



Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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PAW PRINTS

"Our lives are in your hands"

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Lyra - Animal Care Attendant

Slater - Animal Care Attendant

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Alex - Maintenance

Monthly Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month

6PM via ZOOM

HAVE FAITH!

Thanks to **Maddie's Fund** we have been receiving ongoing support from the team at **American Pets Alive (APA)**! In June of 2021 we welcomed to our campus for the third time Faith Wright- Animal Shelter Management Advisor for APA! Before she had a chance to walk through our doors we handed her a failing kitten who moments later died in her arms.



But we had FAITH! She got right to work and was able to revive the kitten known as Lil Beastie with CPR and bring him back to life! Simply amazing! Lil' Beastie was super constipated and possibly had pneumonia, at his young age this can be life threatening.

By the end of the day, he had pooped a little and was taking the bottle again. A BIG miracle for this teeny tiny kitten.

Lil Beastie went with Faith to her hotel for the night for round the clock care, he then graduated to a new foster home and began to thrive.

Today he is alive and well and living the life of a healthy teenage kitten. It was so exciting having Faith here to help our team so we can continue to save as many lives as possible.

We are so thankful for the support that APA provides shelters all across the country!

Highlights

Feline Leukemia (FeLV) Cottage

Our FeLV cats have been loving the new FeLV Cottage and two of our three residents have gone back home, which means we had space for more FeLV cats! But Gary, our third FeLV cat, has been alone the past few weeks and the staff did their best to keep him company, but he was looking forward to new roommates.

Julie Knutsen, a longtime supporter of animal welfare and HSI/MC, has brought some new residents to look for their new homes. Chandler, Chesney, and Cheyenne are three siblings who can't wait to meet all the new people. We had also received another FeLV friend named Frank from Pets LifeLine in Sonoma, who has been looking for his forever home since July.

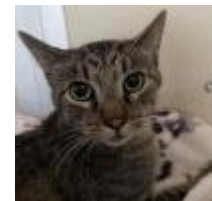


What does it mean to adopt a FeLV cat?

They need to be indoors only and live as a single cat or with other FeLV kitties. FeLV is only contagious to cats, so they can live with dogs, and any other non-feline animals. They need a nutritionally complete and balanced diet as this is one of the best ways to help keep your FeLV cat healthy. The best way to think of cats like them is that they are not sick until they are.

FeLV cats deserve all the love as any other cat, and we are hoping to help take the fear out of FeLV. On average, FeLV cats can absolutely live long, happy, and healthy lives - no matter how many years they have, we want them to spend all of their time in a home with a family that loves them.

Make an appointment to meet Frank, Gary, Chandler, Cheyenne, or Chesney now!
Apply to adopt at www.mendohumanesociety.com and email catteam@hsimc.org.

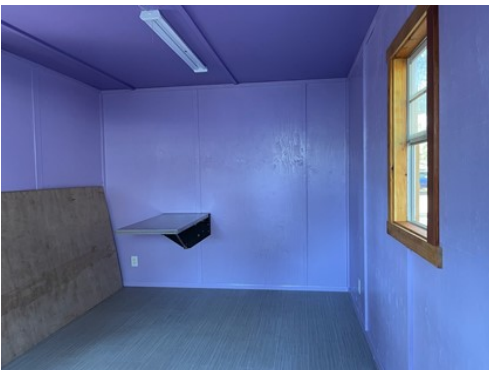


Please NOTE: While we can take FeLV cats, we can only save the ones that are cat friendly since our cottage is a communal room. When you adopt a FeLV cat from us, you save not just one, but potentially up to 2 more cats that come in their place.

Want to become a FeLV cat foster? Email us at catteam@hsimc.org for more information.

Do you volunteer regularly? Don't forget to stop in at our Leukemia building before you leave!
Ask Cattery staff for the guidelines. Our 5 FeLV kitties would love to meet you.

