



PASADENA HUMANE

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TERRIFIED **TITAN** TRANSFORMS INTO A PLAYFUL PUP

A gentle giant finds a loving home because of friends like you

The name Titan conjures up the image of a strong, larger-than-life personality. But when Titan the dog arrived at Pasadena Humane, he was timid and very frightened. Frozen in place in the corner of our intake room, the sixty-pound dog almost seemed small.

Pasadena Humane is a Fear Free shelter – that means that we do everything we can to minimize fear, anxiety and stress in shelter animals. But for Titan, no amount of treats and gentle encouragement could get him to budge from his corner and walk to the kennels.

One of our health technicians skilled in dog behavior was brought in to help. He approached slowly, getting down to Titan’s level and speaking softly to gain his trust. After making sure Titan was relaxed, our team member gently scooped the dog into his arms and carried him all the way to his kennel.

With the help of our caring staff and volunteers, Titan’s confidence began to grow. He started to approach people with a wiggly body and a softly wagging tail, even putting his head in their laps just to be close to them. And at one of our mobile adoption events, Titan’s sweet disposition won over the heart of his new family.

“Titan took about eight weeks to gain the confidence to show his silly, playful personality,” his adopter, Meike shared. “He runs around and rolls on his back in the grass. [He’s] a really handsome, sweet old man.”

Titan has come a long way from his first day at Pasadena Humane. Thanks to your generous support, Titan received the loving care he needed to blossom and find his forever home.



TITAN didn't know love before he came to Pasadena Humane



TITAN is now a happy-go-lucky family pet



DEAR FRIEND,

Summer is often the busiest time of year at animal shelters around the country. It's also when we are in greatest need of our community's help. This year, two groups of animals need us the most: tiny kittens and big dogs.

It's kitten season in Southern California. Every day, we take in litters of orphaned and abandoned kittens. Many of these kittens are too young to be adopted and must spend time in a foster home to grow big and strong. Some are so young and helpless that they require round-the-clock bottle feeding. You can help save the lives of young kittens by signing up to foster.

Another way you can make a BIG difference for animals in our community is by fostering or adopting a large dog. Our shelter, and many others nationwide, are full of large, lovable pups waiting for a new beginning. Big dogs bring big love, laughter, and so much more, but sadly they are often overlooked by adopters. Consider bringing one home for a short stay or a lifetime. You won't regret it!

Thanks to generous supporters like you, we are committed to helping every animal that comes through our doors. From the tiniest of kittens to the largest of dogs and everything in between, we continue to be here for all animals in need.

With appreciation,

DIA DuVERNET
President & CEO
Pasadena Humane

A NEW "LEASH" ON LIFE

When 12-year-old Nicholas came to Pasadena Humane, he was in terrible shape. His entire body was covered in thick, dirty mats. Nicholas desperately needed to be groomed, and our friends at Pet Care Foundation soon came to his rescue.

Nicholas is one of the hundreds of dogs groomed each year at our shelter by Pet Care Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, care, spay/neuter and adoption of homeless pets. Since 2013, Pet Care Foundation has donated an estimated \$200,000 in essential in-kind grooming services for our most at-risk pets.

"Grooming an animal who is filthy, matted, and full of fleas... helps the animal get adopted," shared Bill Crowe, Executive Director of Pet Care Foundation. "I have seen the animal's personality completely change after grooming from lethargic and depressed to happy, running around enjoying life once again."

Beyond grooming services, Pet Care Foundation provides grant funding for many of our programs and services. It is thanks to their generosity that we are leading the way toward a compassionate and caring community for all animals.

NICHOLAS on arrival at Pasadena Humane



FABIOLA LYDON, a groomer with Pet Care Foundation, carefully removes Nicholas's deep mats



An adorable gray and white terrier is revealed underneath the matting

1903 SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT: LINDIWE STENBERG



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Despite its connotations, estate planning is not just for the elderly. Take Lindiwe Stenberg, for example. Earlier this year, the Sierra Madre resident — who is in her 30s — let us know she had included Pasadena Humane in her estate plan.

