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#### MONTHLY MEETING

3rd Wednesday of each month 6pm at Redwood Valley Grange

# Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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# PAW PRINTS

"Our lives are in your hands"

#### Kitten Season

Kitten season is in full swing, and we are quite literally drowning in cats and kittens that need help. With over 150 cats in care, our facility, staff, and foster team is feeling the strain and pressure to care for all these little lives.

This quarter, we have taken in 220 cats, the majority of which are strays. Not a day goes by where we don't receive multiple calls for kittens in need of assistance and we are doing the best we can to help but the need is greater than we can handle.

We are asking the community to lend a helping hand with supplies, fostering our underage kittens and adopters for our ready to go cats.

If you can lend a hand and thank you all for your support!

Please reach out to our Cat Team:
<a href="mailto:catteam@hsimc.org">catteam@hsimc.org</a>,
<a href="mailto:catfosterteam@hsimc.org">catfosterteam@hsimc.org</a>,





# OAK MANOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "Shower Your Shelter Pets with Love"

Oak Manor Elementary School participated in a challenge this year which resulted in some wonderful donations for the animals at HSIMC!

This challenge was brought to fruition by the Student Council who created the "Shower Your Shelter Pets with Love" campaign. The campaign challenged each student to bring an item for the shelter giving all students the opportunity to participate.

As a result, many much needed donations were gathered for our shelter, such as: food, toys, leashes, and numerous other needed items.

Thank you Oak Manor Elementary School for your support & love of our animals!

#### EASTER EVENT

2023 marks the beginning of our first ever Easter Egg Hunt at HSIMC and it was a HUGE success, we were so excited to see everyone who came by and joined in on the fun!

The weather was beautiful, and we had an amazing turnout from our community, the kids had a blast! We played Bingo, had a raffle with some cute prizes, and of course an egg hunt.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and Volunteers for stuffing all the eggs and hiding them in the field.

We plan to host this event again in 2024 and hope to see you all there!







#### CARE A VAN VISITS HSIMC

# **\*\*** \* IT'S SPAY AND NEUTER DAY **\*\*** \*

The Mendocino County Care-A-Van was onsite in May and altered 13 of our cats and 12 of our dogs - what a great day it was!

As many of you are aware, there are not enough spay and neuter services in our county and everyone is feeling pressure to keep up with the needs of our community.

So, when Care A Van offers their services it is always a huge deal for our teams and we are so thankful for the Care A Van Team and Volunteers for making these days possible.

Your time and efforts are so appreciated!

Thank You to all the veterinarians and their teams who are helping to keep us moving forward with our goal of saving lives and preventing unwanted litters!

Every dog and cat adopted means we get to save another life!





#### YOUNG COUPLE GOES THE EXTRA MILE FOR A PREGNANT DOG IN NEED...

We would like to praise and honor the work of two amazing community members who went the extra mile when they found a very pregnant senior dog!

Three months ago, a nice couple found an old dog wandering in Covelo, they saw that she was very pregnant, picked her up and drove her to us looking for help.

Little did they know they would be turned away by not only us but every rescue facility they tried because we were all bursting at the seams and had no room! But they did not turn their back on the dog, instead they took us up on our offer for supplies and began the huge job of raising 8 puppies.

When the puppies were old enough we took them in for adoption because we think it's important to support people doing amazing things for homeless animals! These puppies were lovingly cared for and already had two vaccines when they arrived to us thanks to a collaboration with Bones Pet Rescue.

Most of the puppies have now found loving homes and we are most excited that the amazing couple decided to keep the mama dog and provide her with the loving home she deserves!

With all that is going on in the animal rescue community people like this raise our spirits and give us hope!

We are proud to work alongside folks like them to provide the best outcomes to animals in need.



#### JOSCELYN SCHMADEKE—PET BANDANAS

Hi, my name is Joscelyn,

I'm a senior at Ukiah high school.. For one of my Senior projects I've been sewing pet bandanas and donating them to local shelters to help the animals be adopted or whatever you'd like to do with them.

My dream is that my creations inspire people to adopt lots of shelter pets.

Thank you Joscelyn for bringing such beautiful pieces for our pet photoshoots to help them get adopted!





#### MENDOCINO COUNTY JEEP CLUB



Such an amazing day with the Mendocino County Jeep Club at D.C. Customs, Inc. This was the 2nd year in a row the Jeep Club chose to **honor HSIMC** with their 2nd Annual Go Topless Jeep Event and raised over \$2500 for our shelter!