New Cattery Intake



We are wrapping up construction on our new Cattery Intake cottage and we hope to have the new space up and running by the end of October. This new building enables us to better use our space in our cattery and provides a solid quarantine zone for new arrivals so we can keep everyone safe and help more cats in our community. Mendocino Animal Hospital graciously donated some stainless-steel cubes, thank you!

Our new maintenance staff member, Alex, along with longtime volunteer Stacey, current board member Tracey and former board member Mary have all contributed to get all the parts & pieces for this shed assembled.

Thank you East Hill Veterinary for donating the exam table, a wonderful addition to the Intake room and we love it!

This project really is a labor of love, and we hope everyone knows how grateful and thankful we are to have all of your help in making this a reality. We cannot wait to move in and begin using the space to its full potential!

Cats Transferred to the Coast

As many of you are aware, there has been a great number of cats in need this year and everyone has struggled to keep up. It is times like these that we need to find alternative ways to meet the demand with the resources that we have. With the support of the Mendocino Coast Humane Society in Fort Bragg, we were able to transfer 9 of our cats and make room in our Cattery for new intakes.

The cats Mendocino Coast Humane Society agreed to take in were a mixture of both short-term and long term

residents of HSMC, all unique and incredible in their own way but continually overlooked despite their amazing qualities. We hope this transfer gives them new opportunities to find their forever homes.

Thank you Mendocino Coast Humane Society for providing new opportunities for these cats!

Thank you to our volunteer Lauren for making the drive and safely delivering our cats to Fort Bragg, you are amazing!



Holding On for A Hero

On August 16th we received an urgent message about 5 puppies who had been abandoned in a box labeled “free”. A volunteer swooped in to pick them up and our dog kennel manager began working hard to save their lives. The first few days were not easy, and we weren't sure they would even survive.



Thanks to the support from Dr. Chana and East Hill Veterinary, our amazing supporters and their foster mama, who refused to give up, we are proud to report that our puppies dubbed the “Super Hero Litter” not only lived, but they also thrived!



Today they are big fat chubby pups getting ready to find forever homes. We cannot make these miracles happen without the support of our community.

Thank you for helping us say YES to the animals who need our help the most. These are your donations at work!

The PUPPY YELP reviews are in!

“Oh, it’s you again.... are you ready to clean up this mess??

I pooped on my sister's head and I’m not even sorry about it.

Also, can you work on the service around here? Or at the very least make sure my bottle is the right temp next time?

It’s not rocket science... not too hot.. not too cold.. don’t they teach you these things?

Lunch number 3 was a BIG disappointment, I’m just saying...

P.S. I'm gonna need a bath. One star”



~Captain Marvel 🤪 🍼



Donate for Charity!



We have received two vehicle donations since partnering with Donate for Charity!

Thank you Benjamin for being the second to donate your vehicle, you raised \$504 dollars for the shelter animals!

The process is easy and Donate for Charity handles all the details after you submit your request.

You too can donate a vehicle to HSIMC by following the link here:

[Vehicle Donation | Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](http://mendohumanesociety.com)

A miracle for Rosie!

Rosie was intentionally hurt by a human. What does she do in return? She unconditionally loves everyone around her! This sweet, gentle soul is here today to remind us that things don't happen to us, they happen for us. Rosie's story is sad and unfair, but what she has chosen to do after being given a second chance at life is something not everyone would be willing to do. Rosie chose to turn a negative situation into a positive one. She will spread love and forgiveness that will touch peoples' lives forever.

Her story starts in tragedy, Rosie was rescued by Bones Pet Rescue after being purposely hit by a car by a person who was supposed to love and care for her. She dragged her broken body from the road and waited in pain under her deck for almost 48 hours before being rescued by Barbara Thrasher and her hus-

Rosie had shattered multiple bones in both of her back legs. After four major surgeries she was put back together by Dr Cannon at Wasson Memorial.



Rosie can't thank Dr Cannon and the staff enough for their excellent care and at each of her checkups she is the happiest dog you've ever seen at a vet's office!! Saving Rosie's life was no small feat and despite the generous support from Wasson there is still a big bill to cover.

