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MONTHLY MEETING

3rd Wednesday of each month
6pm at Redwood Valley Grange

HIGHLIGHTS

WE'VE REACHED CAPACITY – HELP US HELP MORE CATS

Our shelter is currently at **full capacity**, with 135 cats in our care. As much as we want to help every cat in need, we are unable to accept additional intakes of unaltered animals at this time.

We know this is a challenging season for many in our community—Kitten Season is in full swing, and the demand for care is higher than ever.

At HSMC, our ability to take in animals is not just about available space, it's also about capacity for care. This includes staffing, supplies, and access to veterinary services. As a shelter without a veterinarian on staff, we rely on external partners for spay/neuter surgeries.

Right now, the number of cats awaiting spay/neuter has exceeded the appointments we've been able to secure. This has created a bottleneck in moving animals into adoptive homes, further limiting the space we have to help new intakes.

We are actively seeking additional spay/neuter outlets and veterinary support to increase our capacity. In the meantime, we are doing all we can to support our community.

If you need assistance or are looking for guidance, please visit our website for a list of resources. You can also stop by during open hours to pick up a printed resource guide and supplies to help you care for cats or kittens in your area.

Thank you for your understanding and for being part of the solution.



HIGHLIGHTS

LOLA LOVE FINDS HER PEOPLE



Our sweet senior, ***Lola Love***, has found her home! Lola came to us heartbroken after losing the only home she'd ever known. Her person, who had raised her from puppyhood, was unable to take her along when he moved. The loss was devastating for them both, and we felt the weight of it, too.

But in true community fashion, our people showed up for Lola. ***YOU*** shared her story, ***YOU*** sent good thoughts, and ***YOU*** reached out with offers to help. So, what was the result?



Just 10 days later, your kindness paid off—Lola found a wonderful family of her own. Now, she has two new humans who adore her, and she's settling into the next chapter of her life surrounded by love.

We are so grateful to everyone who cheered her on and helped her get here.

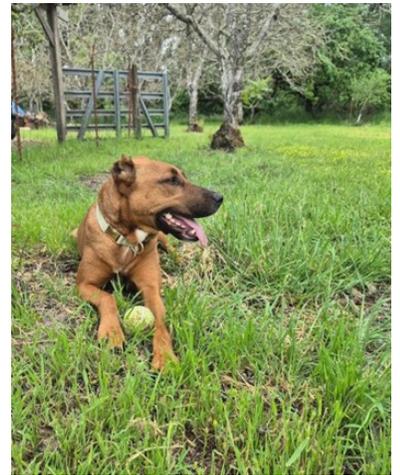
ANOTHER LUCKY DOG WHOSE HAPPY ENDING TOOK A LITTLE MORE TIME...

After 740 days at the shelter, Aquaria is home and here is what her adopters have to say:

“We did it! Welcome to the family Queenie! We lovingly now refer to her as Queenie. These last few weeks have been so great getting to know this special gal! With another dog in the home, fostering made it so nice to be able to get to know her and make sure she wanted us as much as we wanted her.

Queenie is the perfect dog! She's the best movie night companion, gardener, sous chef, nurse, hiker, and sister to Hank (fka rhett). She is the companion we didn't know we were missing but desperately needed. We love her from the tip of her nose to the heart tattoo on her tail.

Thank you to HSMC for the foster flexibility and support so we could get to know our Queenie!”



WE ARE SORRY TO BRING YOU THIS NEWS.....

We made the decision to euthanize Birch this morning. After consulting with the Doctors at VCA Petcare East, we are making the kindest decision for our little baby puppy. While we don't know the exact cause, a pneumothorax in the absence of trauma points to a congenital defect causing the formation of a bullae in her lungs.

These bullae can rupture causing a pneumothorax, or leaking of air in her chest cavity, which is life threatening.

Unfortunately, this morning her X-rays showed her lung had filled up with air again. The next steps would be chest tubes, a CT scan and possible thoracic surgery with a prognosis that is poor. Not only is it impossible for us financially but putting a 9-week-old puppy through surgery like that is a huge risk in itself.

This news comes as a shock to our team, the foster families who have been loving her, and especially her adoptive family who just had the chance to take her home on Thursday.



Thank you all for supporting Birch and giving her a fighting chance.

WHEN VOLUNTEERING...TURNS TO FOSTERING ...TURNS TO ADOPTING

While we can't say we are surprised after seeing the first picture of Rip with Leanna's kiddos, what we can say is we are thrilled!

