



Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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"Our lives are in your hands"

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Monthly Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month
6PM via ZOOM

Bergin University of Canine Studies

Earlier this year our Dog Kennel Manager learned of an opportunity to work with Devan and his students at Bergin University of Canine Studies, so of course we jumped at it! Our shelter was chosen for this opportunity and our dogs benefited in a big way from all the support we received. Devan's knowledge and experience working with shelter dogs and the support from his eager students exceeded our expectations. The BU students helped with everything from playgroups to vaccines and we enjoyed their enthusiasm, here on site, every Friday. Here is what instructor Devan Amundsen had to say about their experience this semester at HSIMC:

"At Bergin University, (berginu.edu), our mission is to advance the human-canine connection through research and education. One of the many ways we accomplish this is through our hands-on work with dogs in shelters and rescues. This semester, the fantastic team at the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County welcomed our bachelor students into their shelter with unparalleled levels of enthusiasm and open arms. Our students made the trip from campus in Penngrove up to Redwood Valley to spend 4 hours every Friday with the dogs in the care of HSIMC.

Our students have assisted with dog introductions, small play groups, quiet kennel activities, obedience exercises, bathing/grooming, intakes, vaccines and of course a bit of general love and attention for the dogs. Our students graduate from the programs at Bergin University and work in a wide range of fields in the canine industry. Some become service dog trainers, others pet dog trainers, dog groomers, police K9 trainers, agility trainers, and a growing number are working in animal shelters. Regardless of their paths post-graduation, our students know that their work in any field impacts the overall welfare of the animals and the people in their community.



Thank you to the staff, volunteers, supporters, and dogs of HSIMC for making our students and instructor feel so welcome in your facility. We are so thankful for our partnership with HSIMC, and cannot wait to return for future semesters and collaborations".

Feline Leukemia (FeLV) Cottage

Last year we had two very generous donors contribute to purchasing a small building to house FeLV (Feline Leukemia) cats. After hours, days and months of work from our wonderful volunteers, the FeLV cottage is now housing our three FeLV cats, Gary, Magick and Shade. These boys have all the space of their own building and an attached catio for outside sunbathing time.

We are proud and happy to say we can safely accommodate these special kitties at our shelter. We are also the only rescue in our area accepting FeLV positive cats with the intention of finding them new forever homes. What many do not know is that FeLV cats are euthanized at their positive test result at clinics and shelters everywhere.

Our team does not believe that having Feline Leukemia denies these kitties a full and loved life. FeLV is species specific and is only contagious to cats; it is not contagious to humans, dogs or other non-cat animals. FeLV positive cats can live, on average, 2-5 years beyond when they are first diagnosed, sometimes even longer. Our friend Magick was diagnosed back in 2015 and is still going strong.

Our FeLV Cottage is a blessing to have and we cannot thank everyone who contributed enough for giving us the opportunity to keep helping special kitties like Gary, Shade and Magick. Huge thank you to Tracey McNamara, Stacey Rohrbaugh & Mary Miller for all your hard work to make this a reality!



A BIG Thank You—California Conservation Corps (CCC)!

We cannot say enough good things about the California Conservation Corps!

On two occasions this year, the CCC has volunteered their time and accomplished many tasks to help get our property looking beautiful again.

A pleasant group to work with and they demonstrate the epitome of TEAMWORK. Everyone can learn from this group; *teamwork* makes the *dream work!*

Not only were they great to work with but they moved mountains of rock, wood chips and brush. We had a lot of tree debris and branches from Snowmageddon and the CCC worked to get it all moved to the back of the property where we will eventually have it chipped.

Thank you CCC, we welcome you back anytime!



“Raise the Woof!”



The rear kennel roof project is complete!

Thank you B.A.S Roofing!

It has been years in the making but our Rear Kennel Roof Project is finally completed!

We are so appreciative for all your time and efforts in seeing this project to completion.

B.A.S. Roofing you and the crew have been amazing to work with!

We cannot thank you enough.

The rear kennels can now be used more efficiently, our dogs will be cooler in the summer and dryer in the winter!

THANK YOU!

*For your roofing needs, you can contact Brian or Darlene at 707-462-4514
Or you can find them on FACEBOOK: : [\(1\) B.A.S. Roofing | Facebook](#)*

Cattery Electrical Project, Phase I

As many of you know, the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County has seen its share of maintenance projects to maintain the facilities and keep them in good working order.

It is a lot of maintenance work, but we take it on, day by day.

This year, we needed some electrical work done in the Cattery; so, we reached out to Hernandez Electric, and they took care of everything.

A wonderful company to work with, we cannot say enough good things about them!

Thank you for working with us!

Huge shout out to Paul Shimmin for supporting this project, we are so grateful!