Our team had a great time-sharing information about the shelter, showing dogs, ducking jeeps and enjoying the event.

Thank you to Austin for bringing HSIMC into this amazing event and teaching us all about this wonderful group of Jeep enthusiasts!

Your support and dedication to our mission means a lot to the rescue community!





#### FAREWELL TO LINDA SCHWEDE

A bittersweet farewell to the one and only Linda Schwede! Linda has been a volunteer with HSIMC for many years! She is an original for sure and pre-COVID you could find her at every single HSIMC adoption event proudly cuddling a puppy and ready to greet anyone and everyone who came by to take a look at our pets in need of homes. Whenever her red PT cruiser pulled into our parking lot we knew it was going to be a good day for our pups!

The last few years have been hard on her but she helped whenever she could, after losing her dear husband she is moving far away to be closer with her children. We are so glad that Linda will be surrounded by family in this next stage of life but we will miss her terribly!

Linda has adopted, fostered, volunteered, and done everything and anything you can imagine for our homeless pets. She is one of a kind and her absence here at the shelter will be felt by us all.

We got a text yesterday saying she would be at our event at Cesar Toxqui and we were thrilled to have this last chance to say goodbye and see her in her element one last time!

Help us wish Linda lots of love and happiness on her next adventure!



# CAESAR TOXQUI & WAGS & WINES



# **Cesar Toxqui Cellars**



Our wags and wines adoption events were very successful this year and we finished our tour of Wineries with a bang! Our last Wags and Wines was hosted by Cesar Toxqui Cellars on June  $24^{\rm th}$ .

We are so excited to announce that 8 of our puppies found forever homes at this event making it one of our best offsite adoption events ever! Albert, Spot, Mailee, Lenny, Claire, Sid, Manny and Darth were the lucky pups who are starting new lives with their families! Our staff was busy all day making this happen and we couldn't have done it without all the amazing volunteers who came out today to lend a hand!

This was our last Wags and Wines event of the year and we look forward to doing them again next year! Big thanks go to all the Wineries that hosted us this year!

If you would like to host an adoption event for HSIMC and help our furry friends find homes then we want to hear from you!

Email us at fundraising@hsimc.org

# !! URGENT PLEA TO OUR COMMUNITY ♥ !!

Please do NOT leave animals at our gate and please do NOT dump them, dumping an animal is illegal, cruel, and not how animals should be treated or cared for.

We have experienced multiple dumped animals at our facility and along roadways in our community. These innocent souls are typically left without food, water, or shelter.

We are appalled and deeply saddened by these cruel and inhumane acts. It is never acceptable to abandon animals in such a manner, exposing them to danger and neglect.

We believe in compassion, responsibility, and ensuring the well-being of every living being.

If you or someone you know needs to surrender an animal, or has found a stray animal, please reach out for assistance. We may not always be able to intake an animal but we can help in other ways.

You can find a list of resources on our website: <a href="https://mendohumanesociety.com/public-resources">https://mendohumanesociety.com/public-resources</a>

We also have an adoptions by owner page where we will list your animal, you simply need to fill out the form and you can do so here: <a href="https://mendohumanesociety.com/adoptions-by-owner">https://mendohumanesociety.com/adoptions-by-owner</a>





# **VOLUNTEER / FOSTER / BEHAVIOR CORNER**

#### VOLUNTEER WITH US TODAY!

Our next orientations are Sunday July 30th and Thursday August 3rd at 11am, so mark your calendars, we are hoping for many new volunteers to join our team!

Right now, our shelter is struggling with too many animals in care and tons more that are requesting to come in, too few hands to care for them all. Volunteers can help change that!

Our volunteers help us keep the dogs and cats onsite happy, healthy, and adoptable. We are able to provide much better care and get more work done when our volunteer team is out in full force! Just a few hours a month can make a HUGE difference in not only our animals' lives but also help relieve some of the stress that our team is currently under.

When attending orientation, be sure to wear close-toed shoes and bring some treats if you are able to! Orientation is around 1 hour long and we have made some changes to help make it easy for everyone to get in the groove!

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN US!

