



PASADENA HUMANE

# SCOOP

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## YOUR GENEROSITY TRANSFORMS LIVES

### Meet **JOJO**, the Kitten Who Overcame Tragedy With Your Support



JOJO came to Pasadena Humane in desperate need of medical care

JoJo arrived at Pasadena Humane after a terrible accident. When this sweet kitten was found as a stray, it was clear that she had experienced a horrible injury. Her ear was torn and bleeding, causing the poor girl an unfathomable amount of pain. We didn't know how she ended up so tragically injured, but we knew that she desperately needed our help.

**Thanks to your support, our veterinary team immediately got JoJo the care that she needed.** She was rushed into surgery, where we carefully cleaned her wounds and stitched up her injured ear, allowing her to heal without complications. She received medications to manage her pain and was given a safe and comfortable space to rest as she began her road to recovery. Despite JoJo's hardships, she was now safe, happy, and ready for a fresh start at the life she deserved.

**It is thanks to animal lovers like you that we are able to respond quickly in emergency situations such as this one.** Your generosity allows us to provide lifesaving, specialty medical care to animals like JoJo, who come to Pasadena Humane bruised and broken.

Because of you and the resources you made possible, JoJo was adopted by a wonderful family. Her adopter reports that she is a very active kitten who loves to play. Her injury has healed wonderfully, and she is now thriving in her loving forever home. **Thanks to you, JoJo will know only love from now on.**

## DEAR FRIEND,

Since our founding in 1903, generous animal lovers like you have helped to create a more compassionate and caring society. When you support Pasadena Humane, you are making a difference for the animals in YOUR community.

We work locally to ensure that all animals in our area have a safe place to go. You are essential in saving the lives of homeless pets and supporting pets in need.

The summer “busy season” is here, and dogs, cats, critters, and orphaned wildlife are coming into the shelter in high numbers. Kitten season has been especially prolific this year. In the last few months, hundreds of baby kittens, like JoJo on the cover, have entered the shelter in need of critical care.

Providing help for all the animals who need us takes time and resources. With costs of care increasing due to inflation, I’m more grateful than ever to have the support of caring people like you.

By supporting your local shelter, you are a true hero to the animals.

Thank you for your support!



**DIA DuVERNET**  
President & CEO  
Pasadena Humane



## A YOUNG OPOSSUM THRIVES

### How Your Support Gives Injured Wildlife a Second Chance

At our Sandra J. Goodspeed Wildlife Center, we care for orphaned and injured wild animals with the goal of returning them to the wild. So, when a young opossum with a crooked wrist came into our care, we knew that her ability to thrive would depend on if she could walk and climb like any other healthy opossum. But her crooked wrist heavily impacted her mobility, and with every step she took, she would roll her front paw. After an x-ray didn't show any fractures or other obvious injuries, our wildlife team splinted her front foot in the hopes that it could help straighten out her wrist – and sure enough, it worked!

With her wrist straight and her splint removed, the young opossum began physical therapy to strengthen her muscles. Our wildlife team also taught her how to forage (a very important opossum skill) by hiding food in different areas of her multi-level enclosure. **Thanks to you, we are able to give injured wildlife like this opossum the specialized care they need to return to their wild homes.**



A YOUNG OPOSSUM heals

# COFFEE BEAN BREATHES EASY THANKS TO YOU!

## You helped save this sweet husky from a life-threatening infection

When Coffee Bean arrived at Pasadena Humane, it quickly became clear that something was wrong. The poor dog was having difficulty breathing. She was coughing nonstop, and our veterinary team feared she had an infection in her lungs. She was tired and stressed, working hard to take each breath of air.



**COFFEE BEAN** plays with toys after receiving lifesaving treatment

**Because of caring people like you, we were able to respond quickly, rushing Coffee Bean into the exam room.** Radiographs revealed that her lungs and airways were painfully thickened. Unfortunately, Coffee Bean showed no response to the initial rounds of treatment that we provided for her. Determined to save this sweet girl's life, we contacted a specialist who performed a CT scan and biopsy in hopes of finding her a cure.

Our team worked tirelessly to help Coffee Bean. After multiple studies, the specialist confirmed that Coffee Bean suffered from a rare lower airway infection that most commonly affects huskies. **Thanks to the support of animal lovers like you, we were able to get her the vital care and medications that she needed, allowing her to breathe comfortably once more.**

With the lifesaving resources that you've provided, Coffee Bean got the chance to begin her life anew. **It is because of your support that we are able to give animals like Coffee Bean the second chance that they deserve.**

# FOSTER-TO-ADOPT PROGRAM

## Your kindness helps families find their perfect pet



**TANGO** (right) loves to snuggle with his new sibling, **WHISKEY**

Making the decision to adopt a new family member is an important one. And while it's a very exciting time, we know there can be uncertainties about bringing a new dog or cat home. Will the new pet fit into the household? Will they get along with my kids or my other pets? What if it doesn't work out?

To help ease adopters' minds, we created the Foster-to-Adopt program. This donor-supported program allows families to take select pets home for a 10-day "test drive" before deciding to adopt. **Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, Pasadena Humane even provides the initial supplies and support to help the pet ease into their new digs.**

Daniela and Collin recently adopted Tango, a young Shepherd mix, through our Foster-to-Adopt program. Being able to do a trial run with Tango, "definitely influenced our decision to adopt," shared Daniela. "It was important that Tango got along with our other dog, and after a few days, we were all totally in love."

The next time you are looking to adopt a new best friend, consider Foster-to-Adopt. **With your support, this program is a win-win for both the adopters and the animals in our care!**



# SAN MARINO MOTOR CLASSIC

Rev your engines for this year's San Marino Motor Classic on Sunday, August 27, at picturesque Lacy Park in San Marino. Secure your tickets now and prepare your family for a day of viewing more than 400 impeccably restored vintage automobiles stationed throughout the park. Grab a bite from an array of food trucks and browse unique gifts and vendors along the way. Don't miss this opportunity to revel in automotive excellence at a family-friendly show. Proceeds from this popular event support Pasadena Humane and other local non-profits. Tickets can be purchased at [sanmarinomotorclassic.com](http://sanmarinomotorclassic.com).

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, Sr. Director of Philanthropy, at 626.792.7151 ext. 167 or [mdunn@pasadenahumane.org](mailto:mdunn@pasadenahumane.org).



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