



Scoop

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TWIG at Pasadena Humane

TINY BUT MIGHTY

Twig may be tiny, but he has proven to be a trooper.

Abandoned at Pasadena Humane during a cold spell, the sweet but shy 11-month-old Chihuahua mix was alone, scared, and injured as evidenced by the bandage wrapped around his front left leg.

X-rays revealed two serious fractures to that leg. The breaks were so severe, in fact, that it appeared the leg had simply “snapped like a twig,” a discovery that earned him his endearing name.

Our veterinary team first attempted to let the fractures heal on their own by placing a cast on his leg and prescribing weekly bandage changes, pain medication, and crate rest in our Intensive Care Unit. However, it quickly became clear the limb was not healing as planned and was in danger of needing amputation without immediate intervention. Twig soon underwent surgery to stabilize the fracture.

Once on the road to recovery, we transferred Twig to foster care where he continued to gain mobility and strength as his leg healed. Just over a month later, he found his forever home with David Bernard and Rick Stoeker.

With two dogs already, the couple was not looking to adopt another. However, once they met Twig, they knew he needed to join the family.

“We just fell in love with him,” said David. “He is a perfect fit and is doing great.” He added that he and Rick decided right away to keep his charming moniker. “It just suits him,” David said.

We don’t know how Twig came to be injured so badly or why he was abandoned, but thanks to your support and the critical care provided by Pasadena Humane, this spunky little guy was able to beat the odds.



TWIG, SID & IVAN

DEAR FRIENDS,

With your support, our dedicated staff and volunteers have shown great initiative in coming up with new ways to provide our lifesaving work to the community. From telemedicine for animals living in foster homes, to expanded distribution of pet food through our Pet Food Bank, we are here for the animals who need us just as we have been for over 100 years.

In the early 1900s, our organization was founded as the **Pasadena Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Dumb Animals**, with a mission to care for abused children and draft animals. Many years ago we changed our legal name to **The Pasadena Humane Society**, which it remains today. And, for the last few decades, we've gone by **Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA**, which is quite a mouthful!

I'm pleased and excited to announce that we are now doing business as **Pasadena Humane**. Equipped with a shortened name, new typography and refreshed logo designs, we are as committed as ever to the welfare of our community's animals. With your continued support, Pasadena Humane will continue to thrive. The animals depend on us, and we will not let them down!

With appreciation,



DIA DUVERNET
President & CEO
Pasadena Humane



PET FOOD BANK FILLS CRITICAL GAP FOR PET OWNERS



The ASPCA donated over 50,000 pounds of dog and cat food to our Pet Food Bank during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Pet Food Bank has become a critical lifesaving resource for more pets than ever in these uncertain economic times. When COVID-19 hit, we knew we needed to figure out a safe way to continue getting much-needed food and supplies to pets in our community.

During the pandemic, Pet Food Bank membership grew dramatically. The average number of pets receiving food each month rose from 133 to 287, an increase of 115%. To meet this rising demand, we developed a drive-through Pet Food Bank model, where members place their orders ahead of time and our staff deliver the much-needed supplies curbside.

With the drive-through Pet Food Bank and your support, we are able to safely serve pets like Artemis. His owner Janet joined the Pet Food Bank due to limited funds. Janet now puts the money aside that she saves on cat food and litter for Artemis' vet visits and emergencies.

The Pet Food Bank is part of Helping Paws, a safety net program that assists pet owners in need. Helping Paws provides free or subsidized spay/neuter and vaccines, medical vouchers, and emergency boarding with the goal of keeping pets out of the shelters and with their families.

HEROES CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT: DICK GOODSPEED

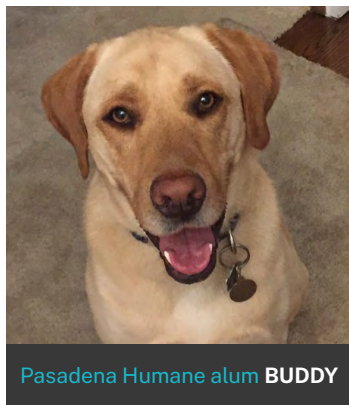
Animals have always held a special place in Dick Goodspeed's heart. "Even when I was a kid," he said, his dog Buddy at his side, "I was the guy who took care of all the neighborhood animals."

It's a love he shared with his wife of 60 years, Sandra, who passed away in April. No matter where they lived, the couple always found an animal welfare organization to support.