For more information, please visit our website:

https://mendohumanesociety.com/volunteer%2Ffoster





# 🥯 👏 SUMMER TIME HEAT WAVE: FOSTERS NEEDED 👏









THIS IS URGENT: Extreme heat wave is here for the next few WEEKS and fosters are needed for our dogs who live outdoors!

Our dogs will have no breaks from this weather without our foster teams help... can you help us keep them cool?

We want to keep our dogs as comfortable as possible. Can they crash on your couch and enjoy the AC with you? Or hang in a cozy crate in your living room that we can even let you borrow!

We can provide all the supplies... you provide a temporary loving home.



If you are able to help us by fostering, PLEASE give us a call or visit us during open hours to learn about our foster program and how to sign up.

We would be so grateful for your support!

Wed-Fri 1pm-5pm Sat-Sun 11am-3pm 707-485-0123 ext 302

https://mendohumanesociety.com/volunteer%2Ffoster

# BEHAVIOR CORNER / DONATIONS NEEDED





Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is excited to announce our partner-ship with the **GoodPup** dog training app! **GoodPup** offers customized, affordable, positive dog training that you can access from the comfort of your home, at a time that works for YOU.

We are really excited about the possibility of better-behaved dogs! (And fewer dogs that need new homes due to behavioral issues.) **GoodPup** offers one week of free training; there is no obligation, and users can cancel at any time.

Here's what else to know:

• If you've ever adopted a dog from HSIMC, you can sign up for the **GoodPup** app, and get a lifetime discount off their services. (This is good for HSIMC fosters, volunteers, and staff members, too.)

Here is the code to get started: <a href="https://links.goodpup.com/shelter/MendocinoHS">https://links.goodpup.com/shelter/MendocinoHS</a>

- If you haven't adopted from HSIMC but are still interested in the training, please visit: <a href="https://links.goodpup.com/shelter/MendocinoHSTraining">https://links.goodpup.com/shelter/MendocinoHSTraining</a>
- For everyone who keeps up with **GoodPup** beyond the first week of training, HSIMC will receive \$40 from the company whether the dog is from us or not! These funds will help us with our behavior program so we can continue to support the needs of our dogs who are onsite or in homes (Remember, that first week is free.)

We live in a rural community with limited resources to sound training techniques. We love that this virtual training experience can help people and their pups from the comfort of their own home.

We hope this helps some puppies learn how to be good dogs, and also helps some old dogs learn new tricks!

Thank you, GoodPup!

#### DONATIONS NEEDED

Thinking about donating to HSIMC? Well, here is a list of items we always need:

#### **Standard Facility Items**

Bleach (regular), Laundry Detergent (unscented), Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Dawn Dish Soap

#### For the Cats

Sunbeam Heating Pads (w/out auto shut off), KMR Kitten Formula, Miracle Nipples, Dry Cat/Kitten Food, Canned Cat/Kitten Food, Probiotics, Catnip, Toys, Hammocks

#### For the Dogs

Puppy Pads, Good Quality Dog/Puppy Food, Canned Dog/Puppy Food, X-pens, Wire Crates, Martingale Collars, Probiotics

# **Angels of HSIMC**

# SPECIAL BENEFACTORS (AKA Angels of HSIMC)

It is all about the animals and we have some Angels that are always there for us and are helping push HSIMC to the next level so we can be there for the homeless animals in our community with upgraded facilities, equipment, funding for veterinary care and other special programs that make HSIMC unique.

Thank you for standing by us and thank you for believing in our mission and what HSIMC stands for.

Erica Gonzales, Sheri Cronin, Paul Shimmin, Myrna Hurst, Pardini Appliance, Munselle Civil Engineering and Land Surveying, Grow West, Spare Time Supply, Beckstoffer Vineyards, Petersen Insurance, Janice Luke, Barbara Rovera, Christine Boyd, Charlotte Oeding, Christine Cliburn, Trish & Bob Beltrami, South Ukiah Rotary Foundation, Linda Schwede, Partners in Performance, Michelle Lozinto and many anonymous donors.

#### **Donations Made in Honor of People & Pets**

Wayne Menger & Victor Hoosac

#### **Donations Made in Memory of People & Pets**

Grace, Sharon Kearney Jones, Edwin Lockhart, Bandit, Sam Eisenstein, Isabel, Robin Moerman, Marge Smith, Gaby

#### DONATE FOR CHARITY



#### Thinking of donating a vehicle?

You can donate yours through Donate for Charity and the proceeds will go to HSIMC!

