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COVER STORY

Coming to Mendocino County: Free Dog Trainers

HSIMC is excited to share what's ahead for Mendocino County through our growing partnership with Free Dog Trainers — a program rooted in education, accessibility, and keeping dogs and their people together.

Beginning in 2026, Free Dog Trainers will be expanding their presence in our community by working alongside HSIMC to provide behavior support and learning opportunities designed to prevent crises before they lead to surrender. This partnership allows us to better support dogs who are struggling, and the people who love them, by offering practical tools, guidance, and early intervention.

As part of this collaboration, Free Dog Trainers will provide a limited number of behavior consults specifically reserved for HSIMC to refer urgent cases. These consults will help address challenges such as reactivity, anxiety, fear-based behaviors, and other concerns that can put dogs at risk of losing their homes or becoming long-stay shelter residents.

In addition, Free Dog Trainers will host behavior clinics and shelter-based clinics, offering hands-on education for adopters, fosters, volunteers, and community members. These clinics will focus on real-life skills, understanding canine behavior, and building confidence, empowering pet guardians with knowledge and a better understanding of canine behavior.

You'll also see the Free Dog Trainers team joining HSIMC at select events throughout the year, creating opportunities for connection, learning, and conversation around humane, effective training methods.

Together, HSIMC and Free Dog Trainers are working toward a shared goal: education as prevention. When families have access to behavior support, dogs stay in homes, stress is reduced, and outcomes improve for everyone involved.

More details about clinics, consult referrals, and upcoming events will be shared as plans continue to develop. We're proud to bring this valuable resource to Mendocino County and look forward to the positive ripple effect it will have across our community.



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MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

When: 3rd Wed of each month
 Where: Redwood Valley Grange
 Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

What Capacity for Care Means & Why Planning Matters

Our shelter is a busy place, supported by a small but dedicated team working every day to care for animals and support our community. Because we want to provide the best possible care, we carefully manage our capacity for care: the number of animals we can responsibly support at any given time.

Capacity for care is about more than space. It includes staffing, medical resources, foster availability, behavior support, enrichment, and the time needed for every animal to be safe, comfortable, and ready for adoption. When any of these pieces are stretched too thin, the welfare of all our animals suffers.

Why Intakes Are Scheduled

We often meet people who expect to surrender an animal the same day they arrive. While we understand how stressful these situations can be, intakes must be planned whenever possible.

When an animal enters the shelter, it is a moment of transition and vulnerability. That animal needs medical assessment, proper housing, enrichment, and individualized attention. Scheduling intakes ensures we can meet those needs, not only for the animal coming in, but for every animal already in our care.

The Impact of Unplanned Arrivals

When animals are left at the shelter without notice, it affects more than just available space. Unplanned arrivals require us to quickly shift resources and, in some cases, delay or cancel scheduled intakes for families who reached out in advance and followed the surrender process responsibly.

This creates a ripple effect, impacting other pets, other people, and the overall ability of the shelter to operate safely and effectively.

A Shared Community Responsibility

Capacity for care is not just a shelter issue but a community one. At HSIMC, our goal is to keep pets in homes whenever possible and provide support before surrender becomes the only option.

To help, we offer:

- Pet Pantry for families experiencing temporary hardship
- Behavior Support for training or rehoming challenges
- Adoptions by Pet Guardian, allowing owners to find new homes for pets, without bringing them into the shelter

These programs rely on communication and early outreach. If you or someone you know is struggling, we encourage reaching out before a situation becomes urgent.

By planning together and supporting one another, we can ensure every animal receives the care they deserve, and every family has access to help when they need it.

**Adoptions by Pet Guardian
Featuring Selvi**



Bungee's Foster Story Becomes A Forever Home



Heidi absolutely got us AND we're still smiling about it.

She strolled into the HSIMC office with her foster dog, Bungee, and with a completely serious expression announced, "I can't do it anymore!"

Our entire office team froze...holding our breath and looking at one another. Things had been going so well with Bungee, and Heidi has been part of the HSIMC family for many years, so you can imagine the shock in the room. Everyone stopped what they were doing, staring in silence, trying to figure out what could possibly be wrong.

And then... with a cheeky grin, Heidi delivered the twist:
"I can't ever leave Bungee here again, I'm adopting him!"



We let out the breath we'd been holding and laughter quickly followed - WOOOO!

Bungee is truly an amazing dog who had been overlooked for far too long. He's the kind of dog who just needed someone to see who he was beyond the kennel environment and all the stress that comes with an extended shelter stay. Heidi saw that good boy clearly, and now he's officially part of her family with a brand new name: Welcome home, Bode McKeown!