Please consider contributing directly to Rosie's extensive vet bill at Wasson Memorial Vet Hospital, or through Bones Pet Rescue- P.O. Box 1009, Covelo, CA, 95428

These days Rosie is doing so well in her healing - she had her external fixator hardware removed and is cleared to resume normal activity! She will need to build some muscle after her extended restricted activity and is eager to get going!

What is next for Rosie? A loving forever home of course!

Rosie is a lovely, happy-go-lucky Pitbull type dog with personality and intelligence. She is crate and house trained, seems to be social with other dogs, hasn't been interested in savvy cats and greets people nicely.

She is medium energy, about 55lbs at full weight and ready for fun and adventures.

Apply to love Rosie at www.mendohumanesociety.com

A POEM for Takoda

My name is Takoda
which means “friend of all”,
I guess that’s mostly true,
as I like creatures big and small.
But in order to be my friend,
you’ll have to take your time.
My confidence is on the mend,
but soon I’ll be just fine.

Right now, I’m in search
of my forever home.
A special place, somewhere safe,
where I won’t be forever alone.
I promise I won’t make any commotion,
I’m a quiet foster seeking adoption
and I’m worthy of the promotion!

They say that I’m a beautiful dog
My coat is shiny and mostly black.
My paws and face are painted gold.
The ladies would say that I’m a snack.
Yet although I’m exceptionally handsome,
I’m also extremely shy.
The person I’m in search of to give me a home
will have to be very patient, gentle, and kind.

If you’re in search of an energetic dog
who is ready to jump and play,
I’m more like a non-athletic hog
please don’t look for me to be that way.

I am not yet ready to give out
kisses or cuddles.
It’ll take some time for me to
learn how to snuggle.
I’m still trying to figure out what things I enjoy,
I’m doing my best to not be too coy.

I think I’m starting to like
going for walks in the park.
Though I still get a bit nervous
when I hear other dogs bark.

I prefer to hang out
where it is cool and quiet.
If you want to use a brush on me,
I promise I’ll like it.

One of my favorite things
to do in life is eat

I really like carnitas and chicken, but
my favorite thing is stinky truffle



I know that I should only potty
when I am brought outside,
I try to avoid being naughty
But when I have to go, I am extra shy
Not to keep going on about my bathroom use,
But I’ve bet you’ve never seen a dog like me who can
simultaneously go pee & poo.

Please take lots of time, and let me show you the way
Once I let my guard down, I know I’ll make your every day
If you read this and thought, that dog might work for me
Please give me a shot and apply for me at the HSIMC!

Adoption applications for Takoda can be submitted at
www.mendohumanesociety.com

Story from Foster Kelsey

Jaxeson, this boy, right here will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Our journey started together when he was just four weeks old. Found in a box on the side of the road in Covelo, covered in fleas and maggots and only three weeks old. Fortunately, Bones Rescue was able to care for him until he was well enough to transfer to the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County.

