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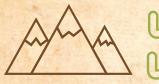
CAMP KINDNESS EXPERIENCE



We are excited to invite you back to the Sacramento SPCA to experience the "Wild Whiskers of the West", a saloon soiréethemed gala to benefit the animals and the people who love them in our community.

Roundup your posse and saddle up for a rattling good time as we transform the shelter into an evening of food, beverages, auctions, entertainment and more!

Hosting the gala at our campus provides a unique and upclose look at the services we provide, a chance to mingle with shelter staff and an opportunity to meet adoptable animals still waiting for their forever homes.





For Questions contact Kristi Maryman, Senior Manager, Corporate Relations & Events, at 916-504-2802 or via email kmaryman@sspca.org.

A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who showed up to our "Wild Whiskers of the West" saloon soirée-themed gala! Your support makes it possible to benefit the animals and our community through all our programs and services.

We look forward to seeing you next year, so stay tuned!

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Velvet snuggling with CEO and foster parent, Kenn Altine.

"For Velvet, car rides are good, belly rubs are better, worming her way onto a human lap is the best." - Kenn

FULL OF GRATITUDE

by Kenn Altine, Chief Executive Officer

I want to introduce you to a special dog named Velvet.

She is a bundle of energy, joy, and love. She plays every day with her new brother, Ben, roaming the yard, playing tug-of-war, or otherwise enjoying a life free of fear and hunger. She has a yard, a home, several beds, and the love of two humans. She is at her ideal weight of 50 pounds and her coat is a shiny gray and velvety soft – no doubt the inspiration for her name.

But that wasn't true four months ago when I was contacted to help our city's public shelter care for a malnourished dog taken from a Sacramento apartment. I was shocked by the photos and cried when I saw her in person. She needed someone to step up and give her the exacting care she needed – to make her feel safe and to regulate her food intake. Eating too much too fast after such a prolonged period of starvation could have caused her organs to fail.

Hour-by-hour, day-by-day, I spoon-fed Velvet with nutrition and with love. Every three days, the amount of food she was fed doubled. 3 tablespoons four times a day became ½ cup, then 1 cup, then 1 cup wet and ½ cup dry as we migrated to dry food.

The first pound she gained was celebrated throughout the organization. Then 5 pounds, then 10. While in my foster care, she relaxed on the couch in my office during the day and slept by my bed every night. When I took my two dogs for a walk every morning, Velvet had to stay behind – she wanted to go, but she simply wasn't strong enough. My dogs walked 5 miles, Velvet strolled to the corner and back.

I remain amazed that animals that have every reason to mistrust and fear humans instead show gratitude and devotion. That is Velvet. Any attention, any time spent with her, was rewarded with kisses and nuzzles.

Suddenly, she had gained 15 pounds – 50% of her starting weight and we knew we were out of the woods. She could be a normal dog. She could have a life.

To see Velvet now is an affirmation of being able to say "yes" when another organization needed our help with a special medical case.

Seeing Velvet now is knowing that our organization is helping those animals who need us most.

Seeing Velvet now is the medicine my heart needed to heal from the painful condition in which she arrived. I am filled with gratitude knowing that the Sacramento SPCA will always be able to help animals like her because of your support.

Sincerely,

Kenn Altine

"Velvet greets us every morning with so much excitement and enthusiasm, which gives a happy start to our morning. She is 50 pounds of boundless energy, and spends her days chasing squirrels, hunting lizards and playing tug-of-war in the backyard with her big brother, Ben. At night, she loves to cuddle with us on the couch. She is the perfect addition to our family."

- Velvet's Family





It's Time for the 3rd Annual **ART FUR PAWS ONLINE AUCTION**

by Tracy Fairchild, Sacramento SPCA Board Vice President

As the colors and crispness of autumn approach, it's time for galas, gallery openings and...Art Fur Paws, Sacramento SPCA's annual online art auction. Now in its third year, Art Fur Paws is your chance to own original artwork by many of our region's finest artists, as well as antiques, collectibles and jewelry, all donated by Sacramento SPCA supporters. Participation in this annual event continues to grow-with proceeds from the auction benefiting the animals that we care for at the shelter.

