# PASADENA HUMANE SCOOLOJJO MAY 2021

## 12 CATS SAVED FROM HOARDING



#### A Painful Past Turns Into a Hopeful Future Thanks to Your Support

In January 2021, we received an urgent call that multiple cats had been abandoned in a single Pasadena home after their owner passed away. The cats were friendly, the caller reported, but some appeared to be in desperate need of medical care.

The cats arrived at Pasadena Humane in the evening, each in a small carrier. They were transferred to clean kennels ready with blankets, food and water. It was immediately apparent that all the cats would need medical intervention.

The majority of the cats suffered from severe upper respiratory, eye and ear infections and flea infestations. Some of the cats had congenital eye issues that would require surgery to repair. One of the cats had a head tilt, the result of an untreated inner ear infection.

Because of supporters like you, all 12 cats immediately began treatment. With medical care, a warm place to sleep and affection, the cats quickly began to show signs of improvement.

As soon as they were healthy enough, the cats were spayed or neutered and some had specialized surgery for their eyes. And within just a few weeks of their arrival, the cats were ready to find new homes where they would be the center of attention.

You, along with many other heroes, helped make a difference in the lives of these 12 cats. Thank you for being part of their journey.





## DEAR FRIEND,

Pasadena Humane is more than just an animal shelter. We are a full-fledged animal welfare organization committed to all of our community's animals, including owned pets.

With your support, we are able to help thousands of companion animals and their owners each year with programs like affordable spay/neuter, a low-cost vaccination clinic and pet training. These programs provide pets with preventative care, while strengthening the human-animal bond.

Many of our programs and services connect pet owners in need with critical pet care resources. Programs like our pet food bank, veterinary vouchers, emergency pet boarding, and feewaived clinic services help pets stay with their families and out of shelters.

And for those times when an owner needs to rehome their pet, we now offer Home-to-Home adoptions. This service allows pet owners to post their pet's photo and details on our website and directly connect with potential adopters without the pet ever having to spend a night in a kennel.

As always, we are here for all of our community's companion animals and wildlife. Thanks to your ongoing generosity, we will continue to provide shelter, food, and medical care for homeless and injured animals, while expanding services to keep pets in homes with families who love them.

With Appreciation,

**DIA DUVERNET** President & CEO Pasadena Humane

### COCO REUNITES WITH HIS FAMILY

Coco was found walking down the freeway toward Glendale. He was dirty, his fur was matted, and he was very scared. A kind couple brought him to Pasadena Humane, where our staff cleaned him up and cared for him. But the shy dog didn't have any form of identification, so we had no way of knowing where he came from.



A few days later, we got a call from someone who thought Coco was her dog that had gone missing some time before. We asked her to come in to take a closer look, and when she approached Coco's kennel, the scared little dog came out of his den at the back of his kennel and started crying. His owner cried too, and we knew we had reunited this lost pup with his human. The relieved owner took her dog home – but not before we gave Coco a microchip and a name tag for his collar.

When a beloved pet goes missing, the search for them can be heart-wrenching. Make sure your pet is always wearing a visible ID tag with your current contact information and is microchipped. Make an appointment to get your pet microchipped at **pasadenahumane.org**.



## HEROES CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT: BEVERLY MARKSBURY

Beverly Marksbury moved to Pasadena in 1985 and has been an ardent supporter of Pasadena Humane almost from the day she put down roots here. As with many of the shelter's lasting relationships, it started with a furry friend.

She recounts a 1988 event at which there were several adoptable animals from Pasadena Humane, including one especially cuddly cat. "I fell in love with an orange tabby when he crawled up onto my shoulder and fell asleep!" she said. The very next day Wolfgang had a new, loving home, and Pasadena Humane had a new fan.

McCavity, adopted from Pasadena Humane, and Figaro, adopted from her veterinarian, followed Wolfgang. And today it is Pasadena Humane alums Sam, Duncan, and Charlie who keep Beverly company. She noted how impressed she has always been with the shelter's adoption process and with the people who make it — and all our programs — happen.

"The dedication of the staff and support of the volunteers is fabulous," she said. "The people who work for the shelter really care about its mission and the animals. The Animal Control Officers, in particular, do a great job in helping get stray animals off the streets."

Over the years, Beverly steadily increased her support of the shelter to become a member of our Heroes Circle of donors — those who give a minimum of \$1,000 annually. Then in 2013, she decided to give her time as well, joining our board of directors. Today, she has come full circle — from adopter, to donor, to board member — to hold the position of board chair.

While Beverly's commitment to good causes extends to other worthy organizations in the community, it is Pasadena Humane that holds the biggest spot in her heart — and not only because of the companionship provided by her trio of beloved kitties.

"I have seen the good care the organization provides to the animals and the wonderful programs that it provides to the community, like the services that help animal owners in need keep their pets by providing food and other supplies," she said.

As a cat lover, Beverly's biggest joy comes from supporting the many facets of our cat care program, especially foster care. "We have a wonderful foster program in place, and I am so happy and proud that for the last several years we have saved all healthy kittens regardless of their age," she said. "I hope my support will continue to make that possible and help the overall well-being of the animals."







## did you know?

Donor-advised funds (DAFs) are an easy, impactful way you can help the animals at Pasadena Humane. Consult your financial advisor about how to set up a DAF or, if you already have one, recommend a grant to Pasadena Humane directly from your DAF by using the DAFWidget at pasadenahumane.org/donor-advised-funds.



#### SAVE THE date AUGUST 222 LACY PARK

#### SAN MARINO MOTOR CLASSIC

For more information, visit **pasadenahumane.org/smmc**.

## ANIMAL DISCOVERIES SUMMER CAMP

Register now at pasadenahumane.org/summercamp.

Are you ready to put one paw in front of the other? The Wiggle Waggle Walk website will go live on June 1. Put together your team and start fundraising to earn great prizes. More details to come at wigglewagglewalk.org.



#### **EVENTS** CALENDAR

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

FOR KIDS



#### SHELTER WISH LIST our greatest need:

- Towels
- Dry and Wet Cat Food
- Dog and Cat Toys
- Dog and Cat Treats
- Cat Litter
- Dog Beds
- Miracle Nipples & Kitten Milk Replacement

View the full wishlist at **pasadenahumane.org/wishlist.** 

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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