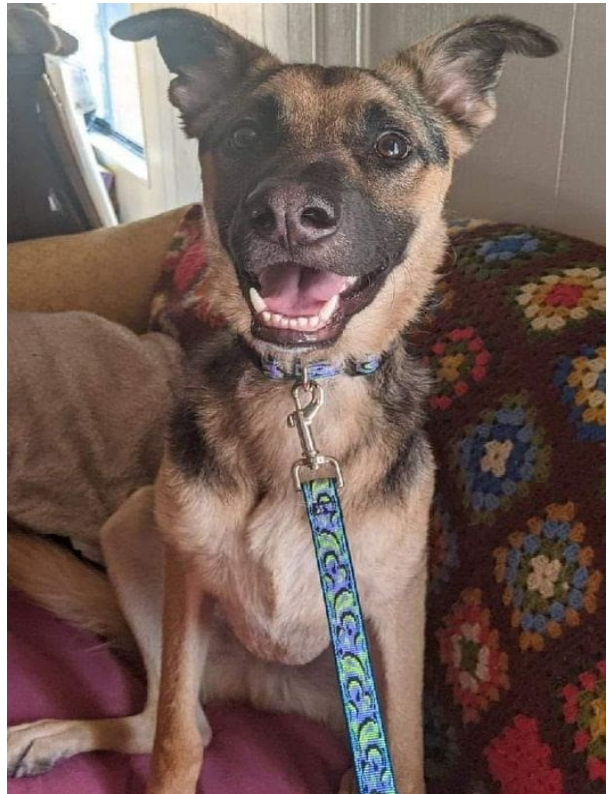
Sadly, he had a rough start to life, but his story continues. He was adopted out twice and returned both times, it just wasn't the right fit for this special boy. Each time he was returned, I took him home so he would be with someone familiar and feel safe until we could find his next home. This handsome boy was not even a year old yet, but I promised I would stop at nothing to find the perfect home for him. I knew someone out there would see all the good I see in him and then it happened, his new family came to meet him.

During the first meet, he was shy, kept his distance and did not engage very much. However, this family wanted to try to give Jaxeson a chance. He went home as a foster to adopt home. Today this family made Jaxeson a permanent member of their family and adopted him.

When Jaxeson returned to the shelter to finalize his adoption, he was so excited and gave me kisses. I was crying and just overjoyed. I have always wondered if the dogs in my care remembered their fosters and today I got that answer. Most importantly I saw a difference in him, he was confident, sitting right next to his new mom and willing to say hi to people. He blossomed in this new home and found himself! He knew today was his day and he had found his people and his home.

Fostering plays such an important role in our animals lives, while it can be emotional it is so rewarding.

Sign up to be on our foster team and help us save lives- www.mendohumanesociety.com



Volunteer Corner (continued)

It has been amazing to have our volunteers back on-site and we love to see our long-time volunteers coming back as well as many new faces. The help with laundry, cat socialization and dog walking not only helps the staff but has a positive and lasting impact for the animals on site.



Thank you for giving your time to support HSMC and enrich the lives of the animals on site, we appreciate you!

Interested in volunteering?

Visit our website to sign up and come to the next Volunteer Orientation: [Volunteer \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](https://www.mendohumanesociety.com)



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.

Angels of HSIMC:

Pardini Appliance,

Community First Credit Union,

Community Foundation of Mendocino County,

Ken Fowler,

Rainbow AG,

Savings Bank of Mendocino County,

The Mabel Albertson Fund,

Paul Shimmin,

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Mobile Equine Veterinary,

Julie Atwood,

Eddie Alexander,

Elizabeth Weeks,

Michael & Darlene Lewis,

Linda Dishon,

Bobbi Kelley-Ryan,

D.A. Canavari,

Bones Pet Rescue,

Kiwanis Club,

Lamon Patent Service,

Individuals: Ronald, Sheila, Susan, Cheri, Edward & Adel, Carolyn, Joanne, Bill.

Thank you so much for your support of the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County!

Letter from our Board President

Dear HSIMC Members and Supporting Public,

Greetings, and happy autumn! The seasons keep coming, as do litter after litter of puppies and kittens. We hope you enjoy a few of their stories here in our newsletter. More stories are shared on our social media.

In addition to new animals at our shelter, we have a new Board of Directors member, Robin Ingram. Robin has been a volunteer with HSIMC for a few years, notably involved in our fundraising efforts. She was one of the major pillars in behind the scenes work during our spring fundraiser, Portraits for Pets 2021, as well as the creator of the fun “Christmas in July 2021” wrapped mystery gift grab. Thank you Robin for continuing to bring your ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to the HSIMC team.

Robin's newest project is our 2022 photo calendar. Be sure to go to the calendar website to participate in voting, and preorder your 2022 pet photo calendar. It is another easy way to support the animal's in our care!

