



# Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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# PAW PRINTS

*"Our lives are in your hands"*

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## ★ ★ The Next Generation of Animal Lovers ★ ★

Last week we were thrilled to have a visit from some of the students from the Wil-lits Elementary Charter School. These young people are in a group called SLED (Student Leadership Education) which among other things fosters youth independence and service to the community.

All of the arrangements for this visit were organized by these youngsters with only minimal help from their teacher. My how times have changed!

One of the activities conducted during the visit was to ask the kids to select a favorite cat or dog and write a short note on why this pet should be adopted into a "forever home", wow what a hit! These kids have an awful lot of passion and wrote some amazing letters, all of these will be displayed at our facility.

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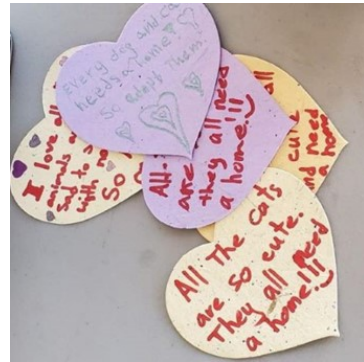
## MONTHLY MEETING

3rd Tuesday of each month  
 6PM at HSIMC

HSIMC is also very fortunate that SLED has chosen to donate the proceeds from fundraising that they will be conducting in the near future. They have also suggested coming back and performing some community service at the center. After some discussion between staff, we suggest that assisting HSIMC in our annual calendar sales would be an excellent way to make a meaningful contribution.

***Thank you SLED!***

***You are awesome and are welcomed back anytime.***



## Highlights (continued)

### BISSELL PET FOUNDATION'S EMPTY THE SHELTERS PROGRAM



HSIMC participated in the Bissell Pet Foundation “Empty the Shelters” for the first time this year! The “Empty the Shelters” program sponsors adoptions and helps highlight the many animals in shelters looking for homes.

The event takes place across the nation and many of our animals found homes during the 2 week event - we had a total of 19 dogs and 31 cats find homes, many of which were long-time residents of our shelter.

Thank you to all of our wonderful adopters and all who came out to help make this event such a success!

*Thank you Cathy Bissell and Bissell Pet Foundation for this amazing program!*

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### Girl Scout Troop Visits

It was our great pleasure and honor to host Girl Scout Troop 11359 from Sonoma County this quarter, these are scouts from various cities who are homeschooled and come together to participate in the scouting experience.

Talk about too much sweetness in one place, these young gals just brought a ton of joy to HSIMC and made for a perfect day! We commend their parents for involving their children in community at such a young, impressionable age and know that this will develop into a bright future for us all.

I think we all had some fun today, learned something from each other and hope to do it again.

Thank you girls for donating your very hard-earned cookie sales proceeds to helping our cats and dogs.

*We can never thank you enough for your thoughtfulness and generosity.*



## Highlights (continued)

### Tales from the Ukiah Dog Park How we met Simon, my dog's best friend by Justine Frederiksen



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I had no intention of going into the dog park the day we met Simon. Still a brand-new dog owner who was nervous about everything, I was especially afraid of letting my completely untrained, 60-pound tornado off her leash anywhere in public, even inside a securely fenced area.

But as I tried to walk past the park, a sweet-looking dog ran up to the fence. Though he was very interested in meeting my dog, and she was just as interested in meeting him, I tried to remain outside.

I told his owner all my fears, but she just smiled them off, assuring me everything would be fine — and something about Noreen convinced me to take Ripley inside to play with Simon. That was not only cool, but one of the coolest things ever. Because we all fell in love that day: The dogs with each other, the humans watching them play.

Immediately, Simon and Ripley began wrestling and chasing each other like they were already the best of friends. And they stayed the best of friends for the next 10 years.

They bonded so well because they were both about a year old, and both herding dog mixes: Ripley a blend of German and McNab Shepherds, and Simon a cattle dog mixed with lab.

Herding dogs can play fast and rough, often intimidating other dogs who don't like to be chased, corralled, or even nipped, but Simon and Ripley got along so well that his owner Noreen and I began meeting regularly at the dog park so they could play.

