



PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY & SPCA

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COMMUNITY AMID CRISIS

The COVID-19 crisis was something we could never have imagined occurring, but when the pandemic hit our community this spring, the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) swiftly responded.

In the face of a fluid and evolving situation, PHS quickly moved into the second of a three-phase emergency plan to address the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, clients, and animals. This meant closing our doors to the public and finding foster families for our animals in order to keep on-site staff at a minimum and avoid unnecessary contact.

What seemed to be a daunting task turned out to be the opposite. Within 72 hours of entering phase two, nearly all our animals — dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and turtles — were placed. More than 150 animals at the time this article went to press were in loving foster homes. Animals in our hospital and in protective custody, as well as wildlife, remained at the shelter for continued care.



“We had an absolute outpouring of people wanting to help. We received so many calls, we could probably have cleared our shelter a dozen times over,” said Chris Ramon, manager of our Kitten Nursery, Foster, and Transport Programs, who was still working through more than 500 emails at press time.

Not that we complained. Shortly after this achievement, PHS moved into phase three of our plan which limited public access to our shelter even more. Although we continued to respond to emergency calls and take in strays and owner-relinquished animals, albeit curbside, we sadly had to halt adoptions. But thanks to teamwork and ingenuity, our staff soon had a new, virtual adoption program up and running that showcases our wonderful animals while keeping everyone — staff, foster families, adopters, and the animals — safe.

DEAR FRIENDS,

As we all grapple with enormous challenges due to the COVID-19 crisis, Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) remains committed to providing essential lifesaving services for lost, homeless, abandoned and injured pets in need of rescue, shelter and veterinary care.

Towards that end, PHS earlier this year joined a growing number of animal welfare organizations across the country in committing to **Socially Conscious Animal Sheltering**.

While the term “Socially Conscious Animal Sheltering” is new, the tenets are the same as the guiding principles we have already been using at PHS.

At PHS, like other Socially Conscious Shelters, we ensure every unwanted and homeless pet has a safe place to go for shelter and care, regardless of health, age, breed or other criteria.

We assess and treat medical and behavioral needs, placing every healthy and safe animal and enhancing the human-animal bond through post-adoption support.

For medical conditions that do not have a prognosis for a good quality of life, or for severe behavior problems that make animals a danger to others, we alleviate suffering and make appropriate euthanasia decisions.

Core to our values, we foster a culture of transparency, ethical decision-making, mutual respect, continual learning, and collaboration to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

We're proud to join other esteemed animal welfare organizations across the country in making our communities safer and more humane. THANK YOU for your continued support of the life saving work being done here every day!

With appreciation,



Dia DuVernet
President & CEO
Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA



kitten season is here!

Young kittens have started to arrive at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. Before they can be adopted, these adorable babies must spend a few weeks in a foster home growing big and strong.

Can you temporarily open up your home to a litter of tiny kittens? We provide all the supplies and 24/7 support.

Learn more at pasadenahumane.org/foster.

DOUBLE THE SPACE FOR SHELTER CATS

This year, we had an exciting new upgrade to our Neely Cat Center with the addition of portals in all our cat kennels. Portals allow us to connect two or more kennels, so each cat now has double or triple the space. Food and water are no longer in the same area as litter boxes, and cats have more choice as to where they spend their time.

The benefits of portals were instantaneous. Cats are now choosing to sleep in cozy cat beds instead of litter boxes. They seem more relaxed and extra playful. And the best part, fewer cats are getting sick from kennel stress.

As an added bonus, our cat care staff report that the portals make their jobs a lot easier. Whereas before, cleaning duties required caretakers to either remove the cat from their kennel or clean around the cat, now kitty stays in one side of the kennel while the other side is being cleaned. This makes everyone's job quicker, easier and less stressful.

When animals are happy and healthy, they're more adoptable and their shelter length of stay decreases dramatically. Overall, we expect to be able to help more cats while reducing the amount of time each cat spends in the shelter. A win-win for our community and for the cats who come through our doors.



SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT GLENN CAMHI

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) is clearly a special place for Glenn Camhi. Over the course of 20 years, he and his husband have adopted four dogs from the shelter and supported our mission through regular donations.

Already an adopter and donor, in 2018 Glenn took the next step and became a volunteer. It's a calling that combines two of his passions: photography and helping dogs find homes. If you've scrolled through the photos of stray and adoptable dogs on our website, you've seen his work.

