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Learn how the Sacramento SPCA is giving
more to animals like Snickers. | Page 4
I've been carrying a lot of extra weight around these past few weeks – thirty pounds, to be exact – in the form of a six-month-old puppy named Roo.

I've been carrying him because he was born with two deformed front legs, one of which had to be amputated. That makes it difficult for him to get around, especially on hard surfaces like wood floors. So, to get him outside, he had to be carried.

When I first saw Roo, he was only three months old with ears bigger than any other part of his body. He was struggling to stand up because he was on a blanket on the concrete floor and he kept slipping as he worked to get his back feet under him. So, of course, I swooped him right up in my arms.

It was clear that Roo could not stay in our kennels as we worked to develop a medical and adoption plan for him. So, after fostering for two months with another staff member, Roo came to be in my office (which has carpeting so he could easily get up and move around) and into my heart.

Over the next six weeks, I would watch as he doubled in size, gained confidence in his ability to walk on all kinds of surfaces, learned to go up and down short steps and leaped and rolled around with my dogs in the backyard.

There was never any doubt that he was just here temporarily. Even as we hauled him to the coast and let him frolic on the beach, or trekked up to a cabin in Siskiyou County where he hopped up and down the hills, explored squirrel dens and slept in the sun on the deck.

There was certainly not any doubt the night before he was adopted when he chewed a hole in the living room rug – the only destructive thing he’d done while in our care (that we know of).

No, no doubt at all, until I had to say goodbye. Turns out that giant puppy left a hole in my heart as well.

That is what happens when you choose to do more, be more and give more through fostering sick, injured or underaged animals. You choose to give more of your time and more of your heart – so that they receive more opportunity to live the life that they deserve.

And Roo received just that – the right family, a home and all the love and care that he needs and deserves. Happy tails Roo!

Sincerely,

Kenn Altine
Chief Executive Officer
UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep current on the latest SPCA happenings. Sign up for eTales, our electronic newsletter by visiting us as sspca.org. (Submit your email address at the bottom of the page.)

See where we will be in the community by following us on Facebook at facebook.com/SacSPCA or visit our events page online at sspca.org/events.

**MAY 2**

**New Volunteer Orientation**
May 2 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sacramento SPCA

**MAY 7**

**Big Day of Giving**
May 7 | All Day
SSPCA.org/BDOG

**JUN 6**

**Estate Planning Seminar**
June 6 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sacramento SPCA

**JUN 27**

**Doggy Dash**
June 27 | 7:00 am - 12:00 pm
William Land Park

**AUG 1**

**New Volunteer Orientation**
August 1 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sacramento SPCA

**AUG 29**

**Clear the Shelters**
August 29 | 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sacramento SPCA

**SEPT 10**

**Estate Planning Seminar**
Pets, Pinot and Planning
September 10 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sacramento SPCA

**OCT 24**

**Wild Whiskers of the West Fall Fundraising Event**
October 24 | 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Sacramento SPCA

Today’s children are the companion-animal guardians of tomorrow. Camp Kindness at the Sacramento SPCA is a fun-filled way for kids to learn more about dogs, cats, and other companion animals.

Summer camp sessions will begin June 15 and continue weekly through August 7, serving age groups 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15. Sessions are held from 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Monday through Friday and the cost is $225 per child.

Classes are expected to fill up quickly - online registration will be announced at sspca.org/camp in early May.

Visit sspca.org/camp for more information or contact the Education Department at (916) 504-2849.

Camp Kindness scholarships are available. Thanks to our generous community partner, Gilmore Heating, Air & Solar, for sponsoring the 2020 Camp Kindness program.
Sacramento is one of the most pet-friendly cities in the United States and consistently ranks in the top 10 for dogs. We also have great resources for the animals, including four major shelters and a cat sanctuary.

But that can also make it confusing. Who does what? Where do I go to find my cat? I found a stray dog, now what? Where can I get help with my animal?