Soon the dogs invented their own game we called The Ball Game. Simon would lie down with a tennis ball in his mouth, then Ripley would lie down next to him and try to pull the ball out. Simon would growl playfully, his stumpy tail wagging, as the dogs pulled on the ball, their heads bobbing back and forth. As the game progressed, Simon would lie on his back to give Ripley better access to the ball, while still keeping it firmly in his mouth.

When Noreen and I learned we lived only two blocks from each other, we started hosting playdates in our backyards, where the dogs were free to run, wrestle and play the Ball Game without interruption from other dogs. Sometimes Ripley would get the ball out, but most of the time the dogs were happy just to lie there together, "making out," for as long as us humans wanted to watch.

Over the next 10 years, Noreen and I walked our dogs together many times a week, so Simon and Ripley enjoyed hundreds of evening strolls together. We also traded pet-sitting duties, with her making many a road trip possible for my husband and me because of her volunteering to check on our cats. And those are just some of the countless good things created by that first play session in November of 2012.

Sad-but-happy update: I'm sad to report that Noreen died in early 2022 of cancer, but I am also happy to report that her daughter quickly found Simon another home. One of her friends in Oregon has a small child and wanted to adopt an older dog like Simon who was calm and already trained.

I miss both Noreen and Simon and I am very sad that Ripley and Simon don't get to see each other anymore. But I am so grateful for all the time we got to spend together and cannot thank Noreen enough for convincing me to go into the dog park that first day.

Postscript from Justine:

My dog Ripley, who is a female, was originally adopted from HSIMC as a puppy. She was part of a litter of McNab mixes that came to the Redwood Valley shelter in late 2011/early 2012. I actually ended up meeting a male littermate of hers once, another chance encounter at the Ukiah dog park!

Ripley (not her original name) later ended up at the Ukiah Shelter when she was about a year old, which is when my husband and I adopted her. As for her pal Simon, I know he was also adopted from a shelter, but it wasn't the HSIMC.

## Highlights (continued)

### GIMP (Harley) - The little tripod that could!

Gimp was spicy and feisty when she first came to us, but she was also in really rough condition, so we definitely forgive her. One of her rear legs was broken and infected beyond saving, and the other was broken in two places that were repairable.

She had an extended stay with our friends over at Wasson Memorial, and they took great care of her! Gimp spent time recovering in a foster home and they fell in love with her and finalized her adoption in September of this year.

Her new name is “Harley” because her remaining back leg is utilized like a kickstand to keep her upright. She has many new friends and just loved her adopter, they are inseparable.

*We are so happy to hear how beautiful Gimp’s (Harley’s) life is now!*



### Potter Valley JR High School - Helping Neonatal Kittens



A litter of kittens was found abandoned in Potter Valley at the end of August, they needed help and round the clock care.

Fortunately, the finder offered to foster these little ones and we all hoped they would make it. Unfortunately, one didn’t make it, but the other three are doing really well and growing up right before our eyes.

This trio of kittens was introduced to Ms. Mason’s class at Potter Valley JR High School and the kids stepped in to help care for these tiny little ones. They learned how to bottle feed and how to care for these three little kittens.

*Thank you to Ms. Mason and her class*  
for learning all about rescue and for helping these little ones get the care and love they need to grow and find their *forever families*.

### We’d Love to Introduce You All to Oscar!

We have a special little guy to show you today! World, meet Oscar! Oscar is no grouch, but he was found in a trash can and suffered injuries that were consistent with being hit or kicked.

Upon arrival at [City of Clearlake Animal Association](#) on 9/5 Oscar was showing major neurological issues (more on that later) but as each day goes by he is showing signs of improvement. Oscar is still a little wobbly but how could we deny helping a small help-less guy like him.

Caring for puppies like Oscar requires a big-time commitment and we would love to see our healthy adoptable dogs move into foster and forever homes so we can put more focus into the ones that need us more.

Oscar holds no bad feelings for being abandoned in a trash can and he has moved on from his ruff start and is embracing life to the fullest. We could all learn something from Oscar!

Oscar wishes all homeless pets can be as lucky as he is, but we need your support to make that happen. Oscar is hoping we find homes for all the cats and dogs here at HSMC so we can continue to intake others that need our help. Volunteers, donors, fosters and adopters are always needed.

