



OAKDALE SHELTER PET ALLIANCE

WE'RE STILL HERE!



OSPA has been busy throughout the pandemic saving and improving the lives of the homeless animals of Oakdale and Riverbank. We are looking forward to being active again in the community with adoption events and voucher days.

OSPA STEPS UP

The Oakdale Animal Shelter was relatively quiet through 2020 and 2021. As always, there were still animals in need and OSPA stepped up to help in several ways.

1. Paying for veterinary and grooming services that are not covered by the shelter.
2. Offering promotions for dogs that may be harder to place or where the adoption fees are an issue.
3. An ongoing grant was awarded to the shelter to lower the cost of cat adoptions. This has been proven to be invaluable for getting cats adopted.
4. Gifts of money were awarded to various rescue groups who take animals from the shelter. Since there were no in-person adoption events, OSPA wisely used funds to help those rescues with expenses so they will be able to help in the

future.



"TIS THE SEASON

Holly Huizenga, OSPA's incoming president for 2022 and her furry family, enjoyed the free Pet Photos With Santa event, sponsored by the City of Riverbank's Parks and Recreation Department on December 4TH in beautiful Jacob Meyer Park.

Saving Grace



Dumped, scared and traumatized by hunger, heat, thunder and lightning, the young female pit bull evaded capture in Riverbank for a week. A good samaritan was able to get a leash on her and OSPA member Debi Scoles took her home for the weekend. Initially she was too exhausted and frightened to do anything but rest, but it was immediately clear she was a gem.

Gentle and quiet, Grace blossomed at the shelter with attention and care. A lovely family in Stockton had recently lost an older pet and had been watching for just the right dog to welcome into the family, and once they saw Grace they were sure she was the one! At the family's first shelter visit, Grace was timid and scared, but the family was undaunted and made a return visit the next day. This time Grace recognized she could trust and love back. Her troubles weren't quite over however, as she needed extensive surgery to clear up



an abdominal foxtail infection. OSPA voted to pay for all the surgical expenses, as well as assisting with her adoption fee so Grace could begin her new life. She has been renamed Gracie and has a very special dog friend named Mabel at her new residence, along with a senior chihuahua, 3 cats, 6 chickens, 2 teenagers, and a three year old! We wish Gracie and her new family a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

OSPA 2021: TO THE RESCUE

OSPA collaborates with community partners to save animals' lives! In July, Oakdale's ASTRO Foundation was awarded a \$2,800 gift from OSPA as a means to lower the cost of adoptions for adult cats and older kittens. ASTRO reported that 70 cats were adopted on the promotion!



GOODBYE TO SUE

January 25, 1958-November 23, 2020

Sue Lamont was one of the founding members of OSPA. Her commitment to the shelter animals' welfare was as if they were her own. She was always first to volunteer for any job that needed doing, be it transporting, shelter work or adoption events. Her love of animals and her desire to help them was apparent to all. Her wide smile and infectious laughter will be missed by everyone who knew her.



Oakdale Shelter Pet Alliance wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Please consider donating to OSPA in this holiday season so that we may continue our pet life saving work.

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