Speaking of the calendar, did you know we are accepting business sponsorships? As of this writing there are just a few advertisement spots left in our 2022 calendar. Is your business interested in being a business sponsor of the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County? Please let us know.

Every dollar collected is vital to run our shelter and rescue efforts. I'm proud to share with you our live outcome continues to be well above 90%+ range which qualifies us as a “no-kill” shelter. This term can sometimes be confusing or misunderstood. The important facts are, our shelter cannot say yes to every single phone call asking for help, but we do our best to rescue the most vulnerable dogs and cats, including puppies, kittens, pregnant moms and the like.

Unfortunately, even with the best care not all animals make it. For example, some of the kittens recently brought into our care succumbed to pneumonia. When we share our live outcome stats with you it won't be 100%. This is just a fact of rescue work, sadly not all animals can be saved. I'm well aware of the taboo on discussing death in sheltering, but we as an organization want to continue to break old molds and bring more transparency to shelter and rescue work. We hope you agree the good we do is necessary and worthy of your financial support. Thank you for your donations!

If you have questions, comments, concerns, or fresh ideas you'd like to share with us, I welcome your feedback. Please send a letter to: 9700 Uva Dr. Redwood Valley, Ca. 95470
Or send an email to our Administrative Director, Jenny: Admin@hsimc.org
Or to me, Board President, Kether: Kether@hsimc.org

In this continuation of Covid-19 restrictions we are glad you still find joy in supporting successful rescue efforts alongside us. Thank you for being kind, being patient, and understanding.

Be Well,
Kether Sprague, HSIMC President



Wishlists

Furry Friends and/or Facility!

Check out our Amazon Wishlist and donate a much-needed item so we can continue saving lives!
We have two Wishlists going, one to support our furry friends and one to keep our facility operating.

For an added bonus, do your Wishlist shopping through smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase back to HSIMC as part of their Charitable Giving Program.

Click the links below and check out our Wishlists:

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

Facility Wishlist: <https://a.co/hd1bhVv>

We also have an ongoing Kitten Shower Registry on Amazon; you can find it here: [Amazon Custom Gift List](#).

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



YTD Shelter Stats for 2021

To see HSIMC's full statistical breakdown please visit:

[Dashboards | Shelter Animals Count](#)

	Intakes	Adoptions	Return to Owner	Transfer	Euthanasia/ Died in Care
Dogs	283	259	17	5	8
Cats	426	324	11	9	9

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HSIMC Membership

A great portion of the work done by HSIMC each year is supported by its Members. There are multiple Membership opportunities, and the Membership entitles you to HSIMC's quarterly newsletter and invites to events.

Become a Member of Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County:

Sign up on our website at: [Membership \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](http://Membership(mendohumanesociety.com))

Not able to sign up online? No problem, simply print and return this form with your information and payment to:

Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County
 9700 Uva Drive
 Redwood Valley, CA 95470

Please circle the option(s) that best suit you!

Associate Membership (\$25/year)	Individual Membership (\$100/year)	Sustaining Membership (\$300/year)	Lifetime Membership (\$5,000/once)	Legacy Membership (\$10,000/once)
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Our Spay & Neuter Pledge program helps prevent further animals contributing to the homeless pet population and helps us continue saving lives by preventing overpopulation at our shelters. Red Pledge: 2 animals/year, Black Pledge: 5 animals/year, Silver Pledge: 10 animals/year, Gold Pledge: 20 animals/year and the Platinum Pledge: 40 animals/year.

Spay & Neuter Red Pledge (\$100/year)	Spay & Neuter Black Pledge (\$250/year)	Spay & Neuter Silver Pledge (\$500/year)	Spay & Neuter Gold Pledge (\$1,000/year)	Spay & Neuter Platinum Pledge (\$2,500/year)
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Dog Kennel and Cat Condo Sponsorships

These sponsorships help pay for maintenance and upkeep of the kennels and condos.