*Come see us and make some adoption dreams come true!*



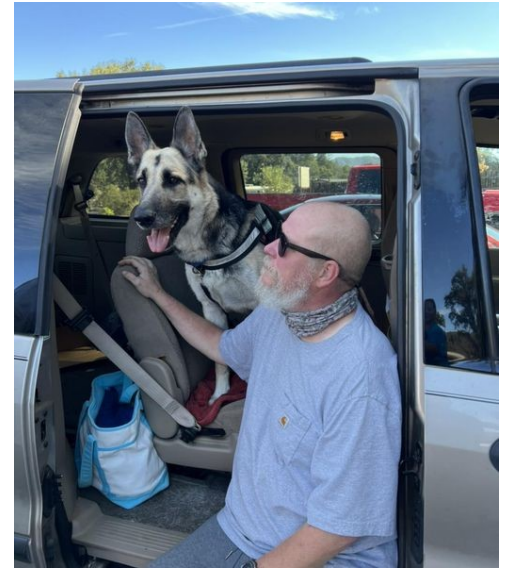
### Duke Finds a Family...

Our first adoption of the month was the one and only DUKE!! And just like that every single one of our hopes and dreams for this boy came true! But there is a lot more to this photo, and we want to tell you the story of what it really took to get Duke to this happy moment...

Duke's owner became terminally ill and could no longer care for him. He landed at a shelter with no skills to cope and ended up on the euthanasia list. He had many people looking out for him at that shelter and they refused to let him die, for that we are so thankful.

They reached out to us for help, and we agreed to pull him into our rescue and honor his owner's dying wish by trying to find Duke a home of his own. But it wasn't going to be easy.

Duke had spent months in a small kennel and by the time he arrived in our care he was rapidly deteriorating due to the stress of shelter life. Duke is a smart boy and he simply couldn't cope with being isolated in a cage. He was reactive to everyone who came to see him and spun in circles biting his tail to the point where we thought we would have to amputate it. Our staff and volunteers were worried sick and did our best to keep him happy but it wasn't working...



Then along came Glen.. Glen became Duke's Pet Pal and showed up every day for over a month to take Duke out for a walk and to enjoy time out of his kennel. Glen gave Duke the consistency and attention he needed to begin to transform. We saw him change right before our eyes. Every day with Glen produced a happier healthier Duke.. then one day Glen decided it was time to foster Duke and the real transformation began!

Outside of the shelter Duke thrived, the spinning stopped, his tail healed, he knew love again and he showed love right back. He learned how to play, and he is especially tender with Glen's mom, their sweet moments together brought tears to our eyes! There was no denying that Duke belonged in this home and lucky for Duke his foster family agreed. But that wasn't the end of the magic that was happening.

As much as Duke's life was being saved he was also helping Glen in his own way. Here is a note that Glen sent us shortly after he knew that Duke was there to stay:

"I wanted to say thank you to your team for the gift of helping me with the Duke. He has added so much to my life it's hard to put in words...I was as shut down as he was when I first met him.

Now we are walking every day, he sleeps with me, he checks on my mom and miss Elsa (although Elsa doesn't interact very much when he tries to get her to play)...after losing my Jack Russell Brewtus I didn't have a constant companion any longer...I was a bit lost...

Duke has erased all of the sadness...from many different issues...and without you two and your **"Pet Pals Program"** it would not have happened...I am going to try and register him as an emotional support animal because he truly is serving that purpose.

I am convinced that the Duke saved me from becoming a closed off hermit type old guy...I was headed in that direction...Anyway, from the bottom of my heart, thank you..."

Duke's story is the prime example of why HSMIC is so important to our community and the animals and people who need us!

*Thank you all for reading this story and supporting us so we can continue to make magical moments like this happen* ❤️

## Volunteer Corner

### 🐱🐶 VOLUNTEER WITH US TODAY 🐱🐶

Volunteer orientation is the first Thursday and last Sunday of each month at 11am at HSIMC. We are hoping to add many new volunteers to our team so please join us at our next orientation!

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 and a lack of funds to care for more. 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 big difference in not only our animals' lives but also help relieve some of the stress that our team is currently under.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN US!

