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PHS lends a paw during the Woolsey Fire

The animal welfare community is often described as a small, and close knit one; a statement that rings no truer than during times of crisis. Although last November's Woolsey Fire was some distance away from Pasadena, the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) did not hesitate to respond to those in need, immediately stepping up to help countless animals affected by the fire.

PHS employees worked around the clock for nearly a week at Taft Charter High School and Pierce College in Woodland Hills, which housed hundreds of animals evacuated from the fire zone. At those sites, they helped feed animals, walk dogs, and clean crates and litter boxes. They assisted in loading and unloading horses, treated burns, answered questions from the public, and accepted and sorted donations.

The mutual aid we provided was not limited to the evacuation centers. When a Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control facility in Agoura Hills had to evacuate nearly 100 animals to its other locations throughout the county, PHS again stepped in—transferring animals into our facility so that those county shelters could make room for the evacuated animals.

When the crisis was over, 53 PHS employees had worked an additional 670.5 hours on fire relief efforts, and PHS had transferred in 59 animals from county facilities, notably the Baldwin Park shelter.

One of those 59 animals was Caribou, a handsome Collie-German Shepherd mix whose high energy and sweet demeanor made him a favorite among the staff here. The three-year-old spent more than a month at PHS before he found his new home, a chance he might not have had were it not for the assistance PHS provided to the county.



PHS is rightly proud of the work we did during the Woolsey Fire. But this effort would not have been possible without the support of our donors, who contributed more than \$30,000 and countless supplies during this time to help us help others. Thank you!

Letter from the President/CEO



Dear Friends,

Every day when I come to work, the first thing I do is walk around the shelter to say good morning to each and every staff member and volunteer on campus. It takes a little while because we've grown so much in recent years. It's the best part of my day though - because I get to see our team in action as they provide vital care and support to our animal friends. It energizes and inspires me to see them working together to achieve our collective goal of compassion and care for all animals.

2018 was an action-packed year for Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS). Your generosity and support allowed us to change the lives of thousands of homeless dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, and other critters. Renewed in our commitment to create a humane community for people and pets, we improved and expanded our outreach and humane education programs as well. Here are some of the highlights of what your support has helped us achieve:

- 1601 dogs and 185 puppies found new loving homes
- 843 cats and 2035 kittens also found families to love
- Our Wiggle Waggle Wagon provided wellness services and mobile adoption events at community locations throughout the San Gabriel Valley
- Volunteers gave 54,065 hours of service, equivalent to 26 full-time staff positions

In this issue, I am excited to share some recent adoption successes with you. You'll also read about how our team mobilized to help animals affected by the wildfires that devastated communities in California.

In reflecting on what we were able to accomplish in 2018, I'm filled with a great sense of pride and honor to work in an organization that makes such a powerful impact for our animal friends - and excited about what we will do in 2019! With your continued support, we look forward to a terrific year ahead!

Humanely yours,

Ruthie Hughes
Interim President & CEO

Saving Lives Through Fostering



Samantha Heer

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) takes in nearly 12,000 animals every year, most of which are cared for and housed within our shelter, but sometimes we need a little extra help, particularly during the warmer months when multiple litters of kittens and puppies find their way to our doors.

To give a second chance to as many of these most vulnerable animals as possible, PHS relies on a dedicated group of foster volunteers to help care for them until they reach a weight where they can be spayed or neutered and ultimately adopted.

Each of these volunteers is special, but one of our most tireless is Samantha Heer. Since joining the program in June 2014, she has fostered 63 kittens

Leaving a Legacy for the Animals

Gillan Abercrombie Frame and Greg Frame are among the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA's (PHS) most loyal donors, having given to the animals for more than 20 years. The longtime La Canada residents, who have two children, ages 13 and 15, have also adopted a number of animals from PHS over the years, including two dogs, two rabbits, two chinchillas, and a cat.

Judging by their adoption history, the couple's commitment to animal welfare is evident. So, too, is their commitment to PHS. In addition to making annual gifts to the shelter, they have included PHS in their estate plans so that other animals who come to us will get the same second chance as their pets.

"Animal welfare is very important to our family," said Gillan about the couple's decision. "PHS has been instrumental in educating the public about the importance of spaying and neutering animals, which has been effective in reducing the number of homeless and abandoned animals in the community."

By naming PHS in their trust Gillan and Greg became part of our Legacy Society, whose members receive invitations to special events, recognition in our annual report, and a discount in our Shelter Shop. However, those benefits are not the reason why they took this step.

