

Samantha Childs

Henri and the Magnificent Snort

When Henri the French bulldog entered Samantha Childs' life, he was simply a wonderful companion — the first dog she had that was all her own. But ultimately, the sweet little pup with adorable hair whorls on his backside and a distinctive snort brought Childs so much more than just the unconditional love that only a dog can offer. Once a victim of childhood bullying, Childs saw Henri's unique vocalizations as a perfect vehicle to teach a heartwarming lesson in compassion. The little Frenchie, who already had quite a following as the star of his own Instagram account, became the central character in Childs' debut children's book, *Henri and the Magnificent Snort*, released this past June. The book follows Henri and his doting human "mom" as Henri experiences the pain of peer bullying, eventually learning the importance of standing up for others and how to love himself — snorts and all. In life, Henri also fulfilled a lifelong dream for the Solana Beach-based Childs, who'd always wanted to write a children's book. Henri's literary legacy of love and lessons in kindness are an even greater gift for kids (or anyone) who need a reassuring voice to remind them that our differences are to be cherished. henriandthemagnificentsnort.com DEANNA MURPHY

SAMANTHA CHILDS: PHOTO BY EDUARDO CONTRERAS

ADOPTABLE PETS

HELEN WOODWARD ANIMAL CENTER

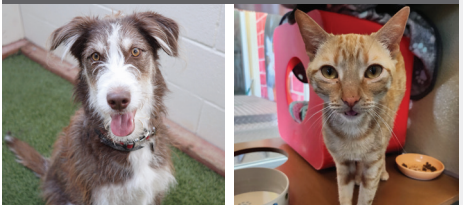


WOOF Diesel's favorite pastime is cuddling, and he knows just how to snuggle up and make you feel warm and loved. With his soulful eyes and wagging tail, he's always ready to greet you with boundless enthusiasm and joy. Diesel's playful nature will keep you entertained for hours, whether playing with a fellow canine or exploring the world around him. Adoption fee: \$355

MEOW Bonded kitties Mario and Peach are ready to level up your home and kart their way into your heart. Mario, the more social of the two, loves nothing more than to fill your day with sunshine and rub his face on you. Peach is a little more reserved, preferring to relax in her castle. Adoption fee for both: \$115

Adoption fee includes microchip identification and registration fee. Pets have been spayed or neutered and have up-to-date vaccinations. 858.756.4117, ext. 1, animalcenter.org

RANCHO COASTAL HUMANE SOCIETY



WOOF Keeva is a 1½-year-old, 39-pound Terrier mix who was transferred to RCHS through Friends of County Animal Shelters (FOCAS). In her previous home she liked to play with the kids next-door. She has had positive reinforcement training. Keeva needs daily mental and physical exercise. Adoption fee: \$145

MEOW Lady Marmalade is a 2-year-old, 8-pound Domestic Short Hair cat with a Red Tabby coat. She was picked up by a good Samaritan outside a restaurant in Riverside County, taken to a shelter, and transferred to RCHS through FOCAS. She's a very loving cat. Adoption fee: \$100

Adoption fee includes microchip identification. Pets have been spayed or neutered, examined for good health & temperament, and have up-to-date vaccinations. 760.753.6413, sdpets.org

SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY



WOOF Aero is an adorable 7-year-old Pug Mix with a big heart and larger-than-life personality. Her happiest days are spent soaking up the sun and snuggling her favorite people on the sofa. She'd be the perfect laid-back companion for someone who loves going on leisurely walks with plenty of sniff-stops. Meet Aero at SDHS' Oceanside Campus. Adoption fee: \$0 (sponsored by Purina)

MEOW Charlie is a 1-year-old Domestic Short Hair cat with irresistible charisma. She loves receiving pets and affection from her human companions. As soon as you offer her a gentle stroke, she'll quickly warm up to you, melting your heart with her sweet and loving nature. Charlie is available for adoption at SDHS' Oceanside Campus for cats. Adoption Fee: \$65

Adoption fee includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchip, a free veterinary exam certificate and a dog license if residing in a city contracted by SDHS. sdhumane.org/adopt