



Oakdale Shelter Pet Alliance

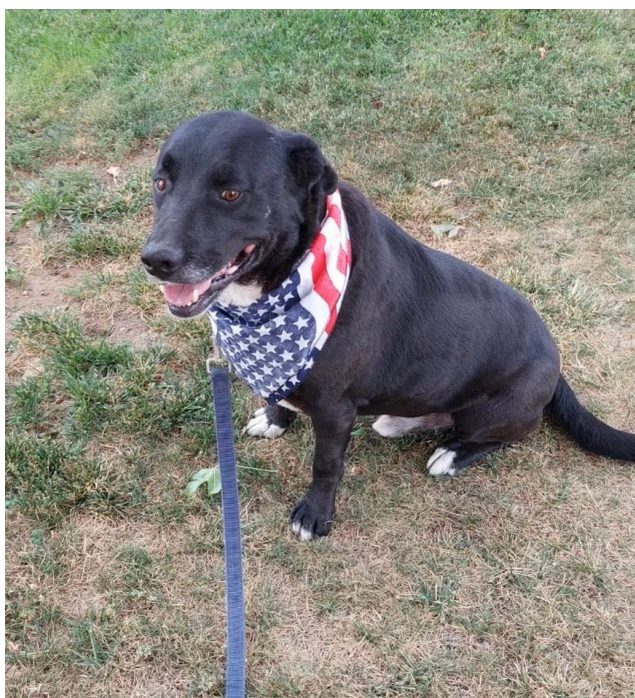
Summer Newsletter



OSPA: Answering the Call!

The homeless animal problem has reached a crisis in our communities. Our local shelter, like so many others across the country, is teeming with lost and abandoned cats and dogs. Many of them just need a bit of attention, some grooming or a trip to the vet to be their best self. Just a chance to have the life they deserve. Meet some of those pets who were lucky enough to get teamed up with OSPA. Keep reading to learn how OSPA wins a big grant and how we continue to be good stewards of your generous donations.

Bernard goes home



Bernard came into the shelter in mid-May as a tubby, dusty-haired black lab. His extra pounds and dirty coat made him appear older than his years and he garnered scant attention from anyone looking for a new pet. Shelter volunteers and staff immediately took note of his intelligence, friendly brown eyes and constantly wagging tail. He was placed on a diet, given regular walks and an epic grooming session by a shelter volunteer that yielded a mountain of black hair! But the weeks passed and the end of June loomed. OSPA rushed into action to help with his adoption fees. (A shelter volunteer offered to pay the remainder.) New pictures were taken and posted, hoping to catch someone's eye. His story was shared on social media and he became a celebrity with so many people rooting for him. And just as the 4th of July rolled around, a beautiful connection was made and Bernard found his forever home. Congratulations to Bernard (now Bennie) and his new family.



BENSON BITS



The call to OSPA was urgent. A young Dachschild mix dog had been brought into the shelter with a severely injured back leg that required immediate vet attention. A diagnosis of necessary amputation was made and OSPA said yes to pay for surgery even at the cost of \$2,000.00. Benson's story doesn't end there, however. During surgery it was determined that amputation wasn't necessary and 3 pins were used to secure the bone. Weeks later, Benson still does not use his leg, rather just carries it around. He is a happy young dog and may yet recover more fully. He is finishing his rehabilitation with the amazing Humane Society of Tuolumne in Jamestown. We are so grateful to this compassionate pet rescue for taking Benson to the next phase of his life. Good luck Benson!

THE GREAT CAT TRAP

OSPA's goals address the issues associated with feral cats. We help individuals with feral cat problems as well as work with colony caretakers. Here is a hugely successful feral cat story:

In early spring, a local gentleman reached out to OSPA for help with the many cats on his rural property. He didn't mind having the cats live there, but he was very concerned about the certainty of more kittens and the population increasing exponentially. One OSPA volunteer spearheaded this effort and teamed up OSPA and Cat Network of Stanislaus to organize this immense event. Vet appointments were secured, a U-Haul was rented to transport all the cats and more volunteer help rounded up. In one afternoon, all 22 cats were trapped!!!! A huge thank you to Cat Network for their incredible support in this successful event. (See the websites below for valuable information regarding feral cats and help at the local level.)



www.oakdaleshelterpetalliance.org

www.alleycat.org

www.catnetworkofstanislaus.org

Did you know?

OSPA has sponsored 48 dogs
and 18 cats at the Oakdale



Animal Shelter so far in 2022!!
(OSPA subsidizes 2/3 the cost of
an adoption.)

OSPA wins big \$\$\$\$



In June, a monetary grant of \$7,500.00 from the City of Oakdale was awarded to OSPA. This grant was meant to aid non-profits who suffered financial hardships during the last two years of the pandemic. We are so grateful for this gift and will continue to use it wisely on behalf of the community's homeless animals.

Paying it forward

Just as OSPA appreciates generous donations and gifts, we also want to show our appreciation to our partners in this lifesaving endeavor. To that end OSPA granted the ASTRO foundation \$1000 for their continuing support of the shelter animals. The OSPA board of directors also voted to award Humane Society of Tuolumne County a check for \$1,500 for

their ongoing efforts to take the shelter's hard to place animals so that they may have an extra chance for life.



FREE t-shirt with your donation.

OSPA is now offering a free t-shirt with any donation of \$25.00 or more. If you donate and would like a t-shirt, please send your contact information to: oakdaleshelterpetalliance@gmail.com so that we can get the information from you to make sure you receive your t-shirt.



Sizes: LG, XL



Sizes: S, Lg, XL



Your donations at this time would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue our life saving work with the homeless animals in Oakdale and Riverbank. Without your continued generosity we could not do this important work.

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