When our clinic clients, adopters and supporters were recently asked in a survey what the Sacramento SPCA was best known for, the most common answer was “a haven for unwanted animals”. Though the Sacramento SPCA is the only shelter offering pet owners a place to take their beloved animals when they have nowhere else to turn - the organization offers so much more to our community’s animals and the people who love them.

From saying yes to animals and people in crisis to keeping pets healthy through our weekly low-cost clinics, we choose to be here for our community. And in operating the nation’s 7th highest-volume spay and neuter clinic, we are preventing unwanted animals from entering all four major shelters and shining a spotlight on the animals still waiting for a new home.

Animals like Snickers, a 12-year-old Miniature Schnauzer who found himself at the Sacramento SPCA when his owner was experiencing health issues and needed to move. This super senior was energetic, fun-loving and full of life, however, he also had health issues of his own. He arrived with a mouth full of rotten teeth and several lipomas (fatty lumps) on his torso.

Rather than passing Snickers’ health burdens on to his next family, the Sacramento SPCA jumped into action by performing a “senior special”, including full blood panel, tooth extractions and removal of his lumps.

This not only made Snickers feel a million times better, it also made him more adoptable and gave his new family peace of mind. This is just one example of how the Sacramento SPCA is giving more than shelter to the animals and people in our community.

But doesn’t the City shelter on Front Street, County shelter on Bradshaw and new shelter in Elk Grove also find homes for unwanted animals, you ask? Yes, they do - the difference is, those agencies are established by law and required to take in stray, dangerous, abused and injured animals. They employ animal control officers to respond to rabies and bite cases, as well as pick up stray dogs running at large.

Your tax dollars and animal registration fees fund these
government agencies. They do great work to keep our community safe and we partner with them regularly to help more animals in our community.

**SINCE 1892, THE SACRAMENTO SPCA HAS CHOSEN TO BE HERE FOR THE PETS AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM IN SACRAMENTO.**

What does making that choice mean to this community?

It means we can say yes to overcrowded public shelters in our region and beyond when they need help, transferring animals in weekly from the City shelter on Front Street and other shelters in Northern and Central California to the Sacramento SPCA. It's also filling up our Wednesday spay and neuter clinic with animals from the City shelter to ensure pets are altered quickly and can get into new homes much faster.

We are also not affiliated with any regional or national organizations, such as the ASPCA or the Humane Society of the United States. And we are independent from other SPCA's (such as the Placer SPCA.)

**AND WHO CAN CALIFORNIA'S COMMUNITIES COUNT ON WHEN THERE IS A NATURAL DISASTER AND THE ANIMALS AND PEOPLE IN THAT REGION ARE IN CRISIS? THE SACRAMENTO SPCA.**

Last October, the Sacramento SPCA transferred 42 animals from North Bay Animal Services to our shelter following mandatory evacuations in Sonoma County in response to the Kincade Fire. Animals like Francine (pictured left), the last of the 20 Sonoma cats to be adopted from the Sacramento SPCA.

In addition to being FIV positive, this 10-year-old lady arrived to the shelter very stressed and shut down. Once she settled in, our shelter medicine team performed blood work, a dental cleaning with extractions and she was cleared for adoption. To help her further, Mark M. Glickman sponsored Francine’s adoption, along with the other cats who were evacuated from the Sonoma area.

Francine found her forever home in early March and because her story recently won the hearts of animal-lovers who voted for the Petcurean’s Uplift the Underdog (Cat Edition) contest, Francine earned a one-year supply of cat food for her new family. Happy tails, Francine!

Still, the single largest impact the Sacramento SPCA makes on animals and people in our community is by providing access to low-cost and no-cost services through our spay and neuter clinic and weekly vaccine and wellness clinics. “Not only are these clinics preventing tens of thousands of unwanted animals from entering our community’s shelters,” said Sacramento SPCA CEO, Kenn Altine. “We are ensuring that every pet has the opportunity to see a veterinarian at least once in their lifetime. Keeping pets healthy, happy and with the people who love them is essential.”