We also want to send a huge thank you to Bungee's foster support team for helping keep him happy, safe, and thriving during a time when shelter life was proving difficult for him.

Foster families play an absolutely critical role in helping dogs like Bungee decompress, build confidence, and show their true personalities and this story is a perfect example of why fostering saves lives.

Community Heros: Going the Extra Mile for Kittens in Need

What do you do when you find a family of underage kittens... and the shelter is full? These situations happen more often than many people realize. And while there are lots of ways people respond when they feel out of options, we want to take a moment to celebrate the community members who step up in the very best way, by taking action, reaching out, and working with us to keep animals safe until help is available.

This quarter, we're giving a special shout-out to Angel and her family, who discovered a mama cat and her kittens living under a car on their property. The kittens were only about four weeks old, and for two months (or longer) Angel's family provided safe, loving care while waiting for an opening at HSIMC.

Angel shared:

"Yesterday, after 2 months or longer caring for these homeless kittens and their mama after finding them under a car as 4 weeks old kittens on our property, our local Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County had an opening and took them in to find their forever home. We know our family couldn't give them the life they deserve but we did keep them safe and loved and made sure they had human contact and even built them a catio in the meantime so they could be free. We are sad to see them go, but excited to see their future."

Thank you to HSIMC and MCACS for their support and everyone in our community who helped us financially to keep them in our care in the meantime!!!"



A story of compassion, teamwork, and what it looks like when a community steps up.

Celebrating our HSIMC Team

We couldn't say goodbye to 2025 without taking a moment to celebrate the people who make HSIMC what it is, our amazing, and much appreciated staff. This group shows up everyday to continue caring for animals in need.

This past year brought its share of challenges, growth, healing, and constant learning. Animal welfare work is rarely predictable, and 2025 was no exception. Through shifting needs, high demand, and the emotional weight that comes with caring for vulnerable animals, our team continued to show up every day with professionalism, dedication, and determination to keep going.

The work isn't easy, and it often requires balancing urgency with patience, hard decisions with empathy, and long days with steady determination. Even in the most demanding moments, this team made room for teamwork, laughter, and the kind of camaraderie that reminds us we're not in this alone.



HSIMC is stronger because of each person who contributes their skills, energy, and compassion to this mission. We are deeply grateful for the teamwork, care, and dedication that happen behind the scenes every day, often quietly but always with purpose and care.

Our end-of-year staff celebration was full of laughter, great food, games, and a lot of well-deserved fun. Most of all, it was a reminder that behind every challenge is a team of humans who genuinely care—about the animals, about our community, and about each other.

To our HSIMC staff: thank you. You are appreciated more than you know, and we are so proud of all you've accomplished.

Adoption Update: Rock fka Pablo

"I just wanted to send an update and pictures of Rock aka Pablo. He is doing wonderful. We take our long walks through the park every day and through Howarth Park for 2 hours on Sundays.

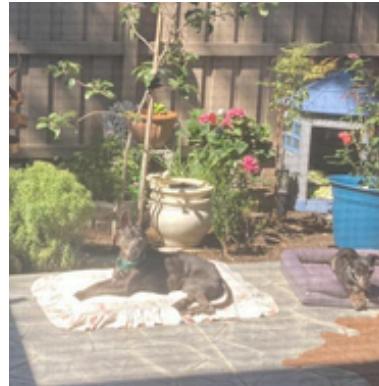
He feels like he has always been here. I purchased a solid cage for him to go to so he could have his own safe space. After I put it together and added his new bed I then went to put the boxes in recycling. When I came back he made himself at home. It so warmed my heart. I keep it open and he sleeps in it all night without a peep.

He has had no accidents in the house at all. He loves laying in the sun and has a cushion he lays on. He knows when I am making homemade dog food because it is the only time he sits to the side of the kitchen and waits for me to let him taste it along the way.

There is not a human he does not love. I want to thank all of you who helped Rock aka Pablo on his long journey. Thank you Kelsey and family for your unconditional love with Pablo while he was healing, it made a world of difference. It takes a village and amazing what a village can do.

Thank you for allowing us to make him a part of our family. He is very loved."

-Rock a.k.a. Pablo's Person



His Cry Reached Washington - Cookie's Journey Home

Meet Cookie, a handsome, sweet, four-year-old pup who was impossible not to love. Cookie had a big personality and an even bigger heart. He loved hanging out with people, heading out for walks, showing off his moves on the agility equipment, and chasing the flirt pole (his favorite!). He could even high-five on cue — the kind of signature move that makes everyone smile. Cookie was known for being gentle, affectionate, and easy to root for. He did well with other dogs and even cats, and he made friends everywhere he went.