Donate for Charity makes the process easy, and they handle all the details after you submit your request, you too can donate a vehicle to HSIMC by visiting our website: <a href="https://www.hsimc.org">www.hsimc.org</a>

# **ESTATE PLANNING**

#### Consider Leaving a Legacy

Estate planning gives you the opportunity to control the distribution of your assets. Charitable giving allows you to make a significant difference, help your survivors know your wishes, and can help you achieve specific financial goals, such as reducing or eliminating tax liability.

#### Why You Should Consider HSIMC?

The decision to include the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County in your estate plans creates a legacy, while showing a sincere commitment to the animals in our care. Your gift will contribute to the well-being of the animals while they are here and will help them find loving, permanent homes.

Please consider including HSIMC in your trust or will and create a legacy. For more information, please email: <a href="mailto:jking@hsimc.org">jking@hsimc.org</a>



#### NORTHERN AGGREGATES "ROCKS OUT"

Thank you Northern Aggregates for the donation of rock!

We've been working on some property maintenance at HSIMC and having rock on hand to fill holes and keep our kennels clean and dry for the dogs makes life here a little nicer for our crew and our dogs out in the kennels.

The delivery driver was so professional and the office staff were so helpful when we called to order rock.

Thank you so much Northern Aggregates! You've really made a difference in our day to day lives!!

#### TRACTOR SUPPLY IN UKIAH DONATES TO HSIMC

Thank you Tractor Supply for bringing us a big load of dog food, we will certainly put this to good use!

We are always in need of dog and cat food, canned food and kibble so if you can help us keep our shelves stocked, bring it anytime during our open hours!

ALL our dogs and cats thank you!



# SUTTER LAKESIDE HOSPITAL STAFF BRINGS JOY TO HSIMC

Meet the team from Sutter Lakeside Hospital! We are thrilled to share a heartwarming story of compassion and community spirit with you all. This quarter, the incredible staff from Sutter Lakeside Hospital dedicated their day to bringing joy and support to the animals at HSIMC. This amazing group of volunteers made quite an impact during their visit and we are so grateful they chose HSIMC to donate their time.

Their mission for the day was clear, they were here to provide love, care, and attention to our wonderful shelter dogs. With wagging tails and happy faces, the dogs thoroughly enjoyed their time out of the kennel and enjoyed the companionship they found with their human counterparts.

The team from Sutter also got in touch with their crafty side and made several flirt poles, a toy that allows dogs to engage in interactive play. They understood that mental stimulation and playtime are essential for the well-being of shelter dogs, and their efforts will provide lots of happy play time for the dogs. The dedication and compassion displayed by the Sutter Lakeside Hospital staff were truly inspiring.

Thank you all for your time and dedication to the shelter animals at HSIMC, we appreciate you!











#### Letter from our Board President

HSIMC's 30th anniversary dinner at Barra of Mendocino was a sell out and an absolutely magical event. The food provided by Black Dog catering was incredible and paired well with Barra's wines. Many thanks to all who were able to attend, participate in the live/silent auctions and contributed to our "Fund the Need campaign". After expenses we raised over \$47,000 and are truly grateful to our community who has always been so supportive.

"Our Fund the Need campaign" consists of improvements to the cattery and dog barn, both long overdue and both significant improvements for the comfort and welfare of our animals. We were able to raise nearly 100% of the amount needed and have already begun the work on these projects. In addition to the dog barn and cattery projects we also have plans to clean out, by removing several inches of pea gravel and earth and then refresh all of the dog kennels with new material. This is something we try to do as frequently as possible for health and sanitation purposes. Installation of the new electrical panels and sub panels has begun and should be finished by August. We will also, sometime before the next rains, undertake a project to improve our water drainage which tends to overflow from the neighboring marsh.

Speaking of drainage, I want to thank Munselle Civil Engineering for helping us with our concerns, they completed a full survey of our front lot and have provided a detailed engineering plan which recommends how to trench from the neighboring marsh to our culvert to eliminate any flooding, which we typically experience in the front between the dog barn and office. This survey work was donated to HSIMC and we are speechless in gratitude. Thank You Cort and team!