Here Leanna writes about her journey at HSIMC with Rip:

"Manina was the one who encouraged me to form a relationship with Rip when I expressed a desire to work with blue dogs. I tentatively agreed and quickly began to see a softer side to this big huge dog. On Devan's Meet Your Match Day, he was one of the few who matched my personality colors perfectly, but even though I had initially written him on my list, I crossed him off, still too intimidated by him to think he'd ever be a match for my home. I'm not sure when I stopped being intimidated by him and started to open up a special place in my heart for him. He reminded me so much of my dog, Maisey, and I started to understand him more.

I think it was the first time I saw him interact with kids.... How his intimidation factor disappeared, and he softened, he looked the happiest I had ever seen him, full of delight! And the time we had to try to weigh him, and terrified of the scale, he melted his body into me with these big scared eyes like a big giant puppy. Yes, I'm sappy that way.

He began to become the dog I most looked forward to getting out every time I came. His mental health decline concerned me, and I just had a feeling that getting him into a foster home would be a game changer for him. Watching him successfully participate in a playgroup and then successfully show his true colors in a home has been without a doubt the most satisfying part of my volunteer experience with HSIMC so far. It literally made my heart sing!

It makes me so curious to see more blue dogs in foster! But then watching the way he fit at home here with us... it was like finding a missing piece that we didn't realize had been missing, and then I couldn't imagine him living anywhere else!

What an unexpectedly amazing journey..."

Now wipe away those tears and help us celebrate this special moment!

For a long-term resident like Rip, now named Mufasa, this is not just an adoption, this is his life being saved.



CELEBRITY ALERT WE ARE FANGIRLING HARD

It's not every day that an animal shelter celebrity drops by! But don't worry- when it does happen, Becca will be sure to sound the alarm of excitement! Today we had the privilege of hosting Dr. Sheila Segurson, DVM, DAVCB, and Director of Shelter Solutions for [Maddie's Fund](#)!

Dr. Sheila Segurson's goal is to develop and support research that increases pet adoptions from rescue groups and shelters and improves pet well-being. She relies upon her background working in and with animal shelters, pet foster care programs, and veterinary medicine to lead Maddie's Fund research efforts.

At HSIMC, we are committed to leading the way in providing the best care for the animals that end up in our shelter. Whether their stay is days or months, our questions are always the same: How can we minimize fear, anxiety, stress, and frustration to help them have the best quality of life during their time with us? And most importantly—how can we get them into loving homes? Having the support of a Veterinary Behaviorist onsite today was a dream come true for our team!

Want to learn more about Dr. Sheila and all the exciting education opportunities through Maddie's University check out the comments for more info!

We are proud to be a safe place for animals, where people can come learn and grow with us. Together we are making this world a better place for the animals we all love. ***Thank you, Dr. Sheila, for being a part of our work!***

HIPPITY HOPPITY - OUR EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A HIT!



On Saturday, April 19th, the field at HSIMC was bursting with excitement—and over 2,000 colorful Easter eggs!

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** brought families together for an afternoon of springtime fun, and the turnout was fantastic. We had a dedicated area just for the littlest egg hunters, and of course, a very busy **Easter Bunny** made time for photos and hugs with dozens of kiddos.

A special highlight this year? The **Redwood Valley Calpella Fire Department** stopped by to join in the fun and take photos with the Easter Bunny! It was a wonderful treat for the kids (and adults too!), and we're so grateful they made time to visit.

The event also featured **golden eggs** hidden throughout the field, with lucky finders winning special raffle prizes. And a huge thank you to the **Redwood Valley Grange**, who came out with their homemade treats for a delicious bake sale - it wouldn't have been the same without you .

We also want to give a shoutout to Jack & Noel's Easter Egg Hunt just down the road for kicking off the day with even more festive fun!



MEET PABLO: THE DOG WHO ASKED FOR HELP – AND FOUND IT!



When Pablo leapt out of his finders' car and ran through the HSIMC parking lot, his body told a story of pain and survival, but his eyes held something else: HOPE.

Pablo was first found injured and alone near the Coyote Valley Gas Station on April 16th by community members who refused to give up on him. Despite being turned away by multiple shelters, they didn't stop trying. They named him Pablo, got him started on pain meds and antibiotics at Dr. Plumb's, and when they brought him to HSIMC, we knew immediately that he needed more help than they alone could provide.



Our medical team jumped into action and officially welcomed Pablo into our program. With his finder stepping up to foster, we began working on the next steps with East Hill Veterinary Clinic, where Pablo underwent surgery to close the gaping wounds on his rear end. While we joked about his "new booty," Pablo's healing journey was only just beginning.