But Cookie also made it clear that shelter life wasn't where he wanted to be.

His cries for help were heard all the way from Washington, and his story became one of those rare, magical moments that reminds us what's possible when a community comes together.

Cookie's journey was made possible thanks to Shawna, his neighbor from his previous home, who knew his situation and never stopped advocating for him. Shawna couldn't adopt Cookie herself, but she refused to accept that his story would end with a long stay in the shelter. She checked in on him, spent time with him, and worked tirelessly to find him the right outcome.

As luck would have it, Shawna's aunt in Washington had been looking for a canine companion and Shawna knew exactly who would be the perfect match.

From canceled trips in LA to delayed flights, and even an after-hours stay supported by HSIMC staff, the stars aligned and Cookie's big moment finally arrived: Cookie officially left the building. The reunion was emotional and unforgettable — Cookie carried out his favorite stuffed toy and jumped right into Shawna's arms. There were joyful tears, laughter, and a deep sense of relief. This was the beginning of his new adventure.

Cookie wasn't doing this alone. During his final weeks with us, he was supported by a team of staff and volunteers who made sure he felt loved and cared for every single day. We want to give special recognition to John Wagner, who walked Cookie daily and even sponsored Cookie's adoption fee, ensuring that cost wasn't a barrier to his fresh start.

And in a beautiful act of paying it forward, Shawna sponsored the next longest resident—a reminder that one happy ending can create hope for another animal still waiting.

Today, we're thrilled to share that Cookie, now Cash, is settling beautifully into his new life in Washington. Shawna shared this message with our team:

"This is a post full of gratefulness to each of you. You spent enormous time and effort and resources on ensuring Cookie's (now Cash!) time at the shelter was as happy, playful and supportive as possible. You are each incredible humans with beautiful hearts.

Cash is quickly adjusting to his new home, and his parents are absolutely in love with him. He spends his days laying by the fire, trotting across acres of land, playing chase with what will soon be a bestie, really wanting to herd goats and the horse, getting puppy massages, convincing his parents he sleeps in the big bed, and being endlessly loved on.

Thank you for being such a massive part of his journey into his furever home, and for being his advocate the whole way. You are all appreciated."

These are the moments that give us hope — not just because one dog found home, but because Cookie's story shows what happens when compassion turns into action. Thank you to Shawna, our volunteers, our staff, and every community member who helped Cookie (Cash) reach his new home.





Lend A Paw - Volunteer with HSIMC

Looking for a rewarding way to give back? Become part of our volunteer family and help provide the care, comfort, and enrichment that shelter animals need while they wait for loving homes.

👉 Volunteer Orientation takes place twice a month:

📅 17 First Thursday & Last Sunday of each month

⌚ 11:00 AM at the shelter

You will check in at the front office to sign up and join the orientation.
Must be 18+ to volunteer without a parent or guardian.

Life at the shelter can be stressful for animals, but daily enrichment like walks, playtime, training, and cuddles—helps reduce stress, and builds confidence.

That's where our amazing volunteers come in! Your time helps ensure every dog and cat gets the love, enrichment, and care they deserve while they wait to find their home.

Whether it's walking dogs, socializing shy cats, helping with laundry, or lending a hand at events, our volunteers are the heartbeat of HSIMC. Just a few hours a month can brighten an animal's day and yours too!

Now's the time to jump in and be part of something special.

Together, we can make our shelter stronger, our animals happier, and our community more compassionate.



Volunteer Spotlight

James brings the good energy to HSIMC!

We're excited to recognize one of our newest volunteers, James!

In just a few short weeks, James has already made a big impact at HSIMC by jumping in wherever help is needed.

From repairing several cat condos to taking on the not-so-small task of moving three full pallets of litter, James has shown incredible dedication, strength, and a can-do attitude. These behind-the-scenes projects may not always be visible, but they are essential to keeping our shelter running smoothly and our animals comfortable.

This is what lifesaving teamwork looks like, and we are incredibly grateful for volunteers like James who see a need and step up without hesitation.

Thank you, James—we're so lucky to have you as part of the HSIMC family!



A shining example of how one volunteer's talent can ripple out to benefit countless animals.



Become A Foster Hero

Fostering is one of the most powerful ways to save lives at HSIMC. By opening your home to a cat, dog, or litter in need, you give them the comfort, love, and stability they can't find in a shelter. Whether it's a few days, a few weeks, or a few months, every foster stay makes a lasting impact.