In addition to the big 30th gala we've kept ourselves busy with 3 adoption events on our Wags and Wine tour (Barra, Thatcher Hotel, and Toxqui), Jordans Way at the shelter, the Grand reopening of the cattery, an Ukiah Jeep event, Testa's craft fair, and the Hopland Tap. On Easter weekend, HSIMC sponsored an easter egg hunt for the neighborhood children which was a smashing success! Now that we know what to expect, next year will be even bigger and better. Also, we hosted a cat and dog adoption event at the Barkery, lots of foot traffic and an absolutely perfect location to catch the Farmers Market clientele and the many other downtown shoppers.

One of HSIMC's objectives is to make sure our community knows who we are, what we do and why we do it (the 3W's). To that end we attempt to participate in as many community events as possible, host youth groups at the shelter to discuss pet health, safety, and our rescue mission. And also try to get out into the community and present to business groups an overview of HSIMC, past, present, and future. To date we have presented our story to 2 Ukiah Rotary clubs, both were well received and I believe beneficial in helping to educate the business community about our existence. Next on tap is the Willits Rotary, the Lions Club, and the Kiwanis. If you have a group that would be interested in hearing our "pitch" let me know, it can be arranged.

HSIMC's first priority in the rescue business is to keep pets out of shelters, we go to great lengths in attempting to keep pets in their homes and only being surrendered as a last resort. You can always count on us as a resource, we can help with food or maybe work to help correct some behavioral problems or if you haven't noticed, look on our website for the Adoption by Owner web page. This is an initiative where HSIMC offers the benefit of our vast viewing community to help YOU perform a peer-to-peer adoption and completely bypass the pet needing to make a stop at the shelter. This is a service where HSIMC just offers our web resources, it is up to you and the adopter to work out all of the adoption details.

This newsletter marks the end of my first year of tenure as board President, a position I willingly accepted in order to help influence and foster the changes that I felt were in the best interests of the shelter and the community we serve. We can be proud of all the accomplishments so far, and in recognizing that there is still much more that needs to be achieved. To this end I have volunteered to circle the sun one more time as President and know that I can count on everyone's support.

Sunday July 9, 2pm to 6pm, at the shelter, HSIMC will host our annual appreciation day, this is an event where we recognize our volunteers, fosters and contributors who provide the critical support necessary critical support necessary which helps to make us such a highly successful shelter. This year it's a 50's theme ice cream social, there will be food, games, giveaways and lots of fun.

Hope to see you there,

John King

OUR MISSION IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU

# Furry Friends and/or Facility!

Have you seen our Amazon Wishlists? We receive many wonderful donations through this program and are so thankful for everyone who sends gifts to the dogs and cats and for our facility.

We have two Wishlists going, one to support our furry friends and one to keep our facility operating.

Click the links below and check out our Wishlists:





Furry Friends: https://a.co/4HHPNLN

Facility Wishlist: <a href="https://a.co/hd1bhVv">https://a.co/hd1bhVv</a>

We are also rehabbing our Barn and need 6 of these doggy doors:

https://enduraflap.com/products/pet-door-for-doors?variant=42942573707494 (L or XL size)

The doors will help keep our Barn warmer in winter and cooler in the summer.

If you are shopping locally, you can bring donations by the shelter during any of our open hours or shop at Rainbow Ag or Tractor Supply in Ukiah and leave your donation in our donation bin at the front of their store.

Thank you for your support and keeping our facility running smoothly!

# YTD SHELTER STATS 2023

YTD Shelter Stats: As of 6/30/2023

To see a full statistical breakdown please visit: <a href="https://www.shelteranimalscount.org">https://www.shelteranimalscount.org</a>

Our live outcome rate for 2023 is: 92.7% (total outcomes includes both live outcomes and other

outcomes)

	Total Intakes	Total Out- comes	Return to Owner	Transfer Out	Euthanasia/ Died in Care	Currently in Shelter	Currently in Foster
Dogs	225	224	0	0	10	75	56
Cats	324	261	2	1	30	155	46



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# Memberships/Sponsorships/Pledges

Sign up or Renew your Membership, Sponsorship or Pledge with HSIMC, your annual contribution helps HSIMC continue the mission to help as many animals as possible!