During his stay, Pablo also received a much-needed dental cleaning and as his care continued, we discovered something more serious: a broken elbow requiring a second surgery involving pins and plates. The estimate? \$4,000–\$5,000. A daunting number for a stray dog who showed up asking for help - but how could we say no?



Pablo underwent elbow surgery on May 12th at Wasson Memorial and is no longer suffering in silence. He's a tail-wagging, treat-loving, kiss-giving cuddle bug who has touched every person lucky enough to meet him. His foster family says he's "the best dog" - and we believe it.

Pablo's journey isn't over - but with your support, we know he'll get there.

AND THEN SICK KITTENS ARRIVED.....

It's the end of day on a Thursday, you are short staffed, everyone needs something, teams are working on over drive, animals are coming at you left and right, you can't POSSIBLY take on one more thing... and then... sick neonate kittens arrive...

Throw your hands up in the air and give up, right?! Wrong! Just reach under your desk and grab your handy dandy "Kitten Kits" prepared and donated by [Wine Country Animal Lovers](#) and delivered just in the nick of time by [Clearlake Animal Association](#). These kits are genius and are turning unsuspecting "refused to look the other way when an animal is in need" folks, into bottle baby and slurry making superheroes!

While we had to say no to these kittens, we had the chance to say yes to helping their finder save lives with us! She is now set up with everything needed to keep these babies safe until more help can arrive.

Did you know coming to a shelter with no plan in place is dangerous for kittens! We have no after-hours care here and foster homes are crucial to our success. That is why we believe in engaging our community in the care of the animals. It's a big ole collaboration around here that we are proud to be a part of.

Shortly after sending this kitten kit out, the [Mendocino Coast Humane Society](#) offered to take these kittens into their program on the coast.



When we work together, we can do so much more!

HIGHLIGHTS

KIDS CAN BE THE KEY TO HELP

We believe one way to reduce the number of homeless animals is to teach children the important guidelines for a loving and safe relationship with dogs and cats.

This past quarter, we've had two classes join us onsite for a field trip. We had Angela Fragoza's 1st grade class from Deep Valley Christian School and Karen Patereau's class from Blosser Lane Elementary.

The kids had a great time learning about microchipping, reading to the kitties, writing notes to the animals and stuffing kongs for the dogs and paper cups of treats for the cats to help with the daily enrichments our animals need every day.

It's always a great day when we get their smiling faces at HSIMC!

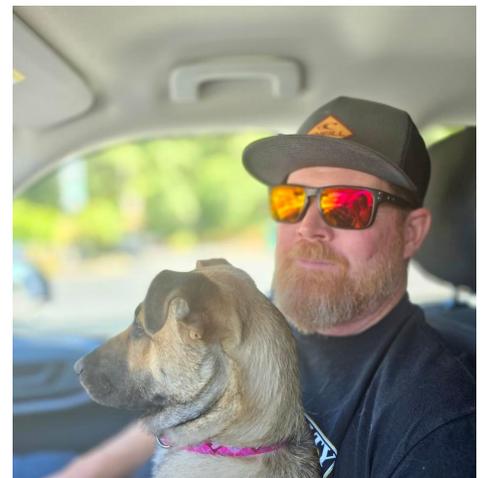


HOORAY FOR LEXI!!



Lexi completed her first heartworm treatment at East Hill Vet like a champ! She still has two more treatments to go; you've got this Lexi!

Lexi is one of five dogs rescued by the Clearlake Animal Association from a hoarding case in Clearlake. When she arrived, she was skin and bones and suffering from heartworm. Today, she's in a loving foster-to-adopt home, receiving the lifesaving treatment she needs to recover.



Thank you for supporting the special dogs who need a little extra help along the way. Seeing Lexi happy in a home and far removed from the life she once knew is a powerful reminder of why we do this work — to give pets the chance to thrive in loving homes.

Your donations make stories like Lexi's possible. Thank you for helping us support the animals who need a little more time, effort, and financial commitment.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Thinking about donating to HSIMC? Well, here is a list of items we always need:

Standard Facility Items

Bleach (regular), Laundry Detergent (unscented), Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Dawn Dish Soap, 55 gal Black Trash Bags, 32 Gallon Clear Trash Bags, 13 gallon trash bags

For the Cats

KMR Kitten Formula, Miracle Nipples, Dry Cat/Kitten Food, Canned Cat/Kitten Food, Probiotics, Catnip, Toys, Hammocks, Cardboard Scratchers

For the Dogs

Puppy Pads, Good Quality Dog/Puppy Food, Canned Dog/Puppy Food, X-pens, Wire Crates, Martingale Collars, Probiotic Capsules, Kongs, Leashes, Wire Crates

ESTATE PLANNING

Consider Leaving 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.