This year, Art Fur Paws got off to an auspicious start with a generous gift from the Gregory and Moni Kondos: an original oil painting titled "French Irises," painted by the late Gregory Kondos in France. One of Northern California's best-known artists, Kondos exhibited this piece in a 2013 show at the Crocker Art Museum. We are inspired by the Kondos' lovely gift.

We have received dozens of stunning art pieces, in a variety of media, including oil and acrylic painting, watercolor, mixed media, ceramics,

sculpture and handmade jewelry. Some of the many artists participating this year include Terry Pappas, Jill Estroff, Leslie McCarron, Debra Harnish-Kreck, David Pederson, Elaine Bowers, Deladier Almeida, Jim Marxen, Cathryn Rakich, Leslie Toms, Joe and Paula Bellacera, Kathy Dana and dozens more. We are honored by their support.

The two-week online auction begins November 18 and runs through December 2, perfectly timed for holiday shopping and gift giving. Professionally managed by our auction partner, Witherell's auction house of Sacramento, it is easy to sign up and register at Witherells.com. Have fun bidding against others to secure that one-ofa-kind piece for someone special. Not to mention that auction prices can be lower than retail, so it's easy on the budget too. Our thanks go to Brian Witherell for making this event possible. Remember: bid high and bid often. The animals who receive care at the Sacramento SPCA and the families who love them will thank you.



"French Irises" by Gregory Kondos



Join us for the 3rd Annual Art Fur Paws online auction benefiting the Sacramento SPCA. This event is made possible through Witherell's and donations received from local artists and supporters of the shelter.



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PAWSITIVE IMPACT

by Stephanie Greco-Carter, Animal Care Supervisor













THE SACRAMENTO SPCA HAS OPENED ITS DOORS TO ANIMALS WITH INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT HISTORIES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

Like many non-profit animal welfare organizations, the Sacramento SPCA had to rethink and replan operations during the pandemic - but meeting the needs of the animals and people who need us most remained our number one priority. With that in mind, we made many changes to not only support as many animals as we could, but also focus on the animals in our care that needed extra support.

Through scheduled (appointment-based) intake, we managed the flow of incoming animals, ensuring everyone received individualized care, even if we were short-staffed. It also enabled us to triage each situation; by quickly bringing in the animals with the most urgent needs, fast-tracking altered animals to the adoption floor and counseling pet owners with manageable behavior or medical issues in order to keep more animals in their homes.

As quickly as animals arrived at the shelter, they've continued to find their new homes even faster. Demand for adoptable pets has increased and is still going strong as people settle into new normals with their furry companions. And as people have adopted pets from the Sacramento SPCA and elsewhere, more families needed medical support for their new family members. With the opening of the Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center in January, we were able to provide just that. Our vaccine clinic helped promote animal health by keeping the community's pets up to date on vaccines and treatments, while our spay and neuter clinic worked hard to catch up on the waitlist of animals in need of altering.

With access to animal support services still limited in our region and the demand for help rising, the Sacramento SPCA has opened its doors to an increasing number of animals with special medical conditions. From a 5-year-old Doberman named Coco needing a FHO surgery (femoral head ostectomy), which is a surgical procedure that aims to restore pain-free mobility to a diseased or damaged

hip; to diagnosing, supporting and adopting FeLV (feline leukemia virus) positive kittens, our shelter has been able to take in and place into loving homes more "difficult to adopt" animals.

Because families with highlysocialized animals are usually able to rehome a pet on their own, the increase in adult dogs with puppylike qualities and extra timid cats arriving at the shelter has changed the way we approach care for the animals.

Our Animal Care and Behavior teams work together to create individualized plans for those animals needing specialized support. Animals like Mochi, a 2-year-old Jack Russell Terrier who was shut down, fearful and reactive with staff. After giving Mochi the time and the space she needed to feel comfortable, staff was able to begin taking her on short walks and slowly engaging with her. Mochi's plan involved office fostering, meeting new staff members and a ton of kennel enrichment (interactive toys to stimulate her problem-solving skills). After almost two months in our care and several adoption introductions, Mochi finally found a forever home!

