencies for getting the word out and having a place to park the mobile wellness van. These partnerships, along with agencies like RedRover, local companies like Teichert and local organizations like the River Cats, make it possible for us to do our work. And each of these partners has found ways to sponsor programs that are meaningful to them – like reading or humane education.

We cannot do our critical work without your help and I hope that, in this edition of Heartline, you will find a program or an issue that resonates with your goal of improving the lives of animals and the people who love them.

Sincerely,

Kenn Altine Chief Executive Officer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't miss out on the fun!

Keep current on the latest SPCA happenings—including special events, Yappy Hours, volunteer orientations and so much more. Sign up for eTales, our electronic newsletter, by visiting us at **sspca.org** (Submit your e-mail address at the bottom of the home page to stay connected.) Visit **sspca.org/events** for additional event info today!



OCT 6 | 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. New Volunteer Orientation Sacramento SPCA

OCT 7 | 2 P.M. - 3 P.M. **Foster Parent Orientation** Sacramento SPCA

OCT 18 | 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. Howl-A-Ween Yappy Hour Fountainhead Brewing Company

OCT 27 | 5 P.M. - 10 P.M. Hound Dog Hop Fundraising Gala Sacramento SPCA

NOV 5 | 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. New Volunteer Orientation Sacramento SPCA

NOV 7 | 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. **Pawsgiving Yappy Hour** New Helvetia Brewing Company

NOV 7 - 10 | 11 A.M. - 6 P.M. Veteran's Adoption Event Sacramento SPCA

NOV 8 - 11 | 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. Fall Book Sale Sunrise Mall (next to Macy's North, Men's & Home)

DEC 1 | 10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. **Estate Planning Seminar** Sacramento SPCA

DEC 2 | 11 A.M. - 6 P.M. Lasher's Elk Grove Subaru Adoption Event Elk Grove Subaru

DEC 8 | 12 P.M. - 4 P.M. **2nd Annual Pup Crawl** Truitt Bark Park (check-in location)

DEC 15 | 11 A.M. - 6 P.M. Taylor Morrison Adoption Event Sacramento SPCA



OCT 27 Hound dog hop fundraising gala

Join us to shake, wiggle and roll for animals in need on Saturday, October 27th from 5:00 – 10:00 pm at the Sacramento SPCA shelter facility for the fourth consecutive year. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit **sspca.org/gala**



DEC 8 2ND ANNUAL PUP CRAWL

Join us for the 2nd Annual Pup Crawl beginning at the Truitt Bark Park in Midtown on December 8th. Get a photo of you and your pup with Santa Paws and then enjoy drink discounts and dog friendly games as you crawl to some of Sacramento's best breweries. We expect this event to sell out quickly - for more info or to register, visit **sspca.org/pupcrawl**



LET'S COZY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK

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KINDNESS IN ACTION

By Karen Goff, Content Marketing Coordinator

"Look into my eyes. Can you see my joy? My fear? Contentment? Hunger? Can you feel my pain and see my happiness? I know I speak in barks and purrs, meows and howls and grunts; but if you watch me carefully, you might begin to understand me. And maybe you'll see, I'm not that much different than you."

What would our animals say to us if they spoke the same language as we do? How could our lives and relationships with them be different if we knew how to listen and empathize with them? How would their lives be different? The Sacramento SPCA's kids camp program, Camp Kindness, is designed to foster this awareness about animals at a young age through animal-related education, professional demonstrations, veterinary observation, tours, guest speakers, as well as plenty of crafts, games, and fun animal-socializing time! Camp Kindness is offered 3 times per year and is open to children ages 7 - 15.

This newly revamped program is led by our new Humane Education & Outreach Coordinator, Erika Sanders (pictured below) in partnership with the RedRover Readers Program. RedRover uses a unique storybased curriculum to teach empathy while helping students become more aware of themselves and their communities. Erika spent many hours developing curriculum and integrating RedRover techniques and materials to create the current program. Her background as a



ERIKA SANDERS

Humane Education & Outreach Coordinator

"Providing youth and community members with the information and tools they need to provide the best possible homes for their companion animals gives me hope for the animals I see on the adoption floor waiting to meet their new families. I love that I can incorporate the skills I learned as a classroom teacher with my love of animals to create hands-on learning experiences for youth centered around the themes of compassion, responsibility, and safe animal interaction."



classroom teacher to high-risk youth, as well as her passion for animals, are the perfect combination to create a meaningful experience for youth who attend camp.

"One of the most impactful changes in 2018 is thanks to the support and partnership of The Sacramento River Cats Foundation and the Teichert Foundation", said Erika. The Sacramento River Cats Foundation presented a check of \$2,500 (pictured below) to be used exclusively for scholarships for students from low-income families. The summer session has awarded 6 scholarships so far, more than ever before and the Teichert Foundation generously donated all of the craft supplies used this year.