For your electrical needs, you can contact Trino at 707-354-8212 or email Trino@hernandeelectric.net



Joe is “Living the dream”

Adoption updates make our world go round! Joe (fka Randy) is living the dream, his mama writes:

“I know I say this a lot, but Joe (fka Randy) is just the sweetest dog. Giving kisses is one of his favorite things to do! And he’s even sharing his beach towel with me! He is just the cutest!”

If you adopted a dog or cat from HSMC remember to share your updates with our staff, volunteers and other adopters. It’s the highlight of our work!

Join our private adopters group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2012058462150367/>

AVA Longterm Resident finds a HOME

Ava is a wonderful dog who has been waiting in our shelter for a long time, we just could not seem to find the right match to suit her needs.

Then along came Hunter, who was medically retired from the Marine Corps, and looking for a dog to share his life with. Hunter had experience with Belgium Malinois in Afghanistan and was searching far and wide for the right match to be by his side and hopefully become his service dog.

Ava checked off all his boxes so he drove down today from Oregon to meet her and the rest is history!

These two needed each other and we wish them all the best on their new adventures.

Find your new best friend at [Animal Rescue - Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](http://AnimalRescue-HumaneSocietyforInlandMendocinoCounty(mendohumanesociety.com))



Share the love!

Big shout out to Fowler Auto Center who donated **\$3,893** to HSIMC through their “Subaru Share the Love Event”!

We appreciate this much needed support and can’t wait to put it to good use saving more lives this year!

Looking for a new vehicle?

Get down to Ken Fowler Auto center and support a dealership that gives back to the homeless animals in our community!

Fowler Auto Center offers brand new Subaru, Mazda, Buick and GMC vehicles along with a wide variety of Pre-Owned vehicles, located at 1265 Airport Park Blvd. in Ukiah. Check out their website at:

<https://www.fowlerautocenter.com/>



Donate Vehicle for Charity!

This is a new program to HSIMC and we already had our first donation!

Huge shout out to Susan Aguilar for donating her Honda Prelude to HSIMC!

Thank you for being the first to donate a vehicle!

The process took about a week from the time Susan submitted her application through our website, to the time Donate for Charity picked up the vehicle.

You too can donate a vehicle to HSIMC by following the link on our website: [Vehicle Donation | Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](#)

Wiley the “Freeway Dog”



Wiley is a dog many of you may have heard of. She is a dog that two local women refused to give up on and finally were able to catch!

For three long months our animal loving community watched with concern as “*The Freeway*” dog avoided capture, roaming North State Street in Ukiah, in the dead of winter, with no food, shelter or plans of giving in.

It took the heroic efforts of Janette and Nydia, four different traps, many rotisserie chickens and the endless patience and determination of our community to finally get this girl to safety. After months of staking out the elusive Wiley, the fourth trap was a success!

Much to our disbelief Wiley had been caught, safe at last! We were so relieved but had no idea what to expect. Would she fear us? Would she be mean? Eager to find out more about Wiley and help her on the next leg of her journey, we agreed to take her into our program at HSMC.

Much to our surprise, Wiley is the sweetest girl we have ever met and we cannot wait to share her with the perfect family! So many of you followed Wiley on her journey from forgotten freeway dog to safe at last! Her story is not over yet.

Now she needs just as much support to find her forever home. Wiley was famous on the streets and now she is living in a kennel, with no applications so far.

Help us make her famous again! To know Wiley is to love Wiley! She is all kinds of silly, she has special relationships with each of her people and watching her try to get you to play is the best part of our day. Her play bows and zoomies make us smile until our cheeks hurt!

Wiley can live with other dogs, she shares her kennel with doggie friends and enjoys our dog play groups. We think she is pretty darn perfect and want to make sure she doesn't get forgotten.

Wiley had so much support to get her off the streets, now let's rally again to get her an amazing forever home!

Apply to love Wiley at www.mendohumanesociety.com

Meet Albert!

Albert is a sweet old man who had lost his way about a year ago. He found food and shelter with a nice woman who just could not keep him long term.

Albert would do best in a quiet home, where he can drink straight out of the faucet (or cat fountain) and go in and out as he pleases. He is not a fan of dogs but loves his lap time snuggles.

Apply to love Albert at www.mendohumanesociety.com



Volunteer Corner

We have officially launched our new volunteer program! We are so excited to have some new faces on site and are looking forward to working with you! As a volunteer, you become part of our lifesaving team and you are donating one of the most valuable commodities, your time.

You must be at least 18 years old to participate in the volunteer program. If you are under the age of 18, don't despair, we have a Youth Program coming later this year! Stay tuned, we will keep you posted as we develop our Volunteer Youth Program! Anyone volunteering, under the age of 18, will need to always have a parent or guardian with them at all times.