Besides a deep-seated love for animals, the reason for her decision was simple. “I don’t have kids or family who I wanted to be a beneficiary, so it made sense to name Pasadena Humane in my estate planning,” she said. “I like the care given to the animals here — the shelter takes a holistic approach.”

By naming the shelter in her plan, Lindiwe is now a member of our 1903 Society of planned giving donors and will receive benefits such as invitations to special events, a listing in our annual report, and a discount in our Shelter Shop.

Lindiwe first became acquainted with Pasadena Humane when her family adopted a Pomeranian from the shelter when she was in the sixth grade. More recently, she joined our volunteer program. She first assisted staff with dog enrichment. Now she lends her impressive graphic design talents to our communications team.

As such, Lindiwe is familiar with our many services. But while some legacy donors earmark their gifts for specific programs that are close to their hearts, she opted not to single out a particular one when it comes to her future gift.

“I think Pasadena Humane uses their money wisely, so I trust [my gift] will go to the right program,” she said. “Wherever the shelter needs to use it the most, honestly.”

She repeats the sentiment when encouraging others to consider Pasadena Humane when making their estate plans.

“The programs and people are great,” she said. “It’s nice to know your money will be supporting a good cause and not wasted.”

did you know?

AUGUST IS NATIONAL MAKE A WILL MONTH!

Making a will does not need to be complicated or expensive, and it can cover more than just naming who receives money and property. You can use it to name guardians for your minor children, name caretakers for your pets, or leave instructions for digital assets. For more information on wills or to request a free estate planning guide, visit pasadenahumane.org/giftlegacy.

You can also join us on Thursday, October 13 at noon for a free estate planning webinar. Email mdunn@pasadenahumane.org to RSVP, and we’ll send you the link to join.

LEAVE A LEGACY OF COMPASSION

Do you want to make a lasting difference for the animals? Join our 1903 Society by including Pasadena Humane in your estate plan.

For more information on planned giving, contact Mia Dunn, Director of Philanthropy, at 626.792.7151 ext. 167 or mdunn@pasadenahumane.org.



TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL



Grab your four-legged best friend and lace up your sneakers — our 24th annual Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run is set for **Sunday, September 18, at Brookside Park at the Rose Bowl.**

This community dog walk is our largest fundraiser of the year with a goal of raising \$250,000 to help save the lives of thousands of animals. Join us for a 5K route or a shorter one-mile option, then enjoy a family-friendly festival complete with vendors, giveaways, food trucks, a dog costume contest, and more!

You can sign up as an individual, create a team or join a team. Build your personal fundraising page and invite everyone to join in on the fun. The more money you raise, the more prizes you'll earn!

You don't need a dog to attend, just a desire to help the animals. And if you can't make it to the park that day, you can sign up to participate virtually, and all your goodies will be mailed to you.

Registration is \$50 before noon on September 16 and includes a participant bib, finisher medal, t-shirt, and dog bandana. **Register online at wigglewagglewalk.org.**

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Pasadena Humane is more than an animal shelter; we are a community-supported animal resource center providing compassion and care for all animals. Since 1903, Pasadena Humane has offered lifesaving programs and services for animals and the people who love them in the Greater Los Angeles Area. At our Pasadena campus, we provide shelter, dedicated care and new beginnings for thousands of our community's most vulnerable animals every year. In addition to pet adoptions and foster, we focus on programs and services aimed at helping people care for and keep their pets, such as free and low-cost spay/neuter and vaccines, a pet food bank, and an animal support call center. In 2021, Pasadena Humane helped nearly 40,000 animals through adoptions, wildlife rehabilitation, lost & found, veterinary services, and surrender prevention assistance. To learn more, visit pasadenahumane.org.



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