Another big change this year was the integration of more hands-on time with animals. Marnie Musser, the Community Outreach Manager, had an integral role in facilitating Camp Kindness. It was her goal to include more hands-on animal socialization for all age groups. With the help of a dozen volunteer animal handlers, campers got to see bottle-baby kitten feedings as well as socialize older kittens, adult cats, rabbits, and dogs of all sizes. Many campers say this is their favorite part of camp. Older campers were also able to observe a spay and neuter surgery, which is always a highlight of those sessions. All of these activities give campers the opportunity to see the concepts they learned during classroom sessions in practice. "Including more animals in the curriculum was a natural addition", Erika said, "and one of the reasons I joined the Sacramento SPCA - to combine my love of teaching with my love of animals."

From the enthusiasm and passion of the campers, it's easy to see that this experience is not only changing the way campers see animals, but also the way they see themselves. They have begun to see that we humans have a role and responsibility to our animals and our community: to spay and neuter, vaccinate, train, foster, and adopt as well as to love and care for animals. This also resulted in several happy endings for our animals. One senior cat and one guinea pig each found a home with camp counselors who had spent time with them. Another counselor sponsored the adoption fee of Sunny, one of our Pawspice dogs (pictured on the cover and below). One camper asked for toys and treats for shelter animals instead of birthday presents, and two other campers raised money for the shelter with two separate lemonade stands!





"My son and daughter were both excited to attend camp, as animal lovers. My daughter loved the camaraderie with kids of her age group, and the counselors and volunteers were all spectacular people. They both enjoyed learning about wildlife programs and the realities of getting proper care for our pets," said one parent of a camper.

MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

Other ways kids can help the shelter animals

There are other ways for kids to be involved with the Sacramento SPCA, even at a young age. Many kids choose to have their birthday party here on campus, which includes a shelter tour, craft project, and often socialization with an adoptable animal. While shelter volunteers are required to be 18 or older, Camp Kindness counselors can be as young as 14 (they need to be 2 years older than the group they are counseling). Many of the campers who enjoy their camp experience, come back as counselors, receiving community service hours for college and job applications.

One of our youngest supporters is Lily (pictured right with Sacramento SPCA alumni, Amy). Lily's family adopted Amy, the wonderful senior pit bull/pittie mix who spent 138 days with us. Lily was so inspired by Amy and the other dogs in our shelter that she decided to host a donation drive for dog toys. She did a live television interview on Good Day Sacramento (yes, it's as adorable as it sounds) to publicize her drive.

Then for two full days, Lily and her family sat outside the Gracie's Adoption Center and collected donations of dog and cat toys, treats, as well as cash. All for the animals. Lily's story brings the point home: it's never too early to start putting kindness into action. For more youth program information, visit **sspca.org/education**.





Meet the Sacramento SPCA Wellness Team From left to right: Liliya, Lynn, Monique, Jamie, Monika and Dr. Peter



WELLNESS CHECK-UP

By Jamie Larson, Animal Health Practice Manager

The Sacramento SPCA is committed to our mission of improving the lives of animals throughout our community and the people who love them. Our goal is to keep pets happy, healthy and in their homes. That is why the Sacramento SPCA launched our on-site Wellness Clinic in February of this year.

Since then, we have completed 603 physical exams for various conditions such as ear infections, skin allergies/infection, well puppy/ kitten exams and many other non-urgent needs. We have also taken this opportunity to educate the community on the importance of routine healthcare and preventatives (vaccinations, microchips, parasite control and prevention). We have performed more than 170 heartworm tests and started these pets on heartworm prevention; completed 55 ear cleanings and treatments for ear infections; treated numerous pets for skin allergies; applied countless doses of flea/tick control and made spay and neuter clinic appointments for clients with unaltered pets.

The demand for low-cost, high-quality veterinary care remains constant and we are driven to help as many pets and owners as possible. The Sacramento SPCA Wellness Team is currently scheduling 18-20 wellness appointments each Monday and Tuesday in conjunction with the vaccine clinic. Due to high demand, appointments are currently booked approximately three weeks in advance.

The Sacramento SPCA continues to refer all extensive medical and surgical cases to our full-service veterinary partners for follow-up care and treatment.

Our goal is to one day open a full-service, high-quality, low-cost veterinary practice that can meet the needs of our community for overall pet wellness, disease prevention, treatments (including surgical and non-surgical procedures) and overall community education.

TAKING LOW-COST PET WELLNESS MOBILE

The Sacramento SPCA is pleased to announce that we have taken our Pet Wellness Clinic into the community, now offering low-cost, high-quality wellness services at four locations in the Sacramento area.

This mobile wellness clinic was specifically designed to help pet owners who are not able to visit the shelter during our regular Monday & Tuesday clinics due to conflicts in their schedule or lack of transportation.

Thanks to Dennis Younglove, the generous donor of our mobile wellness van (through our vehicle donation program - see info on back page), the Wellness Team is setting up mobile clinics throughout the community (see schedule to right) on Sundays from 11 am - 1 pm, providing low-cost vaccines, microchips, flea control, deworming and pet health information.