DONATE FOR CHARITY

Thinking of donating a vehicle?

We have partnered with an organization known as Donate for Charity, a program that supports nonprofit organizations across the United States.

Donate for Charity works with you, to donate your vehicle, turn your car, truck, or recreational vehicle into a tax deduction.

Donate for Charity makes the process easy and they handle all the details after you submit your request, proceeds come directly to HSIMC.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: LEANNA & IZZY—THE HEART BEHIND SKILLZ

Skillz Sundays: Building Confidence for Dogs *and* Humans!

At HSIMC, we know that successful adoptions start with preparation—and not just for the animals, but for the people who love and care for them too. That’s why we launched Skillz Sundays, a weekly series focused on building practical skills, confidence, and connection for both dogs and humans.

Each Sunday, we host hands-on sessions designed for volunteers, adopters, fosters, and our community who want to make a meaningful impact. At HSIMC, we’re lucky to have volunteers who don’t just show up—they lift up everyone around them, animals and humans alike. This month, we’re shining the spotlight on two such people: Leanna and Izzy, the dynamic duo behind our weekly Skillz Sunday’s series.

On Sundays, Leanna and Izzy donate their time and talent to help our community grow more confident, connected, and capable. Leanna brings her knowledge of dog behavior to help our shelter pups build the skills they need to thrive in adoptive homes. Meanwhile, Izzy not only supports the dogs but also the human side of the work—offering mindfulness, self-care tools, and encouragement to volunteers, fosters, and adopters alike.

Together they’re helping us strengthen the bridge between people and pets—and we’re so grateful. Whether you’re a seasoned volunteer, a new foster, or someone considering adoption, Skillz Sundays offer something for everyone. We’re proud to bring our community together each week to grow, connect, and become even better advocates for the animals in our care.

Stay tuned for upcoming sessions - there’s always more to learn!



LEND A PAW – VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Looking for a way to make a real difference? Join our volunteer team and help us change lives - both furry and human!

- **Volunteer Orientation is held twice a month:**
- **First Thursday and Last Sunday of each month**
- **11:00 AM at the shelter**

Life at the shelter can be stressful for animals, but **daily enrichment - like walks, playtime, training, and cuddles—helps reduce stress, build confidence, and keep tails wagging.** That’s where our amazing volunteers come in! Your time helps ensure every dog and cat gets the love, stimulation, and care they deserve while they wait for their **‘forever 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!

- We’ve made orientation quick and easy—about an hour long, and you’ll leave feeling ready to dive in!
- Wear closed-toe shoes, and if you can, bring some tasty treats to make fast friends with our four-legged residents.



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.

A GREAT INITIATIVE to keep dogs in homes - GOODPUP!!



Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is excited to announce our partnership with the GoodPup dog training app! GoodPup offers customized, affordable, positive dog training that you can access from the comfort of your home, at a time that works for YOU.

We are really excited about the possibility of better-behaved dogs! (And fewer dogs that need new homes due to behavioral issues.) GoodPup offers one week of free training; there is no obligation, and users can cancel at any time.

Here's what else to know:

- If you've ever adopted a dog from HSIMC, you can sign up for the GoodPup app, and get a lifetime discount off their services. (This is good for HSIMC fosters, volunteers, and staff members, too.)

Here is the code to get started: <https://links.goodpup.com/shelter/MendocinoHS>

- If you haven't adopted from HSIMC but are still interested in the training, please visit: <https://links.goodpup.com/shelter/MendocinoHSTraining>

For everyone who keeps up with GoodPup beyond the first week of training, HSIMC will receive \$40 from the company – whether the dog is from us or not! These funds will help us with our behavior program so we can continue to support the needs of our dogs who are onsite or in homes (Remember, that first week is free.)

We live in a rural community with limited resources to sound training techniques. We love that this virtual training experience can help people and their pups from the comfort of their own home.

*We hope this helps some puppies learn how to be good dogs, and also helps some old dogs learn new tricks!
Thank you, GoodPup!*

ANGELS of HSIMC

SPECIAL BENEFACTORS (AKA Angels of HSIMC)

It is all about the animals and we have some Angels that are always there for us and are helping push HSIMC to the next level so we can be there for the homeless animals in our community with upgraded facilities, equipment, funding for veterinary care and other special programs that make HSIMC unique.