Please complete this form and return to HSIMC or sign up or renew online at: <a href="https://www.mendohumanesociety.com">www.mendohumanesociety.com</a>

#### **Membership Information**

Date: Membe	ership Levels (Please Select One)					
Name:	Associate:(\$25/year)					
Address:	Individual:(\$50/year)					
City, State, Zip:	Family:(\$100/year)					
Phone #:	Sustaining:(\$300/year)					
*E-Mail:						
**Puppy or Kitten name submittal (Family & Sustaining Memberships):						
Other Annual Support Opt	ions:					
Annual Dog Kennel Sponsorship: \$250.00						
☐ Renewal - The name(s) originally provided will remain.						
□ New Sponsorship (Name or Business Name):						
Annual Cat Condo Sponsorship: \$100.00  Renewal - The name(s) originally provided will renew.						
□ New Sponsorship (Name or Business Name):						
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In Honor of:						
In Memory of:						
Pet Memorial (\$100 minimum): Please specify amount \$						
In Memory of:						
Snow & Nouter Pladges (annual pladge) - Holns Support the Snew	and Nouter of Shelter Animals					

Spay & Neuter Pledges (annual pledge) – Helps Support the Spay and Neuter of Shelter Animals

Red \$100 / Black \$250 / Silver \$500 / Gold \$1,000 / Platinum \$2,500

Our Mission

The purpose of this non-profit is to nurture, educate and engage our community in the care of cats and dogs in need, giving as many animals as possible a chance to thrive in loving homes.

# Current & Future Events in 2023/2024

We have some exciting events happening this year, so mark your calendars and check out our Events Page on our Website for additional information: **mendohumanesociety.com/events** 



July /August 2023 Contest for the 2024 Calendar



October 14, 2023 Kritter Karnival



November to December Wreaths & Swags - Winter

#### For more on our upcoming events head over to mendohumanesociety.com/events

If you have a youth group that would benefit or be interested in coming to HSIMC, we would be thrilled to host. A cornerstone of our philosophy is to try and give back and there is no better way to do so, then with our youth, the future!

Please contact me, John King - President of the Board of Directors, <u>jking@hsimc.org</u> and we will get it organized.



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I hope this letter finds you all in good health and high spirits. As the director of the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, I am writing to you today with a heavy heart to shed light on the current challenges we face in our mission to provide a safe haven for animals in need. It is with deep concern that I bring to your attention the growing crisis plaguing our animal rescue efforts.

Over the past few months, our shelter has experienced an unprecedented surge in the number of animals requiring our care and attention. The situation has reached an alarming level, and we find ourselves stretched to our limits in providing for these innocent lives. We are facing a shortage of resources, both in terms of funding and essential supplies, making it increasingly difficult to meet the needs of the animals and our community.

The reasons behind the surge in animal surrenders are varied and complex. Economic hardships, changes in living circumstances, and the overwhelming number of stray animals in our community have all contributed to the tremendous number of animals being surrendered to our shelter. We understand that life can be unpredictable, and sometimes it becomes impossible for owners to continue caring for their beloved pets. However, this unfortunate reality places an immense burden on our already strained resources.

Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers work tirelessly day in and day out to ensure that every animal under our care receives the love, attention, and medical assistance they need. However, our efforts are hindered by the lack of available space in our shelter, limited funding for veterinary treatments and care, and shortages of food and supplies. It is heartbreaking to witness the desperate need for more resources while simultaneously facing the heartbreaking decision of not being able to accommodate every animal that comes to our door.

We firmly believe that every life matters, and we are committed to finding forever homes for as many animals as possible. In order to continue our vital work, we urgently require the support of our compassionate community. Your help can make a world of difference to these voiceless animals who rely solely on our collective empathy and action.

There are several ways in which you can contribute to our cause. First and foremost, financial donations are crucial in helping us provide veterinary care, nourishment, and comfortable living conditions for the animals in our care. Even the smallest contribution can go a long way towards giving these animals a second chance at life.

Additionally, we gratefully accept donations of pet food, bedding, toys, and other essential items. For a full list of needed items, please visit our Amazon Wish Lists. These contributions help us maintain the overall wellbeing and happiness of our shelter residents, ensuring they feel safe and loved during their stay at our facility.

Moreover, we encourage you to consider fostering or adopting an animal from our shelter. By opening your heart and home to a deserving companion, you not only save a life but also create space for us to rescue another animal in need. The love and joy that a rescued animal can bring into your life are immeasurable.

Lastly, we kindly request you help spread awareness about our organization and the challenges we face. Share our social media posts, volunteer your time, and encourage others to get involved. Together, we can make a significant impact and create a compassionate community that values and protects all living beings.

On behalf of our entire team at Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your continued support.

Jenny Hanzlik