Gillan, who has also served on the shelter's board of directors and was a founder of PHS' auxiliary, the Pasadena Animal League, hopes that planned gifts like theirs will one day mean that every animal has a home.

Learn more about joining PHS' Legacy Society at pasadenahumane.org/giftlegacy



Your Will, Your Pet and Your Legacy

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA invites you to a complimentary estate-planning seminar on **Wednesday, May 22 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Please join us to learn how to include your companion animals in your will to ensure their continued well-being. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Our presenter will cover topics including planning for your pets after you are gone, an introduction to wills and trusts, pet trusts, how your advanced planning can provide for PHS to help other animals, and more.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 17 to 626.792.7151 ext. 167 or mdunn@pasadenahumane.org.



(nine litters of which included the mother cat) and 10 bunnies (including a litter of eight with mother rabbit).

"Fostering is important for several reasons, the most obvious of which is that you are saving lives," Samantha said. "It also allows for kittens (and mother cats) to become socialized in a comfortable environment, increasing their chances for adoption."

On average, PHS fosters about 575 animals annually. "That is a lot of vulnerable lives that have been saved," Samantha added, noting one kitty in particular that stole the Heer family's hearts.

"Jazzy was one of a litter of five, each of which had varying degrees of Cerebellar Hypoplasia (Wobbly Kitten Syndrome)," she said. "Jazzy was the most severe and the only one we could not find a home for. Out of all of my fosters, she is the only one I kept."

With kitten season just around the corner, PHS is now recruiting new foster volunteers. PHS provides training, supplies, veterinary care, and support. Our volunteers provide love and time. For more information about the PHS Foster Program, and to become a foster, email volunteer@pasadenahumane.org

PHS Launches Planned Giving Website

A planned gift is an opportunity to ensure the values you hold dear continue to live on in a legacy of kindness. But planning for the future can be a daunting task. To help our donors establish their legacies, the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) has launched a new interactive Gift Legacy website. It is chock full of resources, including a free estate planning guide and free e-newsletters with new articles every week.

You will also find inspirational stories about donors who have already included PHS in their estate plans and information on all the ways you can help the animals—from straightforward bequests to charitable gift annuities to naming PHS as a beneficiary of your IRA or life insurance policy.

The site also includes helpful calculators that show you the income and tax benefits you will gain through different gift and trust models, and much more!

TO LEARN MORE, visit pasadenahumane.org/giftlegacy

Kitten Shower Donation Drive

We need your help! During the entire month of March we will need the following items as we prepare for kitten season:

- Royal Canin Mother & Babycat Ultra Soft Mousse Canned Cat Food
- Science Diet Dry Kitten Food
- Kitten Milk Replacer
- Heating Pads
- Pet Wipes
- Miracle Nipples mini with syringes
- Bottles
- World's Best Cat Litter

We will gratefully accept these items in our Adoptions and Front Office. Thank you!

The Pasadena Humane Society's 20th Annual Doglegs, Birdies & Eagles golf tournament is upon us!

For 20 years community members have come together for a day of golf to save the lives of animals in our community.

Tee up on April 15, 2019 and join us for a wonderful tournament in a beautiful setting, Pasadena's exclusive Annandale Golf Club, including on-course lunch, cocktail reception, delicious dinner and a rousing silent and live auction. All golfers are welcome to join. Gather your foursome of players and get ready to hit the green!



You don't need to be a golfer to participate in this event. Just join us for cocktails, dinner and maybe bid on an auction item or two. Golfers can purchase additional tickets for spouses, significant others or friends.

The proceeds of this tournament go toward providing food, shelter and veterinary care to nearly 12,000 animals who come through our doors every year.

Sponsorships, program ads and dinner tickets are available now. Sponsorship opportunities start at the \$500 tee sign level and program ads begin at \$200. Dinner tickets are \$125 a person.

Make sure to book your tournament foursome quickly as spaces fill up fast. For more information please call 626.792.7151 ext. 164 or email events@pasadenahumane.org. We hope to see you there!



New Opportunity!

Permanently honor or memorize a loved one on a bench at the Pasadena Humane Society. Proceeds will help us provide food, shelter, veterinary care and so much more to the animals in our community. There is limited availability so contact us today! To learn more: 626.792.7151 ext. 123 or development@pasadenahumane.org.

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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.