In addition to being able to meet the needs of the animals surrendered to the Sacramento SPCA, we also support animals in need from other shelters in crisis.

For the second time in the past year, the Sacramento SPCA coordinated efforts with several Northern California agencies to transfer in Heartworm positive dogs from overburdened shelters in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Heartworm, if left untreated, is life-threatening to a dog and can be incredibly expensive for owners to treat. By providing the treatment at the shelter, support to adopters and educating the community about the condition, we are able to reduce adoption barriers and give these dogs more opportunities to find loving homes.

From the City of Sacramento shelter on Front Street, we took in many other special medical cases, including kittens with ringworm, a highly contagious fungal infection of the skin. Ringworm can be difficult to resolve - treatment involves lime solution application to the skin, medication for up to 21 days, and special housing to prevent infection of healthy animals. Thanks to our dedicated staff, treatment protocols and state-of-the-art medical center, we are uniquely equipped to help these cats and kittens get healthy and ready for adoption.

With the Shelter Medicine and Animal Care teams working together, many of these kittens have already been cured and are in their forever homes. "It is such a great moment when I see the same kitten I cared for in the ringworm ward completely cured and meeting their new family", said Marissa Jennings, Animal Care Attendant and ringworm program liaison. "In fact, eight cats that I've cared for and gotten to know over the past month were just cleared for adoption this week!"

While the Sacramento SPCA is able to say yes to these medical cases, restrictions from the pandemic and an increase in the number of pets adopted has placed a significant strain on veterinary resources in the community, including emergency care. Happy, a seven-year-old cat, came to us with Eosinophilic granuloma complex, an ulcer that is created due to severe flea allergies. The condition made it difficult for him to eat and his overall health was poor. When local veterinary clinics were unable to help Happy, our Shelter Medicine team took on the responsibility and nursed him back to health. He is now a happy kitty ready for his forever home.

Like Happy, many other cats are grateful to receive specialized care from the Sacramento SPCA - including more than 12 FeLV positive and 7 FIV positive (feline immunodeficiency virus) cats. Cats diagnosed with these conditions don't receive many adoption opportunities or interest at other shelters, but by educating the staff

and potential adopters on how to properly care for these special cats, including regular vet visits, they can live relatively normal lives.

And feral/community cats have benefited from shelter changes as well, the largest impact due to the new McCrea Center. As of August 31, 2021, more than 3,240 cats have received spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines and flea treatments prior to being returned to their colonies. This is a 30% increase over 2020. And with the increase in surgical suites, prep stations and more efficient space, the Sacramento SPCA is on target to spay/neuter nearly 20,000 animals by the end of the year.

Most recently, we cast our net even wider to help animals and our neighbors in need in response to the California wildfires. In addition to pulling 6 adoptable dogs from Plumas County, and 13 animals from El Dorado County, we sent Dan Marple, our Animal Welfare Manager and several volunteers to El Dorado County Animal Shelter for 5 days to assist their staff and provide relief.

Freeing up much-needed kennel space for these shelters enabled them to support more people displaced by the Dixie and Caldor Fires who were seeking temporary refuge for their beloved pets.

During our time in El Dorado County, we realized that the birds were most impacted by the poor air quality, so the Sacramento SPCA temporarily housed nearly 30 birds owned by residents evacuated due to the Caldor Fire. While in our care, our dedicated staff ensured they had ample housing accommodations, enrichment and veterinary care. After evacuation requirements were lifted, one owner commented, "the Sacramento SPCA is the Hilton Hotel for birds" upon visiting the shelter to pick up her birds and witnessing the care they received.

The lessons we've learned during the pandemic will continue to guide us. Many of the strategies and tools we've been using will help us continue to meet the needs of animals and the people who love them well into the future.



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After a year of virtual camps in 2020, our campers were excited to return to the in-person experiences of Camp Kindness at the Sacramento SPCA for summer 2021!

With COVID-19 protocols in place, we invited 10 campers to our shelter each week for a total of 8 weeks. Each week was a different group and different age range - 7 to 9-year-olds, 10 to 12-yearolds, and one week with 13 to 15-year-olds.