Our foster families care for a variety of animals: kittens too young for adoption, dogs recovering from surgery, shy pets who need socialization, and animals who simply thrive in a quieter environment. HSIMC provides everything you need, including food, supplies, medical care, and support. You provide the most important ingredient: a safe and loving home.



Fostering helps reduce stress, builds confidence, and gives animals the chance to learn what it means to be part of a family. For many, it's the bridge to a forever home and for you, it's an incredibly rewarding way to make a difference without a long-term commitment.

Whether you're a seasoned pet parent or new to animal care, fostering is flexible, meaningful, and life-changing for both you and the animals. Join our foster team today and help us give every pet the second chance they deserve.

Getting started is easy - fill out an application on our website or stop by during open hours: Wed-Fri, 1pm-5pm and Sat-Sun, 11am-3pm.

Thank you current, past, and future fosters for your dedication to saving lives!

Foster Spotlight

Meet the incredible family behind 60+ fosters!

Four years ago, Amanda, Asher, and Gavin came to HSIMC to sign up for our Foster-to-Adopt program—and to meet a very special pup named Max.

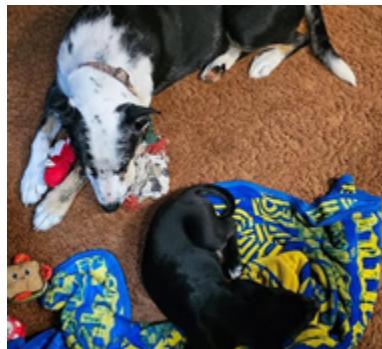
That day wasn't just the beginning of Max's journey into a loving home... it was also the start of an incredible foster story that has become part of the heart of HSIMC.

Since that first moment, we've had the joy of watching Max grow up into the bestest boy, and watching Asher grow right alongside him. And these days, Amanda and her crew aren't just familiar faces, they're a crucial part of our lifesaving team.

Fast forward to today: 60 foster puppies and 5 bottle baby kittens later, this amazing family is still showing up with open hearts, extra hands, and plenty of room for puppy snuggles and itty-bitty kittens. Whether it's late-night feedings, messy puppy playtimes, or the kind of gentle patience tiny animals need to thrive, they've helped so many young lives get the safe start they deserve.

As we head into 2026, we can't help but feel inspired by stories like this one. If you're making New Year's resolutions, we'd love for you to consider one that saves lives: join our foster or volunteer teams. HSIMC is a family-friendly place to make a difference, learn together, and be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Come be part of our lifesaving work, we hope to see you soon!



Free Dog Trainers in Mendocino County

HSIMC is strengthening our community support programs in 2026 by partnering with Free Dog Trainers, an education-based training resource designed to help dogs succeed in their homes and reduce preventable surrender. This program focuses on practical, humane training support that is accessible and judgment-free.

Through this partnership, HSIMC will be able to connect pet guardians with tools, coaching, and early behavior support before challenges become overwhelming.

Free Dog Trainers will provide a limited number of behavior consults reserved for urgent HSIMC referrals, along with community and shelter-based behavior clinics for adopters, fosters, volunteers, and pet guardians.

Our first onsite training with Free Dog Trainers will take place at HSIMC on March 22, 2026!

We're thrilled to bring this resource directly to our community.

More details about consult referrals, clinic dates, and upcoming events will be shared soon.



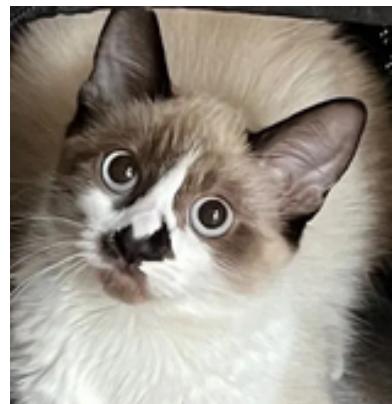
Adoptions by Pet Guardian: Free Rehoming Platform for Pets

HSIMC offers a free rehoming service to help pet guardians find safe, loving homes for animals they can no longer care for, without them ever entering the shelter.

At HSIMC, we know that sometimes life changes, and finding a new home for a beloved pet can be overwhelming. That's why we offer a free rehoming service designed to keep pets out of shelters and help them transition directly into loving homes.

Through our Pet Guardian Listings, we connect current pet owners with potential adopters, giving pets a smoother, less stressful path to their next chapter. This program has been a huge success in reducing shelter intakes and ensuring pets remain where they belong, safe, cared for, and loved.