We have many new opportunities for volunteers and are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to help rally our troops and keep our volunteers organized and active.

If interested, please email [admin@hsimc.org](mailto:admin@hsimc.org) to learn more about the Volunteer Coordinator position. For more information, please visit our website: <https://mendohumanesociety.com/volunteer%2Ffoster>

*We hope to see you at the next orientation!*



## Foster Corner

### FOSTER HOMES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

Who would like to join our Foster Team and help us continue to save lives? While we want to say yes to every animal in need, our small team can only handle so much but with the support of our foster team, we can do so much more!

Fostering can be a very rewarding experience and you are helping us learn more about the dog or puppy or cat or kitten you are fostering and giving them a head start to life in a home. Providing a safe haven for an animal in need greatly relieves the pressure we feel onsite every day.

If you are not currently on our foster team, please call or email our foster team or sign up to become a foster by visiting our website: <https://mendohumanesociety.com/volunteer%2Ffoster>

Contact our foster teams:  
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[catfosterteam@hsimc.org](mailto:catfosterteam@hsimc.org)

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## **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.

Pardini Appliance, Clay Nesbitt, Paul Shimmin, Edward & Adele Buck, Multiple Therapeutic Services, Mendocino County Hog Chapter, Charlotte Oeding, Girl Scouts of Northern California, Michael O'Neill, Elizabeth Weeks, Bones Pet Rescue, Fidelity Charitable, Cynthia Huhn, Eileen Nelson, Myrna Hurst, Erica Seelig, Laurie Starr, Erin Murphy, Julia St. John, Sheryl Smith, Autumn Ehnou, Mischa Miller & multiple Anonymous Donors!

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

Mooks, Rufus, Phoebe & Wynken, Isa & Ivan Band, Maxine B Harris, John King, Zena Girl, Harry Fuzzbutt, Cece Pinon & Sweet Pea Pinon, Yoshi, Amanda Reiman, Karma, Jane Ruddick, Michael Hill.

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

Jacob McKey, Diane Lewis, Foxy, Carolyn Pryor, Chanel Pretty Kitty James, Virginia Nixon, Don Fraser, Merna Falleri, Michael Blumenfeld, Jason Stinson, Ron Valado, Nico Hoffard, Marcia Stroud, Staff & Volunteers & Medical Providers, Johnny, Maxine Harris, Peanut, Vittorio, Gozer, Emily Fertitta Whale.

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## **DONATE FOR CHARITY**

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**Is your vehicle looking like it fits in at a haunted house?  
Do the repair bills scare you?  
Think about donating!**

**We will take your spooky looking vehicle off your hands  
and you will receive a tax deduction.**

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## **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: [jking@hsmc.org](mailto:jking@hsmc.org)

## Shout OUTS

### East Hill Veterinary Clinic Thank You!!!



We love [East Hill Veterinary Clinic](#)!! 🐾 ❤️ 🐾

The folks at East Hill Veterinary Clinic care for and alter hundreds of animals for us each year and provide ongoing medical care, as needed, for all the animals in our care.

This group of animal medical care providers are simply amazing, and we appreciate all the time, love and care they provide to the homeless cats and dogs at HSIMC.

Earlier this year, a fire prevented us from picking up 20 animals that were at East Hill for surgeries... the team at East Hill kept them safe overnight so we didn't have to worry.

We are so thankful for this partnership, and we wouldn't be able to save as many lives as we do without their support. They care for our animals in the best way, taking on the tough cases, the special medical cases, fostering and even fostering to adopt!

Special thanks to Dr. Chana, our vet of record, Dr. BG and all the amazing staff!

*Thank you for always being there for our shelter and all the animals in our care,  
we appreciate you all so much!* ❤️ 🐾

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### THANK YOU STARKEY CUSTOM APPAREL & PROMOTIONS



Thank you Starkey for supporting the animals at HSIMC! The new hats you sent are very well done and we appreciate all your time and efforts!