"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." – Desmond Tutu

MARK DROBNY A PARTNER WITH PURPOSE

By Sarah Haney, Director of Development

The Sacramento SPCA is incredibly blessed to have generous and committed volunteers and partners. A long-time supporter and friend of the organization, Mark Drobny is one that embodies the spirit of philanthropy.

For 17 years, Drobny Law Offices has provided pro bono legal services to the Sacramento SPCA; financial support as a sponsor of signature events; and conducted quarterly estate planning seminars at the Sacramento SPCA, educating the public on how to plan for the care of both human and animal family members after we die.

Drobny Law Offices, Inc. concentrates its practice in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, probate, conservatorships, business and taxation. The firm was formed in 1989 by Mr. Drobny, and is based in Sacramento with satellite offices in San Ramon, Palo Alto, Modesto, Stockton and San Diego. A friend of multiple local nonprofits, Mr. Drobny has formed or chaired the planned giving committees for many major Northern California charities and is widely regarded as one of the region's top experts on Charitable Remainder Trusts.

In 2003, Drobny Law Offices first began working with the Sacramento SPCA by providing pro bono legal services on estates where the testator has named the Sacramento SPCA as an heir. Estates and trusts are a significant source of revenue for the Sacramento SPCA, yet can be incredibly complex. We are grateful to have had (and continue to have) the expert services of Mr. Drobny and his team in the handling of dozens of gifted estates so that we may accurately honor the wishes of the benefactors. In addition to legal services, Drobny Law Offices has financially supported the Sacramento SPCA's signature fundraising events, including the Doggy Dash and Gala, by donating more than \$40,000. These funds are critical to our mission of giving more than shelter to Sacramento's homeless animals. This year, Drobny Law Offices is a lead sponsor of the 2018 Gala, the Hound Dog Hop, which will be held on Saturday, October 27th.

But Mr. Drobny and his firm's commitment to the Sacramento SPCA and our region's animals does not end there. Four times a year, for

more than ten years, Mr. Drobny conducts estate planning seminars at the shelter geared specifically toward pet owners – at no charge! Attendees learn what to consider when making future plans including, 'what would happen if your pet survives you' and 'who will look after your pet if you are no longer able to do so'. Even after ten years, seminars continue to attract between 40 to 80 guests. Attendees leave informed, educated, entertained and with the tools needed to make appropriate plans for both themselves and their pets.

"As a pet owner for over 40-years, I've seen how pets can enhance the quality of life for me, my family and my clients. As an attorney who assists 30-40 new families a month in dealing with the loss of a loved one, I've seen what can happen to their pets when they fail to properly plan for the possibility that our pets may outlive us. I've been helping clients set up Pet Trusts long before Leona Helmsley made them famous. In addition, many of my clients want to make a bequest to the Sacramento SPCA to ensure that programs like the Guardian Care Program provide foster homes to pets who have lost their owners. When we bring a new pet into our home, we need to have a plan for what will happen to them should we be unable to care for them for the duration of their lives."

While we are honored to count Drobny Law Offices as one of our most treasured partners, we would be remiss to not mention that we are only one of the many charitable causes to benefit from the firm's altruistic spirit. Since 2009, Drobny Law Offices has donated over \$535,000 in cash contributions, in kind donations and pro bono legal services to organizations in the Sacramento region. Mr. Drobny encourages his team to be out in the community and donate their time to causes that are personally meaningful.

On behalf of the thousands of animals we serve, the Sacramento SPCA would like to thank Mr. Drobny and Drobny Law Offices for being an outstanding partner. Under the leadership of Mr. Drobny, the firm has instilled philanthropy across the region, and helped thousands of individuals, community charities, and animals. We simply cannot put a value on our partnership – it is priceless.



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Join us for a complimentary seminar on Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 – 11:30AM at the Sacramento SPCA. To RSVP, please visit **sspca.org/estate** or call **916.504.2805**.

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The Sacramento SPCA is proud to partner with local businesses and individuals that share our mission to improve the lives of animals and their families. Thank you to all our community partners for helping the Sacramento SPCA raise funds and awareness for homeless animals.

If you would like to learn more about partnership opportunities, please contact Sarah Haney, Director of Development, at shaney@sspca.org or 916.504.2805.





HEARTBEATS celebrates Sacramento SPCA alums!

To have your companion considered for our next issue, submit a high-resolution, close-up photo of your SPCA alum to **www. sspca.org/happy-tale**. Please include his/her name, age and adoption date. You can even include a little blurb about how much you love your pet! *We'll feature some top photos, based on quality, in Heartbeats and/or on our social media pages.*







"We only had the honor of being Tonka's family for 20 months, but she fit our family so well it was as though we had her the whole 10 years and 11 months of her life".

- Tonka's Family









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