



PASADENA HUMANE

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COURAGEOUS CLYDE SAVED

THANKS TO YOU

**Your support gives loyal dog
a second chance at life**

With your help, we were able to save the life of a very special dog. Upon first seeing 8-year-old Clyde, our veterinary team immediately knew something was wrong. The poor dog had a large growth on his neck, causing him incredible discomfort when he tried to eat, drink, or even breathe.

Upon examination, our team found that Clyde was suffering from a rare condition. His salivary gland was damaged, causing saliva to accumulate in a pocket under his skin rather than in his mouth. Without surgery, Clyde's condition would have been deadly, eventually painfully cutting off his ability to eat or breathe. Despite his discomfort, Clyde was as sweet as can be.

Poor Clyde's condition was severe, and he was in desperate need of specialized surgery to help him live a pain-free life. With your help, we were able to give Clyde a second chance at a healthy, happy life.

Thanks to the support of animal lovers like you, Clyde got the advanced care that he needed with a specialty veterinarian. The surgeon carefully removed the damaged gland, allowing Clyde to eat and drink without experiencing any discomfort. Fortunately, Clyde made a full and speedy recovery.

It wasn't long before Clyde, and his sister, Bonnie, were adopted by a wonderful family of their own. **It is thanks to your support that Clyde got the second chance that he deserves.**



CLYDE came to Pasadena Humane suffering from a rare, life-threatening condition.



DEAR FRIEND,

Here at Pasadena Humane, we welcomed 2024 in a BIG way. Along with our sponsor, Hill's Pet Nutrition, we gave voice to homeless pets across the country with an award-winning float in the 135th Rose Parade. "Feed the Love" was a colorful, vibrant float that celebrated the relationship between people and their pets while encouraging pet adoption.

This key message of adopting a shelter pet could not come at a better time. Last year, shelters nationwide faced immense challenges. Animals were entering shelters at an alarming pace. At Pasadena Humane, our kennels remained full throughout the summer and fall despite an increase in the number of pets adopted.

Our goal in 2024 is to keep more pets in their loving homes and to get shelter animals adopted more quickly. We are expanding our surrender prevention programs, doubling down on our efforts to reunite stray pets with their owners, and creating new adoption and enrichment opportunities for the pets in our care.

Our unwavering commitment to the animals is only possible thanks to generous individuals like you. With more animals in need and the rising cost of care, we are so thankful for your continued support.

With gratitude,



DIA DuVERNET
President & CEO
Pasadena Humane



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND YOUNG GIRL TEAM UP TO SAVE INJURED CROW

Your Generosity Makes Moments Like this Possible

Animal Control Officer Rahneshia Williams went out on a call for an injured crow. When she arrived to assess the bird, she was met by a very concerned young animal lover named Ame.

Officer Williams assured Ame that she was taking the crow to be examined by our veterinarians, who would try to fix him up. Ame was clearly worried about the bird, so Officer Williams promised the young girl that she would return with the bird if she could.

At the shelter, our veterinarian found that the crow had only minor injuries and could be safely released. Officer Williams excitedly took on the job of bringing the bird back home. She was again greeted by her excited little friend Ame. And, together, they released the crow.

Ame's dad, Chris, reports that Ame now looks for the crow that she helped save whenever she goes outside and will wave to him if he's in his favorite tree. Officer Williams is thankful that she was part of such a great memory for this little girl and for helping our feathered friends!



AME (left) with Animal Control Officer RAHNESHA WILLIAMS

HELPING COMMUNITIES AFTER DISASTER

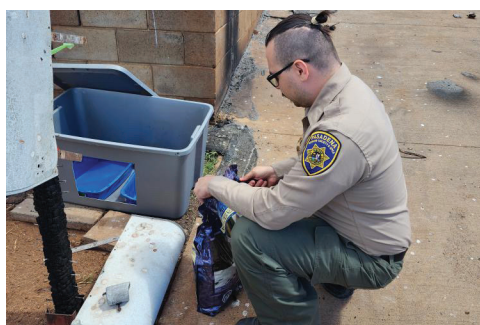
Animal Control Officers Assist Maui Shelter with Pet Recovery

When the Maui Humane Society reached out to shelters in California requesting relief for their animal control officers after the Lahaina fire, we at Pasadena Humane were happy to help.