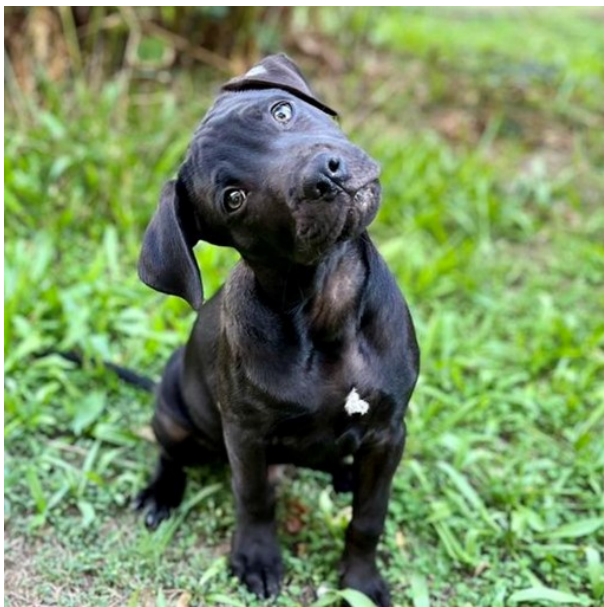
Also, thank you Paul Shimmin for getting us back in touch and helping get this project going so we have hats again!

If anyone is interested in an HSIMC hat, we now have them available for sale on site!



## Shout OUTS

### A Rescue Mission Under Way!



[The City of Clearlake Animal Association](#) is bursting at the seams with dogs in need and we are so glad they called to ask for help! We had the chance to lighten the load a little and welcomed several new faces into our shelter.

A litter of puppies that were bottle raised by Charmaine until they were 4 weeks of age and some older dogs too!

Chuckie, puppy in photo, and his littermates were left at Clearlake Animal Control where they were just a few days old.

They were all bottle raised by Charmaine and at 4 weeks old we took them into our care at HSIMC.

*Thank you Charmaine and the folks at City of Clearlake Animal Association for all you do!*

### BIG THANK YOU TO Kevin & Doreen!

Both Kevin Moorehead and Doreen Foley have been volunteering for years at HSIMC and are responsible for the beautiful, park-like setting we enjoy here; each compliment we receive about our beautiful property is due to these two.

This dynamic duo visits weekly to water, weed, tend to the flower beds, trees, and landscaped areas to ensure we have a beautiful and welcoming setting year-round and it is A LOT of work!

We are so grateful these two devote so much time to our property, thank you Kevin and Doreen for all your hard work and dedication. We appreciate working in such a beautiful setting!

Kevin also heavily contributes to our annual wreath fundraiser and makes the most beautiful centerpieces! This year end fundraiser lasts for weeks, and every day Kevin is here, he always has a smile on his face and is a joy to be around.



### SAVINGS BANK SUPPORTS THE ANIMALS OF HSIMC!



Thank you Savings Bank of Mendocino County and Jeff Mindling, Christina Knight, Jose Cardenas and Viral Patel for raising \$1,634 for our shelter! These funds were desperately needed to help cover medical costs for our animals and helped spay and neuter about 15 animals!

*Thank you for your support and for visiting, it was lovely to meet all of you!*

## Slater Jones: Animal Care Attendant

I'm just about as "homegrown" as you can get! I've lived in Redwood Valley my whole life. I like how rural it is! Right now, the temperature is tough but the people I work with are great. I'm currently single and live in the house I grew up in. I have a half sister who lives in Vermont.

Outside of work, I enjoy working out. I work out at home, running, boxing, and lifting weights. I had begun training to participate in the Avenue of the Giants Marathon and then covid hit! I really enjoy playing video games and participating in video game competitions. I enjoy cooking and gardening. Right now, in my yard I have blackberries, apples, apricots and plum trees. I'm also growing pumpkins and tomatoes.

I'm a real nature lover and am currently trying to train some crows that have been hanging around my house! I've heard that they'll start bringing you trinkets and gifts if you befriend them!

I volunteered at HSMC when I was younger and always thought it would be cool to work here. I love that it has such natural surroundings, and I can be outside most of the time. It's close enough to home that I can walk or ride my bike to work!

I love the animals. I am an animal care attendant and work mostly with the dogs but can fill in with the cats as needed. When a dog is having a particularly bad time adjusting to being at the shelter, you might find me in the kennel laying with the dog and giving them comfort!

