



PASADENA HUMANE

Scoop

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52 CATS

RESCUED FROM SINGLE HOME

Cats & kittens saved from hoarding thanks to your support



The overpowering smell of ammonia filled the air as our Animal Control Officers arrived at the home of a suspected cat hoarder. Clad in protective suits and respirators, our team entered the home.

What they saw inside was worse than they ever could have imagined. Trash and dirt covered every visible surface. Hundreds of empty cat food cans were piled all over the floor. Then, amidst the filth and chaos, the cats started to appear.

By the end of the two-day rescue, 52 cats and kittens had been saved from this Pasadena home. The cats were rushed back to the shelter, where many were started on medication for upper respiratory illnesses and ear infections. Thankfully, within days, most had started to show major improvements.



After the horrors they had lived through, the cats needed patience and love to learn to trust again. They soon won over the hearts of the caretaking staff at the shelter and were given names to mark their new beginnings. Because we rescued these special felines just before the holidays, they became known as the “Christmas Cats,” with names like Jolly, Merry and Jingle.

Thanks to our wonderful animal-loving community, most of the Christmas Cats found homes in time for the holidays. Before going to their new homes, all of the cats were spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

Caring for cats from special circumstances requires a tremendous amount of resources. It’s because of friends like you that we were able to provide the Christmas Cats with the time, love and care they needed to heal.

DEAR FRIEND,

Pasadena Humane is more than a shelter — we are a safety net, a lifeline, and a resource for all animals in our community. We provide the highest quality care for the animals that come into our shelter. And we are working hard in new ways to help more animals by providing alternatives to sheltering.

We believe that pets belong with the people who love them. As an animal resource center, Pasadena Humane is here to help struggling pet owners keep their pets, whenever possible. Financial insecurity, lack of affordable pet-friendly housing, and the high cost of veterinary care are all contributing factors to animal surrenders.



Prevention is key to keeping pets with their families. We offer a pet food bank, emergency boarding, veterinary vouchers, and fee-waived spay/neuter and vaccines. Our resource specialists are available to connect people with the help they need to provide loving care for their pets.

Keeping pets with their families means fewer animals coming into the shelter in search of new homes, and what is gained is a healthier, happier community that supports the human-animal bond.

Your partnership saves the lives of our animal friends who need it most. Caring for pets in need, both inside and outside the shelter, requires a tremendous amount of work and resources. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the animals.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dia DuVernet".

DIA DuVERNET
President & CEO
Pasadena Humane

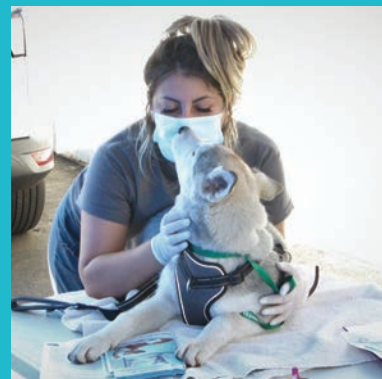
PRIMARY VET CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

At Pasadena Humane, we strive to create a healthy community for all animals. With your help, a team of shelter veterinarians and health technicians set up a monthly primary pet care clinic at Foothill Unity Center, a local human service organization.

During the clinics, existing Foothill Unity Center clients have their pets examined, vaccinated, microchipped, and treated for concerns such as skin disease, ear infections or minor wounds. There is also a pet food bank onsite to ensure no pet goes hungry.

Our partnership with Foothill Unity Center helps to keep pets healthy and safe. Plus, when pet guardians have access to the resources they need to care for their animals, those pets stay with their families and out of shelters.

Registered Vet
Tech **NAYA GARCIA**
helps a puppy get
comfortable before
receiving vaccines



**DR. MATTHEW
TOSCANO, DVM**
examines a dog at the
Foothill Unity Center
primary care clinic



HEROES CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT: **DARRELL & SARAH SPENCE**



THE SPENCE FAMILY with dog SUNNY

For the Spences, helping others is a family affair.

Darrell and Sarah Spence are longtime Pasadena Humane Heroes Circle donors (those who give a minimum of \$1,000 annually). And they have made it a point to highlight the importance of giving back to their two daughters, Devon, 18, and Ashley, 16.

“We want our daughters to feel the importance of helping others – both human and animal,” the couple said. “While it is impossible to eliminate all misfortune, their support can hopefully ease it a bit.”

The Spence family started supporting Pasadena Humane when Darrell rescued a litter of puppies and their mother from a freeway on-ramp and brought them to the shelter. The puppies quickly found homes while the Spences decided to adopt the mother. Darrell said the care and compassion rendered by Pasadena Humane made a lasting impression.

“To have this family of dogs go from a perilous situation to finding loving homes, in such a short period of time, highlighted the important work of Pasadena Humane,” said Darrell. “From that point on, I was excited to provide support, and my wife and children have been as well.”

The sentiment is echoed by their daughters who, with their parents, adopted three more Pasadena Humane dogs over the years.

“I became involved for a school project,” said Devon. “I volunteered at the ‘kittengarden,’ went on bark patrol, and did laundry, and loved every second of it. It was amazing to work with people who so obviously cared about the animals.”

Added Ashley: “I absolutely love Pasadena Humane and look forward to volunteering there. They do such a great job caring for the animals.”

Besides animal care, the Spences hope their gifts can be used to help spread the message that there are options other than abuse, neglect and abandonment for pet owners who find themselves in challenging situations.

“That these things continue to happen when there are institutions such as Pasadena Humane that stand willing and able to help, is quite unfortunate,” they noted.

BE A HERO FOR THE ANIMALS!

Every year, Pasadena Humane takes in thousands of homeless animals who ask for nothing more than love, kindness, and a second chance. You can give them all that and more by joining our Heroes Circle today.

By making an annual commitment of \$1,000 or more (either as one gift or cumulative), you will join a community of animal lovers whose support allows us to care for every animal that comes to us in need.

Your contributions will help save the lives of these animals by making possible programs such as foster care, kitten nursery, animal ICU, wildlife rehabilitation, spay/neuter, adoptions, animal rescue and more.

Heroes receive benefits such as recognition in our annual report, year-round recognition on our website, invitations to special events and behind-the-scenes tours of the shelter.

Become a hero today by visiting pasadenahumane.org/give or contact Mia Dunn, Director of Philanthropy, at mdunn@pasadenahumane.org or **626.792.7151** ext. 167.



**JUNE
20**

DOGLEGS, BIRDIES & EAGLES
GOLF TOURNAMENT 

HOLE-IN-ONE FOR THE ANIMALS

Join us for the “par-tee” at the 23rd annual Doglegs, Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament on Monday, June 20, 2022, at Oakmont Country Club in Glendale. Foursome packages include 18 holes of golf with fantastic mountain views, mulligan package, golf carts, on-course contests, lunch, drinks and dinner. Proceeds will support animal care, placement programs, wellness services, education programs, Helping Paws, field services and much more.

Not a golfer? No problem! You can still attend our 19th Hole Celebration Dinner and be a part of the fun-filled day. Enjoy a cocktail reception, three-course meal, silent and live auctions and more.

If you can't make it in person, you can also support the animals by bidding in the online silent auction or buying raffle tickets for a chance to win \$250 worth of instant win lottery scratchers. It's your chance to win thousands of dollars on top of a portion of the pot. Fetch more information at pasadenahumane.org/golf.



SAVE THE
date

**MAY
10**

**FIRST
ANNUAL
DAY OF
GIVING**



SAVE THE
date

**AUGUST
28
LACY PARK**

**SAN
MARINO
MOTOR
CLASSIC**

**events
CALENDAR**



For a full list of 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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