Want to learn more or see pets currently looking for new homes?
Visit: <https://mendohumanesociety.com/adoptions-by-pet-guardian>



Dove

HSIMC's Pet Pantry: Keeping Pets in Homes



No one should have to choose between feeding themselves or their pet. That's why HSIMC created the Pet Pantry Program—to support local pet owners through tough times with free food and basic supplies for their furry family members.

Thanks to community support and a generous donation from Sparetire Supply, we now have a dedicated storage and distribution hub to expand our reach!

Pet food, litter, leashes & more (as available)

Pick-up at HSIMC during open hours:
Wednesday-Friday: 1PM-5PM
Saturday-Sunday: 11AM-3PM



We're proud to help keep pets in their homes—right where they belong.

Need help? Want to donate?
Visit: mendohumanesociety.com/pet-pantry

BE A HERO

Be A Hero. That's the message on our brand new billboard—generously provided by MV Outdoor, who has supported HSIMC with billboard space for the past three years. Each year, they help us reach more hearts, share more hope, and speak up for the animals who need us most. We are deeply grateful for their continued partnership!

But what does it really mean to Be A Hero?

At HSIMC, we believe heroism isn't about capes or superpowers—it's about compassion, action, and community. Every adoption, every volunteer hour, every dollar donated, and every share of a pet's story makes a difference.

Together, we 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.

Be a voice. Be a helper. Be A Hero.

Thank you MVOutdoor for your dedication to our lifesaving mission!



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Hot Off the Press: Big Thanks to Creative Workshop



A great print job does more than put ink on paper—it brings stories to life.

From producing our latest quarterly newsletter to creating polished Gala pamphlets, their team delivered work that was not only professional and eye-catching but also filled with care for the animals we serve.

What makes Creative Workshop so special isn't just their skill with design and printing—it's their heart. They treat every project as more than a job, understanding that each flyer, newsletter, and brochure helps an animal find a home or inspires someone to get involved.

To the entire team at Creative Workshop: thank you for your creativity, generosity, and unwavering support. Your commitment helps us reach more people, share more stories, and make a greater impact for the cats and dogs who need us most.

A great print job makes all the difference and Creative Workshop delivers every time.

Pardini Appliance: A Local Business with a Big Heart

When it comes to helping shelter dogs find their happily-ever-after, Pardini Appliance continues to lead by example. Year after year, this generous local business transforms adoption days.

Every dog who goes home receives a special Pardini Pup certificate, adding a joyful keepsake to their big day. Behind the scenes, Pardini donates \$5 for every adoption, turning each new beginning into real, tangible support for the animals still waiting for their chance.

Their partnership is more than dollars—it's proof that local businesses can be powerful allies in animal welfare. Because of Pardini, more dogs are finding loving homes, and every adopter knows the community is cheering them on.



From all of us at HSIMC—two-legged and four—we extend a heartfelt thank-you to Pardini Appliance.

Community Partner Spotlight: Mendocino Barkery



At HSIMC, we are fortunate to have incredible community partners who go the extra mile for animals in need and Mendocino Barkery is one of those shining stars. This wonderful local business has taken on a special project to help our adoptable animals be seen by more people.

Their first feature was our own Hanky Panky, with his story shared on social media to connect him with potential adopters.

Mendocino Barkery also opens their doors to HSIMC a couple of times a year to host adoption events at their store. These gatherings bring the community together, help showcase our adoptable pets in a welcoming setting, and always bring plenty of smiles.

From promoting our animals online to welcoming us in person, Mendocino Barkery is an amazing group, a great store, and a valued partner in our mission. Thank you for standing with HSIMC and helping our animals get the spotlight they deserve!

Hoppy Tails IPA: A Local Brew that Gives Back

Northspur Brewing Co. creates a special fundraiser beer to support HSIMC!

We are thrilled to share an exciting local partnership that is making a real difference for animals in our community. Northspur Brewing Co. has brewed a special fundraiser beer—Hoppy Tails IPA—created in collaboration with HSIMC!

Hoppy Tails is now pouring at Northspur Brewing and also available in 16oz cans, and the best part is this: all profits from Hoppy Tails will be donated directly to HSIMC. Every pint enjoyed helps support the everyday care that keeps our animals healthy, safe, and ready for adoption—food, medical care, enrichment, and so much more.

This limited release also features a familiar face: Hanky Panky, a very handsome, very good boy who represents so much of what HSIMC is all about: loyalty, joy, resilience, and unconditional love.