"I give them time to get comfortable and wait for the moment when you can see and capture their personality, and capture it in a way that lets potential adopters see what they are really like," he said.

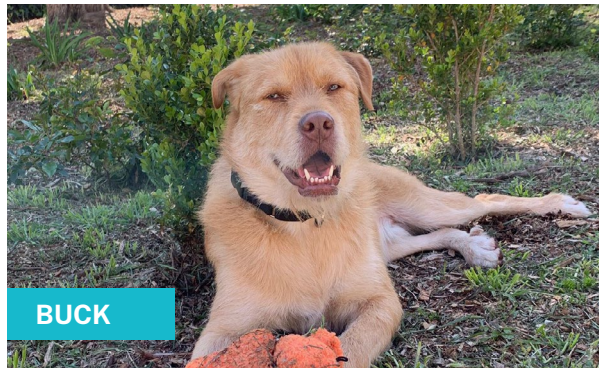
Glenn is also one of our busiest Foster Field Trip volunteers. Launched in 2019, this program allows volunteers to take dogs out of PHS and to any number of places in the community to boost their adoption chances through interaction with the public in a non-shelter environment. Glenn was the program's first volunteer and to date has completed 40 trips, most of which were with hard to place dogs that were ultimately adopted thanks to Glenn's commitment to them.

"I tend to love the dogs others think are difficult," he said, "So it's always heartwarming when they finally find the perfect home."

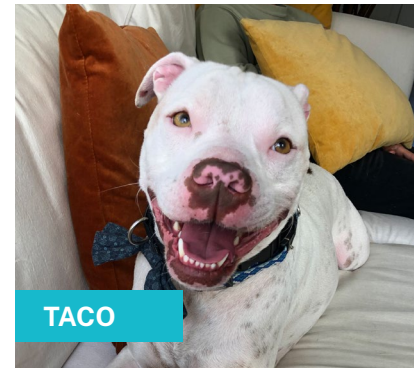




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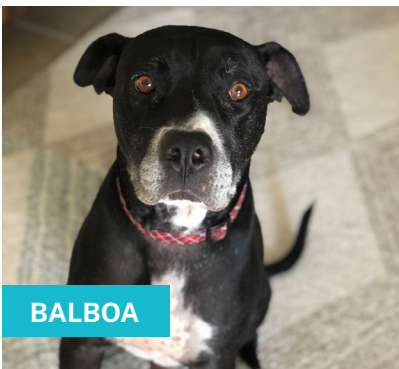
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FOSTER FAMILIES HELP CLEAR THE SHELTER

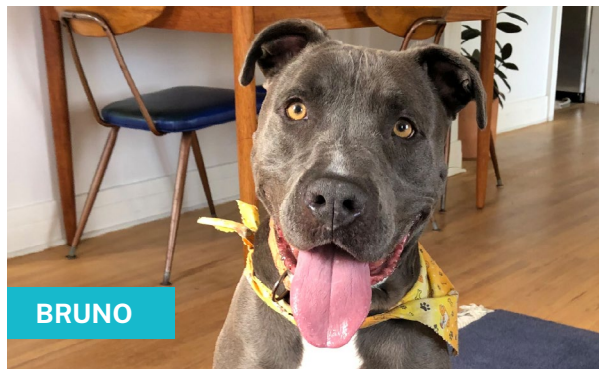
During the COVID-19 pandemic, our community has come forward like never before. Within days of closing the shelter to the public, all adoptable dogs, cats and critters were placed in loving foster homes. The pets enjoyed living in a real home while they waited to be adopted. And, because the pets were in a home rather than the shelter, our adoption counselors learned valuable information that could be shared with the pets' new forever families.



SHADOW



BALBOA



BRUNO



MAY

events CALENDAR

For a full list of virtual & in person events, visit pasadenahumane.org/events.

did you know?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security or "CARES" Act includes changes to charitable giving for 2020. You can now claim an "above the line" deduction of up to \$300 in charitable contributions — meaning you don't have to itemize your taxes to claim this deduction. If you do itemize, the bill also suspends the cap on annual giving for 2020, currently 50% of adjusted gross income, and raises the annual limit for corporations from 10% to 25%. Gifts to donor advised funds do not qualify and donations must be in cash to qualified nonprofits like the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. Please check with your tax advisor on how you can take advantage of these changes.

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.

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