Although Dick is a self-professed "dog person," the Goodspeed household welcomed critters of all stripes, including dogs, cats, turtles, hamsters, and snakes. Eventually, because of Sandra, opossums joined the menagerie.



Sandra's passion for wildlife began as a volunteer for a Northern California wildlife center. Once the couple settled in La Cañada and Pasadena Humane became their cause, Sandra started volunteering, attained certification as a wildlife rehabilitator, and regularly cared for orphaned and injured opossums at the couple's home. She soon became known as "the opossum lady."



"We were impressed with the facilities and the dedication of the employees," said Dick. "And Sandra very much felt part of the organization."

Over nearly 25 years, Sandra and Dick's commitment to Pasadena Humane grew. They joined our Heroes Circle of donors — those who donate a minimum of \$1,000 annually — and Sandra served on our board of directors. Today, Dick is honoring Sandra's memory as a board member himself and by helping make our new wildlife facility, to be named the Sandra J. Goodspeed Wildlife Center, a reality.

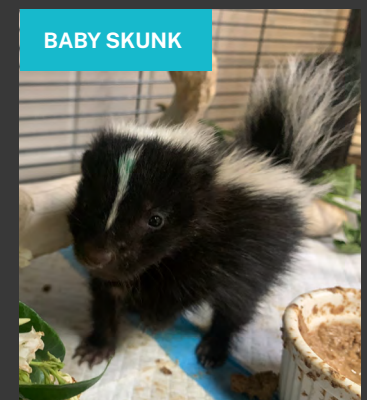
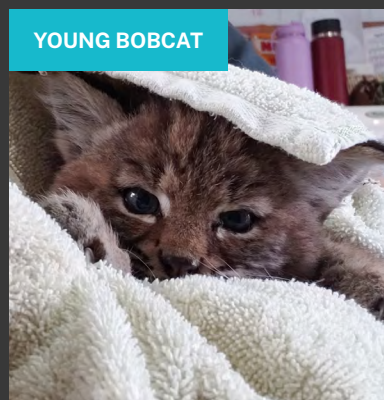
Pasadena Humane has long treated and rehabilitated local wildlife. Our new center will elevate our standard of wildlife care by providing more space for intensive treatments and quiet isolation areas for adult animals. It will also allow us to care for more patients long-term and provide more effective de-escalation of high-stress patients.

Once this project is completed, Dick wants to see the shelter continue to evolve to meet community needs, while maintaining its status as one of the country's premier shelters. It's something he strongly encourages others to invest in.

"This community is more generous than most, and it shows in the quality of Pasadena Humane," he said. "[Donors] need to feel proud of that and to recognize their responsibility to the communities Pasadena Humane serves. That support needs to continue."

it's baby wildlife season AT PASADENA HUMANE!

They may look cute and cuddly, but these critters aren't available for adoption. We provide medical care and rehabilitate injured, ill or orphaned wildlife with the goal of releasing them back outdoors.





Pasadena Humane's 22nd annual Wiggle Waggle Walk is going virtual for 2020 and you're invited to join thousands of fellow animal lovers on Sunday, September 27 for a walk around YOUR BLOCK to raise funds for animals in need!

The Wiggle Waggle Walk is our biggest fundraiser of the year with proceeds providing food, shelter, veterinary care, and more to the over 11,000 animals who come to Pasadena Humane every year. In addition to the walk, there will be a roster of fun-filled activities — including live streaming, a Virtual Vendor Fair, contests, and prizes — to enjoy.

You can register as an individual or as part of a team on wigglewagglewalk.org and then start fundraising for the animals by asking family, friends, and coworkers for donations. This year you can link your Facebook page to your Wiggle Waggle Walk page for even more fundraising power! As always, the more you raise, the more prizes you can earn such as a tile on the Wiggle Waggle Walk of Fame, an invitation to the exclusive Heroes Circle Reception, and much more.

On event day, tune into Facebook Live to hear from special guests and sponsors, then get moving in your neighborhood with your furry friends. But the fun doesn't stop after your walk or run. Be sure to visit our Virtual Vendor Fair, an interactive online map of participating vendors and sponsors. Click on each virtual "booth" for a description of the partner and a direct link to their website where you can purchase items or learn about their mission.

For questions and more information about the day's events and contests leading up to the Walk, visit wigglewagglewalk.org or email clacey@pasadenahumane.org.



events CALENDAR

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

Pasadena Humane 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 areas, as well as partner shelters across the Los Angeles area and beyond. Pasadena Humane 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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