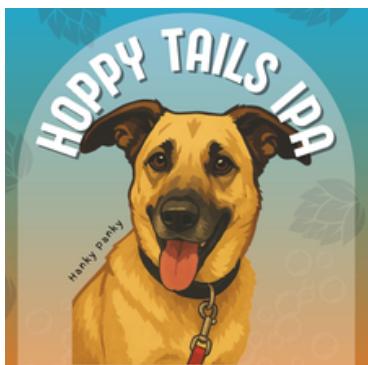
If you'd like to support local animals while enjoying a great beer, this is a fun (and tasty!) way to do it. And if you're ready to fall in love with your next furry family member... well, we can't promise you won't be tempted.

Upcoming FUNraising Events

Keep an eye out—Hoppy Tails is hitting the road this month! Join us for a pint and help raise funds for animals in need:

- Cloverdale: Jan. 22 at Papa's Pizza
- Ukiah: Jan. 29 at Cultivo
- Willits: Jan. 30 at Northspur Brewing Co.

Thank you to the team at Northspur Brewing Co. for choosing HSIMC as the beneficiary of this fundraiser beer. Partnerships like this keep our work possible—and keep tails wagging.



Rainbow Ag Event Stuffs 50 Kongs for Shelter Dogs!

Huge thanks to our board member Kether and her daughter Sona for leading this year's Stuff-a-Kong Day with our friends at Rainbow Ag! Together, they stuffed more than 50 Kongs for our shelter dogs, each Kong bringing a little extra joy and enrichment to their day.

These enrichment toys help keep our dogs happy, engaged, and comforted while they wait for their forever homes. It's a small gesture that makes a big difference — and we're so grateful to everyone who helped make it happen.

Stuff a Kong, help a shelter pet, and everyone wins!



Subaru Share the Love

Our December Subaru Share the Love adoption event was a wonderful reminder of what makes this community so special. We spent a lovely day connecting with local animal lovers, introducing adoptable dogs, and sharing the HSIMC mission with our community.

The team at Ken Fowler Subaru was as welcoming and generous as always, and we're incredibly grateful for their continued partnership. Their support helps create opportunities for our dogs to be seen outside the shelter environment, giving them a chance to meet a potential adopter.

We're happy to share that a couple of our dogs found homes, and community members stopped by to learn about adoption, fostering, and volunteer opportunities. We also had folks pick up much-needed supplies from our Pet Food Pantry, helping keep pets fed and families supported through the winter season.

Thank you to Ken Fowler Subaru and everyone who attended, shared the event, and helped make it such a meaningful day. Events like this truly make a difference, one adoption, one conversation, and one act of support at a time.



Vin de Paws: Still Pouring for a Purpose

The launch party may be over, but the Vin de Paws celebration is just beginning—and now it's your turn to raise a glass for the animals! Crafted with care by Cesar Toxqui and Clay Nesbitt, this beautifully blended white wine is available in an ultra-limited release of only 142 cases.

Every bottle sold directly benefits local animal shelters in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties, including HSIMC. Whether you're stocking up for the holidays or looking for the perfect gift, each pour supports lifesaving work.

You can pick up a bottle at Cesar Toxqui Cellars in Redwood Valley or order online through the Toxqui website for delivery right to your door. Supplies are limited, so don't wait—sip, savor, and make a difference with every glass of Vin de Paws!



Special Benefactors (AKA Angels of HSIMC)

At HSIMC, everything we do is for the animals and we're incredibly grateful to have a special group of supporters who stand beside us every step of the way. Our Angels are extraordinary benefactors who help elevate our mission, ensuring that HSIMC can grow, improve, and continue to meet the needs of our community's homeless pets. Because of their generosity, we've been able to upgrade our facilities, invest in essential equipment, provide critical veterinary care, and launch programs that set HSIMC apart. Their compassion and commitment are helping build a brighter future for the animals who need us most.

Thank you HSIMC Angels

Donna Thibodeau, Elodie Weeks, Kathryn Leaman, Jayme Goodale, Charlotte Oeding, Manina Harris, Paul Shimmin, William Teach, Aaron Rice, Erin Murphy, Kristin McMenomey, Sheryl Parker, Valla Family Foundation, Hot Air Systems LLC., Cindy Novella, Jeannie Morawski, Fred Ehnaw, Margaret Scrofani, Susan Craig, Edward and Adel Buck, Main Street Veterinary Clinic, Patti Boatright, The Gray Family Trust, Wendy & Rick Reynolds, Karen Swan, Jane Spanbauer, Jay Kahn, Mary Doll, Ted & Terry Mayfield, Sara Smith, Dan Stearns

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Lia & Hazel, Becca Edwards, Bardunias/Brostoff Clan, Jack, Bobbi Ryan, Dr. Sara Rice, Henrietta Simonsson, Lacey, Sam White, Jennifer Keegan

Donations Made in Memory of People and Pets

Scooby, Nancy & Bill Gordon, Mitzie, Mickey, Smiley, Hera, Hank, Roo, Max, Zeus, Andy Longcrier, Baker, Lacey King, Robert Gibney, Peggy Dean, Walter Denton, Ron Valadao

Thank you, Angels, for believing in our mission and helping us reach new heights.