We encourage our past volunteers to also sign up with our new program and participate in a refresher orientation. A lot has changed this year and we would love to welcome you all back and show you what is new here at HSIMC!

Please complete an application by clicking the SIGN UP button on the Volunteer Page of our website: [Volunteer/Foster \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](https://mendohumanesociety.com).

Once you have submitted your application, please sign up for an orientation, the orientation schedule can also be found on the Volunteer Page of the website and you can sign up directly!

Orientation is held twice a month, the first Thursday and last Sunday of each month at 11:00am, orientation will occur onsite at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, CA 95470.

Please reach out for additional information by emailing our team at Volunteer@hsimc.org or by calling the office at 707-485-0123.

The animals in our care depend on volunteers, time spent with them improves their lives while they wait for their forever home.

Please consider giving some of your time to help the animals at HSIMC and ensure we can continue on our mission to save as many lives as possible.



Volunteer Spotlight

Bobby Kelley-Ryan -

Bobby is a longtime supporter and volunteer at HSMC, an advocate for the animals and valued member of our team! She takes on a lot of projects and makes sure our dogs have a dedicated enrichment program so their time here is not too shabby while they wait for their new family and forever homes.

Thank you Bobby!

Teresa & John King-

This dynamic duo is part of our new volunteer program and taking on new projects in the office and keeping our grounds looking nice. John came down and completed a massive amount of weed eating and most recently got our two upper dog play yards back into working order.

Teresa is helping spearhead some massive revamping of old school database processes to get HSMC back on track and working more efficiently.

Thank you for joining us!

Linda & Regan Jaurigue –

Another dynamic duo and longtime supporters of HSMC! These two have taken on a large role of keeping our property in ship shape! They have kept our lower play yard in working order and help with mowing and weed eating to keep our property safe and walkable.

We are truly lucky to have these two on our team and appreciate all the time, effort and love they have put into the Humane Society. Thank you for believing in us and supporting us over the years!

We wish you all the best on your journey and will be thinking of you!

Lauren Shoemake-

Lauren was part of our first orientation for the new volunteer program and has become a wonderful asset to our dog walking team! Lauren is always here for the dogs and makes sure they get the walks and social time they need to have a successful outcome; we are so fortunate to have Lauren on our team! Thank you Lauren!

Michelle Ricetti & Kelsey Maciel-

These two lovely volunteers have taken on big roles this year and are heading up our dog and cat foster programs. Their efforts have provided an avenue for a well-rounded foster program that we will continue to build.

Thank you for all your hard work ladies!

Thinking of fostering?

Submit an application by visiting our website at: [Foster \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](https://www.mendohumanesociety.com)

Last but not least,

A HUGE thank you to our longtime volunteers, you all helped get us through this past year and kept us moving forward: ***Manina Harris, Izzy Arkin, Diane Allhands, Linda Schwede, John Wagner, Denise & Chuck!***

Thank you so much to everyone who helped, whether directly or indirectly - you are so appreciated!

Letter From Our Board President:

Dear HSIMC Members and Supporting Public,

Since our last newsletter, we have transitioned from anticipating the freshness of spring, to a season of heat and preparedness.

In June we enjoyed our first in-person event in over a year. Anderson Valley Brewing Co. President, Kevin McGee, graciously invited HSIMC to host our “Community Celebration” at the parklike brewery grounds in Booneville. Our team of Board Members, volunteers and staff served up food, drink, HSIMC merchandise, raffle tickets, and most of all good cheer. Waylon and the Wild Cats rocked the park with their musical talents to the delight of all in attendance.

The following day, Sunday June 27th, we held our first ever “Paw-ty Party”, a silly raffle drawing in which a litter of puppies chose the raffle prizes. Perhaps you watched the Live video on our Facebook feed. It was a fun, laugh-inducing good time. We watched and cheered as tiny puppies wandered and peed on a numbered grid of potty pads. Our newest Board of Directors member, Jaime Wilkes, drew raffle ticket winners for the designated prizes. A special thanks to Rainbow Ag Ukiah, for donations and for allowing our team to sell raffle tickets outside of Rainbow in June. Additional thanks to Sparetime Garden Center in Willits for donating a beautiful raffle basket. Our wonderful silly raffle brought in over \$5,000 for the needy animals in our charge.