The Sacramento SPCA is currently the only local organization providing spay and neuter resources to our community cat population during our Sunday clinics. Without altering and vaccinating these cats, they are compelled to fight for a mate and food and are at risk for injury and infection.

**THE SACRAMENTO SPCA GIVES MORE BY**

- **Performing 18,000 Spay and Neuter Surgeries Each Year**
- **Administering 38,000 Low- and No-Cost Vaccinations**
  - Including free vaccines for pets owned by senior citizens
- **Finding Homes for Nearly 4,000 Cats, Dogs and Rabbits**
- **Teaching humane treatment of animals to 3,000 elementary and middle-school students**
  - Including 10 weeks of summer and holiday kids camps

**WE MAKE THE CHOICE TO BE HERE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN ANIMAL, PEOPLE WHO WANT AN ANIMAL AND PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HELP ANIMALS - BECAUSE WE ARE 100% DEPENDENT ON DONATIONS. THAT’S WHAT WE MEAN BY GIVING MORE THAN SHELTER.**

We know that the demand for access to low-cost and no-cost pet services exceeds the capacity of this community and it is our promise that we will continue to look for ways to keep up with the growing needs of our community’s animals and the people who love them.

That’s a lot to absorb, so to recap:
- We are local, not national.
- We are 100% nonprofit.
- We support pets and people in our community.

**WE CHOOSE TO BE HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY, JUST AS OUR COMMUNITY CHOOSES TO SUPPORT THE WORK WE DO EACH DAY ON BEHALF OF ANIMALS AND PEOPLE.**

We are grateful for our community’s support as it allows us to be more, do more and give more to those who need it most.

If you would like to learn more about the Sacramento SPCA or schedule a tour of the shelter facility located at 6201 Florin Perkins Road, please visit our website at sspca.org/tour.
What type of animal do you have in mind when you want to bring home a new furry friend? Smiling and energetic scruffy fluffies? While many think of those traits when they look to adopt, that is not the case when it comes to the Parsley family.

Steve Parsley recalls adopting 12 dogs in his life. At least four of those dogs were repeatedly looked over by other potential adopters at the Sacramento SPCA. That is, until they met Steve and his family.

Over the past three and a half years, Steve has adopted four dogs from the Sacramento SPCA. His first three, Violet, Kylie and Lola, were all over the age of eleven years old. Bowser, who Steve most recently adopted, was not that much younger at the age of eight. Because of their ages, they did not catch the attention of many potential adopters.

But, since Steve has three teenage children with busy school and activity schedules, older and calmer dogs best fit his family.

Steve explained, “I understand why when you have younger kids they don’t want an older dog, they want a dog with some energy. I’m the flip of that now in my life where basically I’m just looking for an older puppy dog looking for a place to retire.”

Adopting four dogs in the past three and a half years seems quick. But, the Parsley family was put in a unique situation and did not have much time with their first two dogs due to medical conditions discovered four to five months after their adoptions. They enjoyed the companionship of Violet and Kylie in their home for six months each

SPCA for assistance with end of life services, a compassionate service for owners saying goodbye to their beloved pets suffering from terminal illnesses.

Something that helped the family grieve and find meaning in Kylie and Lola’s passing was the chance to donate their bodies to the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

To help teach students, the school performs post-mortem exams to assess causes of death and any associated conditions. Steve expressed, “It helped with the kids. They knew they were still doing something to help other dogs.”

Currently, Bowser is the most recent adoptee of the Parsley family who joined their family after Thanksgiving of 2019.

Bowser was at the Sacramento SPCA for seven weeks. While he was at the shelter, a long-time volunteer, Rob, announced he was relocating out of state. But, on his last day, Rob left a lasting gift that helped get Bowser the attention boost he needed. Rob generously provided a check to let staff and other volunteers pick special animals and have their adoption fees waived.

Now, Bowser is enjoying life with lots of family time.