We had a puppy here that was really unhappy and when I went to leave work, gave me such a sad face, that I decided to adopt him. I had walked to work that day, so I carried "Shark" all the way home. He's now about a year old, loves being with me and is afraid of horses!

I love working here! Everyone is an animal lover and just wants what's best for the animals. I get along with everybody. If I could improve anything here, it would be to get a single key for all the locks on the dog kennels!

Slater's dog team manager, Becca Edwards says, "Slater absolutely loves the animals. He's always willing to try new things. He has even tried out the oral pet medications to see how bad they taste! He never seems to have a bad day! His personality is like a 9-month Labrador puppy that's always happy to see you!! He's just a really nice guy."

*Glad we "found and adopted" you, Slater!!*



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## Teresa King: Secretary to the HSMC Board of Directors



The staff at HSMC would like to send a special THANK YOU to Teresa King, Secretary to the Board of Directors, for interviewing our staff and helping all of us tell our stories.

We affectionately refer to Teresa as Mama Teresa because her heart is so giving and loving, we all feel so cared for since this amazing woman joined our team. She jumped right in to help in any way she could.

Thank you for all your support, guidance, and homemade goodies - you keep us going and we are so fortunate and grateful to have you on our team!

Would you like to learn more about Teresa and our Board of Directors?

You can find their bios on our website: <https://mendohumanesociety.com/board-of-directors>

## Lyra Bishop: Animal Care Attendant



I am another homegrown employee who was raised in Redwood Valley on West Rd. When I was 15, my family moved to Redding, but then moved back. I left home at 18 and traveled around California for about five years, once again returning to Redwood Valley.

I am an animal care attendant with the cat team. You'll often find me between the front office and the cattery, cleaning and working with the FelV cats. On October 22nd, I'll celebrate 3 years at HSIMC. Prior to coming here, I worked with vulnerable adults which, while rewarding, took its toll on me psychologically. While working with the cats can also be emotional, the team I work with and the cats feed my spirit!

Outside of work, I use my visionary energy in many diverse ways. I love art and am an accomplished artist using digital graphics, pencils, and spray paint art. I've created a couple of graphics for use here at HSIMC. I'd love to share mine with you any time!

I've spent years researching and understanding crypto currency and believe this is the future. When I become a multi-millionaire, I would use some of my proceeds to build a new cattery! Eventually, I'd like to become a member of HSIMC's board of directors!

I am deeply involved in the LGBTQ+ community, participating in podcasts and mentoring people going through transgender issues. With much introspection, I have built confidence in myself and my personal journey. I strongly believe that you must love yourself, before you can accept love.

*At HSIMC, I have found the "family" I've chosen, feeling valued and loved.*

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## There isn't anything Stacey M Rohrbaugh cannot do!

Stacey has been volunteering at HSIMC for many years and we are always in awe of the beautiful things she creates and the artistic touches she leaves behind.

This year, Stacey helped out with some building projects and made some really fun games for the kids to enjoy at our annual Kritter Karnival. Leapfrog anyone? Not only was the design and set up for the game beautiful but the flying frogs were a blast!

Stacey has made a variety of chalkboards as well as wood finishing work and special projects for many of our buildings.

*Thank you Stacey for your artistic nature and making HSIMC more functional and beautiful with your woodworking skills!*



## Letter from our Board President

It's been another busy quarter as we participated or hosted a number of summer events, HSIMC was honored to be the Grand Marshall at the 60<sup>th</sup> annual **Black Bart** Parade in Redwood Valley, we participated in the **Bissell Foundation Summer Clear the Shelters** event, where over 10 days we adopted out 50 cats and dogs. Our **Kritter Karnival** was postponed from Sept 18 until Oct. 2 due to RAIN. KK is our biggest fundraising event of the year and as usual was a lot of fun. This year was extremely successful, the food was terrific, all the youngsters and adults had a great time and our very own Tom Allman served as MC. During this event we recognized all of our fosters and volunteers, but also singled out some of our more active participants, presenting them with a small token of appreciation for all of their help over the years.