The most recent event of note at our shelter was our need to evacuate the animals due to concerns regarding the #BroilerFire in Redwood Valley. On Wednesday July 7th, our steadfast shelter leadership, Director Jenny, initiated the shelter’s evacuation plan and coordinated the employees and volunteers in swiftly and safely evacuating the shelter’s animal population. It was an astounding feat to behold. Over 100 cats were caged and convoyed out to a safe location in about an hour’s time. Simultaneously, the dog team loaded the shelter dogs into vehicles and saw them off as volunteers and fosters whisked them away from the fire evacuation zone. The success of the evacuation is primarily attributed to the all-star shelter team, Director Jenny, and managers Becca and Suzanne, as well as all of the shelter staff, board members, volunteers, fosters, and concerned citizens, who in a moment’s notice, jumped into coordinated action to ensure the safety of our community’s vulnerable animals. Deep gratitude to the firefighters and first responders in their brave, lifesaving service. Lastly, our heartfelt sympathies for our neighbors affected by fire.

The #BroilerFire served as a live evacuation drill. Our efforts were successful and highlighted areas of need. We have one evacuation trailer. It is excellent for transporting our equipment and supplies; it is lacking an a/c unit. It would have been too hot to host kenneled dogs for any length of time. We are accepting monetary donations for the install of an a/c unit. We also determined the need for an additional animal transport vehicle.

If you or someone you know would like to donate a large air-conditioned cargo van, small RV, a small “toy hauler”, trailer, etc., please reach out to our team.

We are looking forward to our next event, “Christmas in July”. It will be a fun, white elephant inspired, mystery gift grab with a drive-thru twist. We have 100+ wrapped mystery gifts. On 7/24/2021 if you come to our shelter, and donate \$20, you will get a wrapped gift. There is a wide range of values. Mystery gifts include: books, jewelry, new LEGO sets, numerous gift certificates, and MORE! Remember, this is a fundraiser to support the animals, join us and have fun!

My personal hope is that you are as heartened by our stories of success and need as I am. I look forward to our community’s ongoing involvement and participation in our shelter’s activities creating a bright future for the animals we save.

Sincerely,
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 additional bonus, do your Wishlist shopping through <https://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 Wishlist: <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.



YEAR TO DATE (YTD) Shelter Stats:

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

Intakes: Adoptions:

Dogs = 131 Dogs = 142

Cats = 243 Cats = 172

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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.

You can now 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 HSIMC or drop it by the office during business hours:

Membership Information

Date: _____

Membership Levels
(Please select one)

Name:	Associate: \$25/year _____
Address:	Family: \$100/year _____
City:	Sustaining: \$300/year _____
State/Zip:	Lifetime: \$5000 once _____
*E-Mail:	Legacy: \$10,000 once _____

***Please, include a current email so you do not miss out on our quarterly newsletter.**

Other Ways You Can Help

General Donation: (Please specify amount) \$ _____

Annual Dog Kennel Sponsorship: \$250/year (Name to be displayed on dog kennel)

Name or Business Name: _____

Annual Cat Condo Sponsorship: \$100/year (Name to be displayed on cat condo)

Name or Business Name: _____

Honorarium(\$50 minimum): Please specify amount \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

Pet Memorial (\$50 minimum): Please specify amount \$ _____

In Memory of _____ (Plaques will be displayed on our Memory Wall)



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

MYSTERY GIFT SALE

- DONATE \$20 AND RECEIVE A WRAPPED MYSTERY GIFT
- EVENT WILL BE DRIVE THROUGH ONLY IN THE SHELTER PARKING LOT FROM 12PM UNTIL 3PM
- ONLY 100 GIFTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
 - NO PREORDERS
 - FIRST COME FIRST SERVE ONLY
- NUMBER OF GIFTS UPDATED HOURLY ON OUR FACEBOOK



JULY 24 & 25, 2021
12PM TO 3PM

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We have been truly fortunate in so many ways and through the combined efforts of our staff, board of directors, volunteers, and supporters, we have saved the lives of 1000's Dogs and Cats in our community! We are able to continue our shelter's mission, saving lives, because of the tremendous support and genuine love our community shares with us.

Everyday we are adapting to the changing world of rescue. We are actively implementing the most current shelter methodology. The stress of animal rescue can leave us forgetting how much time, how many tears, how many snuggles, how many sleepless nights everyone contributes to our mission. Not one of us, but all of us, make HSIMC the amazing and caring place it is. All of us are important to the success of our mission. We are proud of our efforts and strive every day to build on the solid foundation set for us by each person who has contributed to our shelter. Thank you again to our amazing HSIMC community! We look forward to seeing past friend and welcoming new ones. Our shelter pets are waiting for you to fall in love.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County collected \$50,485.00 in adoption fees from January - June 2021. However, our total veterinary expenses for the same time were \$70,502.75.

We rely on people like you to make special donations to bridge the gap.

Please keep us in mind when setting up your Trust or real estate planning. Your generous gift is greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a part of our mission to save more lives.

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!