A metal sign will be ordered and displayed on site:

Dog Kennel - 18"x24" metal sign to be displayed on site at HSIMC

Cat Condo - 6" x 12" metal sign to be displayed on site at HSIMC

Please circle your choosing:

Dog Kennel Sponsorship (\$250/year) Name to be displayed: _____	Cat Condo Sponsorship (\$100/year) Name to be displayed: _____
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Up Coming Events

Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's Annual Christmas Wreath, Swag, & Centerpiece Fundraiser!

All items are handmade by our Volunteer Elves with fresh greenery and holiday cheer!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ PICK-UP DATE: _____

Item:	Qty:	Each:	Total:
Wreath		\$40.00	
Swag		\$35.00	
Arch		\$35.00	
Hurricane Centerpiece		\$30.00	
Double Taper Centerpiece		\$30.00	
		TOTAL DUE:	

ELVES-PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PORTION	
Order Date: _____	
Date Paid: _____	
Payment Method: Check# _____ Cash CC	
<i>Please make checks payable to HSIMC</i>	
NOTES: _____ _____	

ORDER YOUR WREATHS, SWAGS, ARCHS AND CENTERPIECES EARLY!

Pick up as early as Saturday, November 27th
Last day to order is Thursday, December 16th
Last day to pick up is Sunday, December 19th

PICK-UP AT HSIMC, 9700 UVA DRIVE, REDWOOD VALLEY, CA 95470



All proceeds help support the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, thank you for helping HSIMC continue to save lives!

Up Coming Events (continued)

Pet Photo Contest & Calendar Fundraiser!

Happening Now till October 16th at 10pm

We hope you join in on the fun by submitting a pet photo, voting /or simply /or ordering a 2022 Calendar and supporting HSIMC in the process!

The contest has been a load of fun so far and we are really enjoying all the entries!

Check it out here: [Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County | 2022 Pet Calendar Photo Contest](https://www.humanesocietyforinlandmendocino.org/2022-pet-calendar-photo-contest)
(gogophotocontest.com)



Pet Photo Contest

Winners will have full page features in our 2022 Calendar! All other participants will be on the collage page.

Go to GoGoPhotoContest.com/hsimc

You can always find our current and upcoming events on our website:
[Events \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](https://www.mendohumanesociety.com)



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Year Two of No In-Person Fundraisers - We Miss Our Fans!

As we are approaching fall, we have started to reflect on these past two years and all the changes and challenges we have faced at the shelter.

We miss our community, and we miss being able to gather for in-person events. The Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser, Kritter Karnival and the Tri-Tip events were full of positive energy, good vibes and fun conversations. Missing out on the opportunities to meet with and spend time with all of our supporters and animal rescue community has left a hole in our hearts.

The changes and adaptations during Covid have pushed us from our comfort zone but we continue to move forward, pandemic or not, the animals still need us, and we are doing our best to be there for our community. Thank you for joining us on this roller coaster of a journey!

We continue to learn and implement the changing practices and procedures of animal rescue, shelter medicine and capacity for care. We are very passionate about being a driving force in the rescue community and continually look to the future.

We currently have over 50 dogs and over 160 cats in our care. It is a tremendous effort to care for these animals and the pressure to do so is very real. During this time, we need support more than ever, the rescue community is changing, and we need to change with it in order to survive. Animal shelters across the country are full and struggling to keep up with the needs of our communities, our veterinarians are overwhelmed, and we expect to see shortage in veterinarian availability to continue over the next 10 years.

We are so thankful for each and everyone who has supported us along the way, you keep us going and give us the strength to continue moving forward, even during the most trying times. Thank you for supporting us, for caring for the animals and believing in our mission as much as we do!

Thank you to our Foster Team for helping keep animals out of the shelter and in a home, your efforts provide a safe zone for these animals and gives them a head start to find their forever home. Thank you Foster Team, your impact on these animals' lives is significant!

***Prior Newsletters are available on our website, check them out here: www.mendohumanesociety.com

OUR MISSION

Our Mission Statement

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.

Join us in helping the animals by becoming a member!