We also continue to see very high demand for animal rescue, at any given time, dependent on how many pets are being fostered, we have anywhere between 250 to 350 cats and dogs under our care. When these high occupancy rates are realized there is very little choice but to limit further intakes until we can adopt or foster out more animals. This has occurred several times during the quarter as we reached our support capacity. We also experienced some very hot summer days where it is extremely difficult for our outside dogs to be comfortable in the heat. When any of these situations occur, we can always count on our community to support HSIMC as we attempt to work our way through these bottlenecks. For this assistance we are truly grateful and appreciative. There is always a need for fosters and volunteers, so come visit us and see how you can help. You will have a lot of fun, get lots of love and get a great deal of satisfaction for your efforts.

During this period, the HSIMC management team and the Board of Directors, in addition to all of the other activities that must be addressed, spent a considerable amount of time in determining goals that we would like to achieve in the near future. As you can imagine our potential list was quite long, as there are many things that need to be accomplished. In the end, we agreed to focus our energy in 3 areas:

Grants – increasing our access to local and national funding

Recognition – ensuring that we acknowledge our community, employees & benefactors

Volunteers – increasing and supporting our foster and volunteer base

A cornerstone of our philosophy as a non-profit, so dependent on community support is to make sure we GIVE BACK in whatever humble way we can. This quarter we were extremely fortunate to host visits by the **Calpella/Redwood Valley 4H**, the homeschool **Girl Scouts of Sonoma County** and the **Willits Elementary Charter School SLED** (Student Leader Education) group. During these field trips, HSIMC provides a tour and overview of our facility and mission, education on the importance of animal safety and healthy pet practices, some pet training demonstrations and of course lots of time cuddling and loving our cats and dogs. These young girls and boys who are also focused on community service, have donated all of their fundraising efforts to the shelter, in the form of animal food, toys and equipment as well as monetary contributions. We are very fortunate that these groups have selected to help HSIMC and we thank them for their support. These youngsters represent the future of our society and from what I have experienced, we are in very good hands!

I would like to thank **Pardini Appliance** in Ukiah for their longtime support of HSIMC, **Pardini** donates a set amount of money for every dog that gets adopted, and it is and has always been a tremendous way for them to help HSIMC. If you're shopping for an appliance, make sure you give them the opportunity to compete for your business.

For many years, we have wanted to overhaul the inside appearance of our cattery, but the expense was overwhelming! Just recently **Healdsburg Floor Coverings** stepped up (thanks Tim & Travis) and donated all of the materials necessary to completely redo the cattery flooring and baseboards. Plus, enough material left over to redo our front office! What an incredible donation and a tremendous gesture of support. Also, while we are juggling to do the floors, we will take this opportunity for a fresh coat of paint on the interior. HSIMC still needs to fund the labor costs for this project, but we are confident that with the help of our community, we will manage to make this possible.

In closing, I'd like to hear from you, contact me at [iking@hsimc.org](mailto:iking@hsimc.org) or call the front office and leave me a message at (707) 485-0123, talk to you soon.

Thank You for your support,

**OUR MISSION IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!**

Faithfully Yours,  
John King



## 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 below and checkout our WishLists:



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



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

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. Just 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 for 2022

**YTD Shelter Stats: As of 9/30/2022**

To see HSIMC's full statistical breakdown please visit: [Dashboards | Shelter Animals Count](#)

**Our live outcome rate for 2022 is 91.5%**

	Intakes	Adoptions	Return to Owner	Transfer Out	Euthanasia/ Died in Care	Currently in Shelter	Currently in Foster
<b>Dogs</b>	418	396	12	7	6	24	69
<b>Cats</b>	558	400	9	41	51	112	78



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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:

[www.mendohumanesociety.com](http://www.mendohumanesociety.com)

### Membership Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership 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 Options:

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

### In-Memory or In-Honor Options:

(Plaques will be displayed on our Memory Wall)

**Honorarium/Memorial (\$100 minimum): Please specify amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet Memorial (\$100 minimum): Please specify amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**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

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## Membership Level Descriptions

### Associate (\$25/year):

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Non-Voting Member

### Individual (50/year)

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Votes in the annual May election for Board of Directors

### Family (\$100/year):

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Votes in the annual May election for Board of Director
- Submit a name for a puppy or kitten \*\*
- Invited to our annual “Thank You” event

### Sustaining (\$300/year):

- All of family membership level plus:
  - Submit a name for both a puppy and kitten \*\*
  - 2 - Raffle tickets to our summer raffle event

### Spay & Neuter Pledges:

- Red Pledge - 2 animals per year
- Black Pledge - 5 animals per year
- Silver Pledge - 10 animals per year
- Gold Pledge - 20 animals per year
- Platinum Pledge - 50 animals per year

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## SUBARU “share the love” EVENT

This event begins **November 17, 2022** and runs through January 3, 2023!

