



PASADENA HUMANE

# SCOOP

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## TIGRE'S TRANSFORMATION



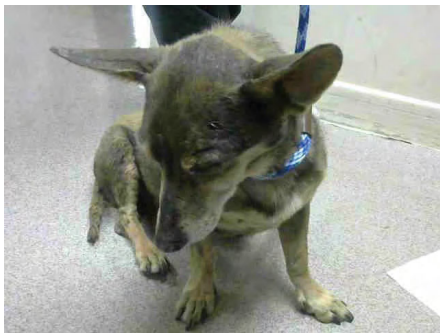
### A senior dog is given a second chance at life thanks to you

Life on the streets couldn't have been easy for a dog like Tigre. The 14-year-old Chihuahua/terrier mix wandered the neighborhood, lost, confused, and in need of urgent medical attention. When he was found, his hip bones protruded beneath a patchy coat laden with a horrible flea and tick infestation. Large areas of fur were missing over his entire body and multiple masses grew on his underside.

After numerous surgeries, rigorous parasite control and medicated baths provided by the Pasadena Humane medical team, Tigre began to feel better. As his fur grew back, his personality began to shine. He transformed from a sick, scared stray to a beloved family member.

"Tigre was the best thing that happened to us," shared William and Nicole Lobart, his adopters. "The joy of seeing a sick dog recover and being able to enjoy life again reminds us that it's never too late and that every day counts."

At many shelters, Tigre's age and condition would have meant a death sentence, but thanks to the generous support of animal lovers like you, Tigre received the medical care and personalized attention he needed to heal.



TIGRE arriving at Pasadena Humane



TIGRE on a road trip with his new family



TIGRE in his forever home

# DEAR FRIENDS,

As the pandemic continues on, I am constantly reminded of how fortunate we are to have supporters like you. Your generosity has enabled us to provide compassion and care for thousands of animals during the COVID-19 crisis.

We care for all animals at Pasadena Humane — companion animals, wildlife and the occasional farm friend — but I want to take a moment to talk about cats.

Many cat guardians question whether they should allow their feline companions to roam free outdoors. While the benefits of fresh air and sunshine are real, so too are the dangers. Cats that spend time wandering outdoors are more likely to contract infectious diseases, get fleas, be hit by a car, fall victim to a coyote, or find themselves “lost” at an animal shelter.



I always encourage keeping cats enclosed, and I also recognize the desire of many cat owners to give them outdoor time. A fun and safe way to let your cat catch some rays is by building a catio, a secure “cat patio” attached to your home. Not only are catios great for cats, they have the added benefit of protecting birds and other wildlife.

This year, we will be sharing more resources and tips for keeping cats healthy and happy at home. We hope you will follow along!

With Appreciation,

**DIA DUVERNET**  
President & CEO  
Pasadena Humane

## CHICKEN CROSSES THE ROAD TO SAFETY

Your support makes it possible for us to help all animals in need... even chickens! When Eileen was found as a stray, her right foot was turned completely backwards from an incorrectly healed fracture. The poor bird couldn't put any weight on her right leg. She couldn't walk or even stand.

We knew that Eileen's chances at a happy life depended on restoring the use of her injured limb. So, in a Pasadena Humane first, our veterinarians surgically re-fractured Eileen's leg so it could be rotated into the correct position, and then attached an external skeletal fixation (ESF) device to stabilize it. Not only was this the first time we had utilized an ESF device on an animal, but it was also the first time we had ever done surgery on a chicken!

Now on the road to recovery, Eileen started daily physical therapy with our health staff. After four weeks, Eileen had healed so well that she was able to have her ESF removed, and even started running around the Shelter Medicine building... and crowing! In a surprising twist, it turns out Eileen was actually a rooster. He was renamed Eileen-Iano — and with his new name and a fresh start, he was transferred to a rescue where he could continue his journey toward finding his forever home.



EILEEN-IANO in the Pasadena Humane ICU



## HEROES CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT: **JOHN HERMANN**



**JOHN & DONNA HERMANN** with cat **HUMMER**

Former UCLA Bruin John Hermann speaks proudly of the two Rose Bowl games he played in during the mid-1950s. It was an experience, he said, that created a lasting love for Pasadena.

Decades later, he made a decision to help homeless animals and pay tribute to his late wife, Donna. Both grew up with dogs, but cats soon became an integral part of their life. Their first cat, John joked, appeared on their doorstep shortly after they were married and “adopted” them.

John, who played in the NFL before returning to UCLA to coach, wanted to make a significant six figure gift to help as many cats as possible. After researching several animal welfare organizations, he chose Pasadena Humane.

“All the research pointed to Pasadena Humane. It’s an outstanding organization,” he said. “I like the people, and it’s the people who make it work.”

John’s generosity will fund our cat care program and renovations to our communal cat room. In the coming years, he will make another substantial six figure gift — this time for the dogs in our care.

John wanted to make these gifts now, rather than as bequests, so that he can see their impact. He encourages others to follow his example.

“Whether it’s a little, or a lot, you can see how your donation helps. You can be part of it,” he said. “I know I did the right thing. Donna would have been happy with the decision as well.”

## **TWICE THE SPACE** FOR SHELTER DOGS

During this pandemic, Pasadena Humane has been busy completing a project to “portalize” our dog kennels. With the shelter closed to walk-in visitors and our animals placed in foster care, we successfully installed portals in all of our main dog kennels. Portals allow each dog access to two kennels, giving them double the space.

The benefits of portals are many and result in animals finding new homes more quickly. The added space means an animal is more likely to express normal and natural behaviors, like eating and eliminating away from where they rest. Fewer animals on campus means less noise, fear, and distress and a decrease in stress-related illnesses.



Portals are recommended as part of the Capacity for Care model of animal sheltering that we adopted in 2019. Capacity for Care refers to the number of animals that Pasadena Humane can house while upholding the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare.

Portals do not mean that we must permanently reduce the number of animals we take in. Instead it aims to move animals more quickly through the shelter system and into new homes. And because the portals can be opened and closed as needed, we are ready to house more animals whenever necessary.

### **5 freedoms** OF ANIMAL WELFARE

1. Freedom from hunger and thirst
2. Freedom from discomfort
3. Freedom from pain, injury or disease
4. Freedom from fear and distress
5. Freedom to express normal behavior



# HOLE IN ONE FOR THE ANIMALS

Join us for the “par-tee” at the 22nd annual Doglegs, Birdies, & Eagles Golf Tournament on Monday, April 12. Get some fresh air on the course with your friends for a good cause. (Golf subject to COVID-19 restrictions.) Not a golfer? No problem! You can participate in the Virtual Dinner Celebration and online auction from anywhere. Watch the show and auction from the comfort of your own home and know that you are helping the animals with every bid. Are you also feeling lucky? Buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win part of the pot. Check out more information at [pasadenahumane.org/golf](https://pasadenahumane.org/golf).



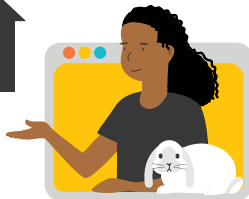
## A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT THE ANIMALS

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## kids for animals at home



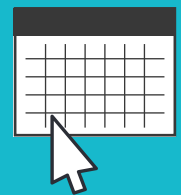
Pasadena Humane is excited to bring our Kids for Animals program into your home!

Activities are geared toward kids ages 2-17.

Browse and register for upcoming programs at:

[pasadenahumane.org/kidsonline](https://pasadenahumane.org/kidsonline)

## events CALENDAR



For a full list of virtual & in-person events, visit

[pasadenahumane.org/events](https://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](https://pasadenahumane.org).



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