Turn Your Old Vehicle into a Lifesaver

Got an old car, truck, or RV you're no longer using? You can turn it into care, comfort, and second chances for local animals in need.

HSIMC is proud to partner with Donate for Charity, an organization that helps nonprofits across the country by transforming unwanted vehicles into valuable support.

It's a simple, tax-deductible way to give back—and they make the process hassle-free. Once you submit your donation request, they take care of the rest. Proceeds go directly to HSIMC to support our lifesaving work.

Ready to make a meaningful impact?

Donate your vehicle today at: mendohumanesociety.com/vehicle-donation



Estate Planning: Leave 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@hsimc.org

Dear HSIMC Members and Supporters,

As we come to the close of another year, I want to take a moment to say thank you, truly and sincerely, for your continued support of the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County. Because of you, hundreds of dogs and cats were given safety, medical care, and the chance to find loving forever homes. Your generosity made it possible for HSIMC to remain a place of compassion and hope for animals who had nowhere else to turn.

This year brought meaningful achievements. We strengthened our lifesaving programs, and have partnered with Free Dog Trainers for behavior support to the community, beginning Q1 2026. We welcomed new volunteers, and continued to build community awareness around adoption, spay and neuter services, and humane education. We have served over 1,000 families struggling to support their pets with food and services thru our Community Pet Food Pantry.

Our fundraising events were not only successful but inspiring, reminding us how deeply this community cares about the animals we serve. Every donation, every volunteer shift, and every kind word helped move our mission forward. Save the date, May 2 nd , for our fourth annual HSIMC Gala event!

I am especially grateful to our volunteers, staff, foster families, donors, and board members who give their time, talents, and hearts so generously. HSIMC exists because of people like you, people who believe every animal deserves dignity, comfort, and love.

As we look ahead to the new year, we remain committed to growing our impact, expanding resources, and continuing to serve Inland Mendocino County with compassion and integrity. With your ongoing support, I know we can accomplish even more together.

Thank you for standing with HSIMC and for being part of our lifesaving work. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

With gratitude,

Teresa King
President, Board of Directors
Humane Society for Inland
Mendocino County



YTD Shelter Stats: January - December 2025

HELP US KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING:

These numbers show the real impact of your support—but the work isn't over. With shelters at capacity and community needs growing, we rely on people like you to keep the progress going.
Adopt, donate, volunteer—every action adds up to a lifesaving difference.

2025 Intakes Breakdown		
<u>Intake Totals:</u> Dogs: 325 Cats: 480	<u>Owner Surrender:</u> Dogs: 114 Cats: 284 <u>Adoption Return:</u> Dogs: 11 Cats: 9	<u>Rescue Transfer In:</u> Dogs: 162 Cats: 28 <u>Born In Care:</u> Dogs: 0 Cats: 11
<u>Stray:</u> Dogs: 38 Cats: 89	<u>Feral/Wildlife:</u> Dogs: 0 Cats: 58	<u>Service In:</u> Dogs: 0 Cats: 1
2025 Outcomes Breakdown		
<u>Outcome Totals:</u> Dogs: 300 Cats: 505	<u>Return to Owner</u> Dogs: 7 Cats: 3	<u>Rescue Transfer Out</u> Dogs: 1 Cats: 23
<u>Adoption:</u> Dogs: 285 Cats: 462	<u>Field/Wildlife Release:</u> Dogs: 0 Cats: 1	<u>Death:</u> Dogs: 0 : 12 -Died in care: 0 : 12 -Euthanized: 7 : 4 -Lost: 0 : 0

Wishlists: Support Through Supplies

Did you know HSIMC has Wishlists of items we regularly need for the animals in our care and to keep our facility running smoothly? Every donated item makes a difference and we are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our community.

Thank you for supporting the animals in our care by providing needed items from our Wishlists.

We keep two Amazon Wishlists to make giving easy:

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

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

Furry Friends



Facility



Prefer to shop elsewhere? You can also give through our Chewy & Kuranda Wishlists or drop donations off in person.

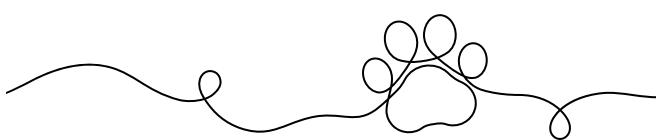
Items can be brought to the shelter during open hours, or shop at Rainbow Ag or Tractor Supply in Ukiah and place your gift in our donation bin right inside their front door.