Huge thank you to Fowler Auto Center in Ukiah and Subaru of America for selecting the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County as a recipient for their Subaru Share The Love Event.

We have been fortunate enough to participate in this event the past two years and look forward to participating again this year!

*Our corporate partners are integral to our mission to save dogs and cats and we can never*



## Order Your WREATH, SWAG or CENTERPIECE TODAY!

Wreath Season is just around the corner, and we are now accepting orders for our holiday fundraiser, please complete the enclosed order form and return to HSIMC.

***Orders will be accepted through December 15th.***

We are excited for the good tidings and cheer the holiday season brings, so send in your pre-orders and we look forward to seeing everyone pick up their holiday pieces later this year!

**For more on our upcoming events head over to [mendohumanesociety.com/events](https://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,  
[jking@hsmc.org](mailto:jking@hsmc.org) and we will get it organized.***



**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		\$50.00	
Swag		\$40.00	
Hurricane Centerpiece		\$30.00	
Double Taper Centerpiece		\$30.00	
		<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	

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



**ORDER YOUR WREATHS, SWAGS, AND CENTERPIECES EARLY!**

Pick up as early as Thursday, December 1st  
 Last day to order is Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Last day to pick up is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

PICK-UP AT HSIMC, 9700 UVA DRIVE, REDWOOD VALLEY, CA 95470  
Pick up during business hours: Wed-Fri: 1pm-5pm and Sat-Sun 11am-3pm

All proceeds help support the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County  
 Thank you for helping us continue to save lives!  
 Email: [Fundraising@hsimc.org](mailto:Fundraising@hsimc.org) / Phone: 707-485-0123



“Our lives are in your hands”

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### MISSION

We are looking at **The Great Reset** for our shelter.

As many of you may have heard, we made a plea for help - asking our community to rally for HSMC and our rescue community once again.

The past two years, we have pushed our facility and staff to the limit but have been unable to financially sustain the level of growth we have experienced. Calls for help in our community and surrounding communities have continued to increase, and our team has worked tirelessly to accommodate the number of animals needing help.

Other shelters around us are also feeling the pressure and are at capacity, overwhelmed and overworked; the needs for the homeless animals in our community are immeasurable and with limited resources there is only so many we can help.

In an effort to reevaluate, reorganize, and financially recover, we have halted all intakes for 6 weeks and we will reevaluate our situation in early November. We are looking at the long-term goals of our shelter, the needs of our community, and what we can realistically handle with our current resources.

When we look at best shelter practices, the goal is to keep animals in their home and out of the shelter and offering support to the community with pet pantry items and counseling has helped in many cases where surrendering an animal was considered. We will continue to offer this type of support to our community and hope it will continue to provide means to keep animals in their current home.

We have also implemented courtesy postings for our community to utilize as additional platform to assist in rehoming their animals - the application and animals available for adoption by owner can be found on our website: <https://mendohumanesociety.com/adoptions-by-owner>

We continue to follow APA Guidelines, American Pets Alive is a leader in the rescue community, to ensure we are keeping with best practices for the wellbeing of our animals and to ensure strong processes and procedures for the overall health and wellbeing of our dogs and cats as well as efficiencies in our processes.

During this period of evaluation and reset, we will focus on the animals currently in our care and work towards finding homes for our longer stay residents and special needs animals.

We would like to thank our:

- community of supporters for your continued support and understanding through this period of reset
- volunteers for continuing to advocate for the animals and helping with daily tasks, events and supporting our staff
- staff for rolling with the changes our shelter is facing and being open minded to moving forward in this ever-changing environment

We are all here for the animals and we appreciate each and every one of you who has become part of our mission.

Together we are strong, together we are resilient and together we can make a difference.

*Thank you,*

*Jenny Hanzlik*

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