Two of our veteran animal control officers, James Garcia and William Van Stralen, were deployed to assist, patrolling the burn areas in search of lost pets unaccounted for after the fire. The officers patrolled for five days, visiting affected areas before residents could return to the rubble where their homes once stood. Many families were forced to leave their pets behind when they fled the fire.



Animal Control Officers **JAMES GARCIA** (left) and **WILLIAM VAN STRALEN** (right) with Maui Humane Society staff member.



OFFICER GARCIA fills a cat feeding station in Lahaina to humanely trap cats remaining in the area.

This was a very difficult assignment. Our team often found themselves contacting families to relay sad news, but also an important sense of closure.

While on Maui, the officers say what kept them going was the resilience of everyone they encountered. “We couldn’t walk through the shelter without a dozen people stopping us to thank us for being there,” recounts Officer Garcia. “They felt a great sense of support in sharing this burden, and sometimes just needed another shoulder to cry on.”

Disaster response is an important and necessary role that Pasadena Humane readily provides to our community. Thankfully, our generous supporters allow us the flexibility and funding to help other animal welfare organizations in their times of need as well.



Photos by Robert Sturman

KITTENS TAKE TO THE SKIES

Animal Transports Help Save Lives

People often say that Los Angeles doesn’t have seasons, but the reality is, we’re almost always experiencing the effects of *kitten season*. Due to southern California’s moderate climate, kitten season – the time of year when we see a drastic influx in the number of kittens coming through our doors – spans from March all the way through November.

The result of our expanded kitten season is that there are more young felines than there are adopters. Compare this to the Pacific Northwest, where a cooler, rainier climate creates a shorter kitten season. Adopters are ready to bring a new family member into their lives, but fewer kittens are available in their area to fill that need. That’s where Amelia Air steps in.

Amelia Air is a “small but mighty group of volunteers” who fly hundreds of animals a year (including puppies and adult dogs) to shelters or rescues where they’ll have a better chance at finding their forever families. Last year, Amelia Air transported a total of 56 cats and kittens from Pasadena Humane to the Oregon Humane Society – and overall, we transferred 236 cats and kittens to partner shelters in 2023.

Each cat and kitten transferred to another shelter allows us to welcome another feline into our care. Your generous support makes partnerships like these possible, helping us save the tiniest of lives all year long.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL WIGGLE WAGGLE WALK & RUN

Sunday, April 21, 2024
Brookside Park
at the Rose Bowl

Lace up your sneakers and leash up your pup for our 26th annual Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run! This paw-tastic event is set to take place on Sunday, April 21, 2024, and will be a day filled with wagging tails, happy barks, and a whole lot of fun!

There are only a few weeks left to take advantage of our “early bird” registration fee, so head on over to wigglewagglewalk.org to sign up today. Fundraise in honor of your pup — or any special animal in your life — and to support Pasadena Humane’s vital work across our community. Whether you’re just out for a leisurely stroll, or want to create a team, there’s a way for everyone to get involved.

The Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run isn’t just about exercise; it’s a celebration full of pet-friendly activities, food trucks, entertainment, and an extensive vendor fair! Don’t miss out – visit wigglewagglewalk.org today!



SAVE THE DATE

THIRD
ANNUAL
DAY OF
GIVING
5.21.24



pasadenahumane.org/give2024



TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL
DOGLEGS, BIRDIES
& EAGLES GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Monday, July 1, 2024
Oakmont Country Club
pasadenahumane.org/golf

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Carol
Kirby



SAN MARINO
MOTOR CLASSIC

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Lacy Park

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