Every item you send—big or small—helps provide comfort, care, and lifesaving support to the animals who need us most. Thank you for shopping with love and helping HSIMC thrive!

Chewy Wishlist



Kuranda Wishlist



Save the Date: Valentine's Adoption Event at Mendo Mill



February | Around Valentine's Day | 11am-2pm

Looking for love this Valentine's season? Join HSIMC at Mendo Mill in Willits for a heart-warming adoption event! Meet some of our adoptable animals, chat with our team, and celebrate all things love—especially the four-legged kind. Whether you're ready to adopt or just want to say hello, we'd love to see you. More details coming soon as planning continues.



Save the Date: Disc Golf Tournament for HSIMC



March 2026 | Hosted by Basket Beaters Disc Golf

Mark your calendars! Basket Beaters Disc Golf is hosting a two-day disc golf tournament benefiting HSIMC.

This fun, community-driven event will combine friendly competition with a great cause—supporting animals in need right here in our community.

Course details, registration info, and player perks will be announced soon, so stay tuned!

Save the Date: Community Pancake Breakfast



March 2026 | Redwood Valley Grange



Join us for a cozy, feel-good morning at the Redwood Valley Grange for a community pancake breakfast benefiting Redwood Valley Grange and Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County.



Enjoy a delicious breakfast, connect with neighbors, and support local organizations that make our community stronger. More details will be shared as plans come together.

Ending the Year, Farewell 2025

Last quarter, we shared how HSIMC is working to bridge the gap between growing community need and limited shelter resources by investing in programs that keep pets where they belong, in a home with the people who love them. As we close out the year, I'm grateful to share that this work did not just continue in Q4, it grew.

The challenges facing animal welfare have not disappeared. Shelters are still full, access to veterinary care continues to be shaped by broader economic pressures, and families are navigating increasingly complex circumstances. But this year reaffirmed something important: when we invest in prevention, access, and support, real progress is possible.

Our community-based programs continued to make a measurable impact in 2025. Since January 2025, our Pet Food Pantry expanded significantly, serving over 1,200 pets this year alone, doubling the reach we reported in Q3. Thanks to the generosity of Sparetine Supply, we are in the final stages of rehabilitating a donated shipping container that will serve as a dedicated Pet Food Pantry space. Once complete, this will allow us to store, organize, and distribute food more efficiently as demand continues to grow. As this program evolves, we hope to welcome a volunteer to help steward and lead this vital program. If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to director@hsimc.org.

Our Adoptions by Pet Guardian program also continued to build on the momentum we shared in Q3. In 2025, hundreds of animals were able to find new homes directly from their guardians, without ever entering the shelter. These outcomes reflect exactly what we hoped for when the program was created: thoughtful planning, compassionate support, and fewer animals experiencing the stress of shelter intake.

One of the most encouraging developments this year was seeing conversations about large-scale prevention turn into action. After highlighting the success of high-volume spay and neuter efforts in neighboring counties earlier this year, we are excited to welcome Animal Balance to Mendocino County. Their high-volume spay/neuter clinics will play a critical role in reducing unwanted litters, supporting families, and easing long-term shelter strain. This partnership between Animal Balance and Mendocino County Animal Care Services will be a great benefit to our community. This is the kind of upstream solution our community needs—and it represents meaningful progress toward a more sustainable future.

We also continued expanding access to behavior support, another area we identified earlier this year as essential to keeping pets in homes. We are so grateful and excited to begin a partnership with Free Dog Trainers for Q1-Q2 of 2026. This program will provide direct behavior support for select HSIMC cases, host behavior clinics throughout the county, offer shelter workshops at HSIMC, and participate in community events. These services support not only dogs in our care, but adopters and pet guardians navigating challenges at home. We look forward to fundraising to sustain this program long-term and encourage our community to take full advantage of these offerings in the coming year.

None of this progress would be possible without the people behind it. Our staff, volunteers, fosters, donors, board members, and partners showed up repeatedly this year with dedication to our mission. You all helped HSIMC remain not just responsive, but forward-thinking.

As we move into the new year, we do so with clarity and purpose. We are committed to continuing this work: strengthening prevention, expanding access to support, and building a community safety net that serves both animals and the people who love them.

Thank you for being part of our vision. Together we are not just responding to crisis, we are working toward solutions.

Jenny Hanzlik
Shelter Director



The purpose of this nonprofit 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.