Camp Kindness provides the space to teach the next generation of responsible pet owners, stopping the cycle of animal misinformation and mistreatment.

The curriculum is a balance of humane education, service, and fun. This year, campers were able to socialize the animals in our care; make enrichment toys for them; and learn about animal care, body language, and training.





Not only did they get to experience the lifesaving work at the shelter, they were also introduced to other rescue groups and organizations as well. They learned about pigeons, farm animals, and reptiles/amphibians.

Looking forward, we will explore ways to expand these rich, inperson experiences and reach more Sacramento youth!



UPCOMING 2021 CAMP KINDNESS DATES

Pawsgiving Camp

• Nov 24 | Ages 13 - 15

Winter Camp Kindness

- Dec 21 Dec 22 | Ages 7 9
 Dec 28 Dec 29 | Ages 10 12

programs, visit sspca.org/education

SIDEWALK BOOK SALES @ THE SACRAMENTO SPCA

- Date: Saturdays, November 6th, 13th, 20th
- Time: 10:00 am 2:00 pm
- Location: 6201 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento, CA

CHILDREN'S BAG OF BOOKS DRIVE-THRU SALE

- Order online at sspca.org/booksale from December 1st December 12th
- Schedule a time to pickup your bag of books at 6201 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento, CA

For specific book categories and book sale event info, visit sspca.org/booksale.

For questions, please contact Jessica Behrens at jbehrens@sspca.org or 916-504-2868.



ART UNVEILING & FUNDRAISER FOR THE ANIMALS

by Sarah Haney, Director of Developmen



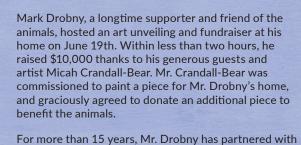


















the Sacramento SPCA to provide free quarterly estate seminars and help people plan for their pets. In addition, he has been a significant financial contributor, including supporting our annual fall gala as the presenting sponsor for multiple years.

A big thank you to Mr. Drobny, the team at Drobny Law Offices and artist Micah Crandall-Bear for their tremendous generosity and a beautiful event!

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FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday, November 13, 2021 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Via Zoom

Providing for the care of your loved ones - both two- and four-legged - in your estate plan is important.

We would like to invite you to join us for a complimentary Estate Planning Seminar. Special Guest Speaker: Mark Drobny, Attorney at Law, Master of Laws (L.L.M.), Certified Specialist, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, and member of The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization.

For more information or to reserve your seat, visit sspca.org/estate or call (916) 504-2843.

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













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.



MOO SHU, ADOPTED 2021

"We lost our beloved Shar Pei Ling Ling to kidney disease. We were so lost without her. I checked out the SSPCA and saw Diesel, a male Shar Pei. As soon as we saw him we knew he was going home with us. He didn't respond to his name so it is now Moo Shu. He has become a central part of our family. He visited my mom at her facility and is so gentle with seniors and small children. He has brought us so much joy and puts a smile on everyone who meets him. We are so blessed that we found each other when we did. He is perfect and we are very lucky!!!"













KING & LEO, ADOPTED 2021

"I wanted to give you an update on King who is now Flurian and Leo who are settling into my home. Since adopting them they both have become a love bugs, Leo is quite a drooler. Leo loves ear and chin scratches and Flurian loves his scratches before his tail. They both seem to have a happy little life now and I wouldn't trade them for anyone. Thank you for saving my boys. They are precious and I'm surprised that no one else got them first."



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IN MEMORY OF KATE TIBBITTS

In September, our community tragically lost Kate Tibbitts, a 25-year Sacramento SPCA volunteer and lover of old dogs and good books, along with her two senior dogs, Molly & Ginny.

Kate was a foster parent and a dog walker/socializer. Long-time staff and volunteers will remember her for making sure each dog she encountered received the best care possible. In addition to being a cashier for our book sales, she volunteered at the annual Doggy Dash and she helped transport animals to our rescue partners whenever and wherever she could.

The world is a little dimmer without her in it. Thank you, Kate, for your spirit, energy and love. You are missed.



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