Newton’s New Adventure

It was a dark, cold winter’s night when the phone rang at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS). “A tiny orange kitten has just been hit by a car,” relayed the voice on the other end of the line. “Can you please send help? He’s injured.”

A PHS Animal Control Officer was immediately dispatched to the scene. The kitten was rushed to the emergency clinic where he was stabilized for the night. Aside from a broken leg and slight head trauma, the two-pound kitten had miraculously survived the accident. Our medical team determined that his leg was so badly broken it would need to be removed.

The orange tabby recovered from surgery over the next couple of weeks. He quickly adapted to life on three legs with the help of staff and volunteers. When he began to play with toys, we knew this little fighter was ready for a permanent home.

Enter the Hartigan family. Nine-year-old twins Maggie and Rosie talked about cats nonstop. When their mom, Hillary, saw Newton’s photo on the PHS Instagram feed, she thought he might be the one and arranged for the family to meet him. The girls were so excited when they heard about the three-legged kitten. Maggie started to cry and Rosie improvised a song about adopting a cat.

It’s now been a few months and Newton has settled right into the Hartigan home. “It’s amazing to us that a cat who has experienced the trauma of being hit by a car and losing a limb can be so friendly, funny, and affectionate,” said Hilary. “We had no idea that a cat would bring such merriment and love into our family.”

Kitten season has arrived at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. More than one thousand kittens will need your help this year. Consider adopting a pet, joining our foster program or making a donation from our wish list. Learn more at pasadenahumane.org.
Dear Friends,

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) was founded at the turn of the 20th century to provide safe haven and assistance to vulnerable populations. This included animals, both working and domestic, as well as victims of domestic abuse and orphaned children. Although we limited our sheltering services to animals as human service agencies evolved, our commitment to helping people has remained steadfast through the decades.

In 2018, we renew our promise to create a humane community for people and pets. We will continue to do this by providing outstanding care for animals in need and by ensuring that our programming is meeting the needs of our supporters.

In this issue, I am excited to share a couple recent adoption successes with you. You will read about our commitment to provide care to cats like Newton and Fry of the Fabulous 54. These two special cats found homes with terrific adopters and have blossomed into amazing pets. You’ll also learn about new efforts to help pet owners in times of crisis through our relaunched Pet Food Bank. Finally, you’ll discover ways for individuals, families and children to get involved.

As always, PHS is your community’s resource for all things animal. We look forward to serving you.

Humanely Yours,

Julie Bank, President/CEO
Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA

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Fabulous Fry

In January 2018, the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) rescued 54 cats from a single home in Pasadena. The cats had been living in horrible conditions and were fearful of humans. Our animal control officers safely transported “The Fabulous 54” to the shelter for care. They received medical evaluations, were spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and placed up for adoption. We hoped that the cats would adjust well to living as pets, but because of their past, we couldn’t be sure. We appealed to the community to help us find them homes.

Heather Paul was one of the many generous individuals that decided to adopt. She admitted it was “a bit of a gamble,” but when she met Fry, it was love at first sight. She brought him home that same day. Over the next few weeks, she watched his personality blossom. At first, Fry would flinch when he met new people, now he purrs when petted. Fry has even become great friends with the resident dog. His favorite things include chasing toys down the hallway, watching birds through the window, and serenading the household with his meowing.

Thank you, Heather, for taking a chance on Fry. And a huge thanks to our supporters who enabled us to rescue, care for, and ultimately find homes for these special cats.

Learn more about the Fabulous 54 at pasadenahumane.org/fab54.
Pet Food Bank

Sadly, many pets find themselves at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) because their owners can no longer afford the cost of basic care. To help pet owners keep their beloved friends, PHS is expanding its pet food bank as part of its Helping Paws program.

The Pet Food Bank is a free program providing individuals and families facing financial hardship with food and basic supplies for their pets. Members will receive a supply of food and essentials at monthly distribution events held at the shelter and in the community. To become a member, pet owners must agree to have their animals spayed/neutered, vaccinated and licensed (when required by law). Financial assistance for spay/neuter and vaccine services is also available.

“The new Pet Food Bank provides a lifeline for struggling pet owners,” said Preston Lopez, Helping Paws program coordinator at PHS. “Our hope is that we help more animals stay in their homes and out of the shelter.”

Information is available online at pasadenahumane.org/helpingpaws or in person at the shelter.

If you or someone you know needs help keeping a pet, email helpingpaws@pasadenahumane.org or call 626.792.7151 ext. 281 today.

IT’S HEATING UP OUTSIDE!

Make a spay/neuter appointment for your pet today at pasadenahumane.org/snip.

Critter Camp

A week-long camp for animal lovers 9 to 12 with six sessions running from June 25 to August 3

To register: pasadenahumane.org/kids.

Camp includes:
- Hands-on animal activities
- Arts and crafts
- Fun and games
- Humane Education

Critter Camps run Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm. The cost for each camper is $300.

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San Marino Motor Classic

Tickets are now available for the annual San Marino Motor Classic on Sunday, June 10 at Lacy Park in San Marino. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., stroll among more than 200 vintage, mint-condition motor cars representing the best of American and European automotive ingenuity.

Proceeds from this popular event support the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) along with the Rotary Club of San Marino.

Tickets for the show can be purchased through PHS for just $10 each (children 12 and under are free). One hundred percent of ticket sales made online or in person at the shelter will directly benefit the animals in our care.

Visit pasadenahumane.org/smmc to buy your tickets today or stop by our office at PHS. The deadline to purchase tickets online is Thursday, May 31. Tickets will be available for purchase in person at the shelter until Saturday, June 9.

SAVE THE DATE:
20th Annual Wiggle Waggle Walk

Mark your calendars! The 20th Annual Wiggle Waggle Walk will be held on Sunday, September 30 at Brookside Park at the Rose Bowl. Help us raise $200,000 for the 11,000 homeless, abandoned and stray animals that come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) each year.

Registration will open June 1! Create a team, join an existing team or sign up as an individual. Build your personal fundraising page and invite friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to join in on the fun.

No dog, no problem! You can still walk for the animals! Not able to join us at the Walk? Help by fundraising online for the animals.

All registered participants receive a t-shirt and a dog bandana. The more money you raise, the more PHS swag you get. Reach $1,000 and receive a permanent 20th Annual Wiggle Waggle Walk tile that will be installed at the PHS campus!

Let’s make this a 20th anniversary Walk to remember for years to come!

Sign on to wigglewagglewalk.org to register, find fundraising tips, a list of our prizes and the schedule of the festivities for the day of the event.

Location
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The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is a donor-supported, nonprofit organization that provides animal care and services for homeless and owned animals in the Greater Los Angeles Area. The organization is dedicated to promoting humane treatment and compassion and care for all animals. The animals in its care come from 11 animal control contract cities, as well as partner shelters across the Los Angeles area and beyond. The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA also offers lifesaving programs and services to the community that support the human-animal bond and keep pets in homes. To learn more, visit pasadenahumane.org.