A typical day for Bowser starts off with a morning walk with Steve. Then he helps accompany the family to school with Steve’s son driving with his new permit.

Steve makes it a point to include Bowser on rides to school because, “One, he just wants to go and be around everybody. But, two, he is the first dog that I’ve ever had that actually doesn’t like being in a car.”

The positive association with the family and food in the car rides is the method Steve is using to get Bowser used to being a passenger.

After Steve and Bowser get home, Steve goes to work and Bowser naps. When school is done, Bowser goes out again with Steve to watch the kids’ sports practices and games.

Steve has always made it a point to involve all their dogs in daily life to make it known that they are solid members of the Parsley family - no matter their age or health.

If you would like to sponsor the adoption of an animal at the Sacramento SPCA, please contact our Adoption Supervisor at nsullivan@sspca.org.
Join our Pack for the 27th Annual Doggy Dash on June 27, 2020

Now in its 27th year, the Doggy Dash has become the most prominent dog walk and festival experience in the Sacramento area, bringing together more than 5,000 people and their dogs to William Land Park.

by Kristi Maryman, Senior Manager, Corporate Relations & Events

The Doggy Dash is a 2k/5k walk with you and your furry friend(s) and a post walk “Bark in the Park” pet festival that includes vendors, demonstrations, contests, food trucks, beer garden, local entertainment and more!

Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. this year, the walk begins at 8:00 a.m. and the festival concludes at 12:00 p.m.

Your support helps us give more than shelter to animals in-need.

Not only is Doggy Dash a fun activity for you and your dog - your registration and participation in the event helps the Sacramento SPCA provide care to more than 35,000 animals in our community. Funds raised from this event provide medical care to sick or injured animals, low-cost vaccinations, spay/neuter services for the local community, behavior training, humane education programs and much more!

Did you know you can collect prizes for raising money for the Doggy Dash? Yes, it’s true! Raise money individually or join a team to show your support and help animals in need. The event also has additional contests for best team name, largest pack, and most team spirit!

During the Bark in the Park festival we have every shelter program represented onsite so you can learn more about what we do and visit with the amazing people behind our programs. Expect to see representation from our Animal Release Team (previously Foster/Rescue Team), Wellness Clinic, Spay & Neuter Team, Youth Humane Education and Adoptions, including an area specifically for showcasing our adoptable dogs at the Adoption Village!

For questions, please contact Kristi Maryman at (916) 504-2802 or kmaryman@sspca.org.

Continued Commitment from Lasher’s Elk Grove Subaru

This year we have partnered up with Lasher’s Elk Grove Subaru to sponsor all onsite dog adoptions during the event. Lasher’s Elk Grove Subaru has been a longstanding partner of the shelter and the Doggy Dash for many years. This is the first year they are sponsoring the Adoption Village.

The hope is that through sponsored adoptions, more dogs may find loving homes and will be able to dash off to their new forever homes that day.
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Sacramento SPCA Alums That Have Filled the Hearts of Their Families and Friends

To have your companion considered for our next issue, submit a high-resolution close-up photo of your Sacramento 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 will feature some top photos based on quality in Heartbeats and on our social media pages.

Vojja, adopted 2019

If I could use one word to describe her it’s goober but that wouldn’t be enough. A goofball, a diva, a brat, a clown, a spoiled princess, and our perfect angel. We weren’t expecting a whirlwind of energy, but working with her and teaching her mushing commands has been worth it and so much fun!

We absolutely adore her and couldn’t have asked for a more perfect addition to our little family.

Myrna, adopted 2019

Vojja, adopted 2019

Cannonball & Feather, adopted 2019

Freddy, adopted 2019

Tasiah, adopted 2020

Nala, adopted 2019

We had just lost our English bulldog to cancer a few months ago, not knowing if we would find another dog to bring home, and not knowing if we were ready.

But, then we met Nala and she is the most loving, caring, snuggly dog ever.

Nefi, adopted 2019
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