Thank you for standing by us and thank you for believing in our mission and what HSIMC stands for.

Myrna Hurst, Jayme Goodale, Kristin Kelly, Donna Glass, Terri Boudreaux, Mendocino Animal Hospital, Orr Hot Springs, John King, Teresa King, Selzer Realty, Anonymous, Susan Craig, Mark Crutcher, Dan Crofood, Fred Ehnou, Christine Griggs, Charlotte Burns, Megan Grewer, Knudsen Family, Caesar Toxqui Cellars, Paul Kempe, Machiko Shimada, Paul Shimmin, Keith Faulder, Marilu Paulson, Marion Zahler, Moja Lindsay, Candace Horsley

Donations Made in Honor of People & Pets

Mari Haddox, Bunkers

Donations Made in Memory of People & Pets

In Loving Memory of Maxi the Princess, Donald Pickman, Donna Van Wyhe, Theresa Lynn Bloyd

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM HSIMC

First, let me say how truly grateful we are that you joined us for **A Night to Remember**. Your presence meant everything — not just to us, but to every animal who's been given a second chance because of the compassion and generosity of people like you.

This was our **third annual gala** and our **biggest fundraiser yet** — and it wouldn't have been possible without so many incredible supporters. A special thank you goes to: **Majide – Paul, Machiko, and Pierre**; for providing the beautiful music that set the tone at all three of our galas. **Robert Dillworth** from Creative Workshop in Ukiah; for the stunning printed programs. **Patsy Jordan**; for your help designing and creating those programs. **Nick Pearson** Ukiah High School shop teacher; for building our showstopping gondola, and **Stacey Rohrbach**; for painting it with such artistry! **Myriah Surman**; for the moving video that gave us a glimpse into a day in the life at HSIMC.

Everyone who donated such incredible items for our live and silent auctions. Our faithful **Gold Sponsor** for three years running: **SpareTime Supply**. Our generous **Silver Sponsors**: **Family Tree Services** (who also donated their seats back so we could invite our radio ticket winners!), **McCarty's Auto Body**, and **Russ Tow from Selzer Realty**. Our amazing **Bronze Sponsors**: **Sutter Health, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Isa and Ivan Browne, Consider Yourself Credentialed**, and **Patty McMillen from Selzer Realty**. Every donor who raised their paddle for **Fund the Need**, and all who bid on our fabulous auction items. **Gather Events** for the breathtaking venue and unforgettable food. The incredible **HSIMC staff** and **Board of Directors** — your commitment makes all the difference. And of course thank you to **every volunteer** who helped bring the night together. It truly does take a village.

Finally, a heartfelt shout-out to **Tom Allman**, for always showing up to support us — and for celebrating his birthday with us at the gala!

We know the heart of this community. We've seen firsthand what happens when generous people step up. We believe that every life, no matter how small, sick, or scared, deserves a chance at a happy ending.

Thank you for believing in our mission. **Thank you** for standing with us.

Together, we turn hardship into hope — and give every animal the future they deserve.
A Night in Venice truly was a night of miracles.

- Teresa King, Board President

WAGS & WINES at BARRA of MENDOCINO

On April 12th, we returned to the gorgeous gardens at Barra of Mendocino for our 4th annual Wags & Wine adoption event! While attendance was on the quieter side this year, we were thrilled to bring some of our adoptable dogs out to enjoy the spring sunshine and fresh air.

Events like these are a wonderful chance to introduce our animals to the community in a relaxed, offsite setting—and every outing helps us move closer to finding them forever homes.

We're also happy to report that the event raised \$31 in donations and \$70 in swag sales, with zero expenses thanks to the generosity of our hosts.

A heartfelt thank you to Barra of Mendocino for once again supporting our mission and providing such a beautiful, welcoming venue.

If you stopped by to say hello, spin the prize wheel, enjoy the tacos, or taste some wine—we appreciate you! And if you missed us, we hope to see you at the next one.



SHOUT OUTS

WHAT A TAIL-WAGGING GOOD TIME!



Thank you, Valerie, at **Send Rover On Over** for hosting **Strut Your Mutt in Lakeport!**

Volunteers Erika, Kelsey, and Karin had the joy of representing the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at Strut Your Mutt in Lakeport, hosted by Valerie from Send Rover On Over, where they offer both daycare and overnight boarding for dogs.

This fun-filled event featured a 5K walk-run, a silent auction, and a whole lot of heart, all to support local rescues doing life-saving work.

We were thrilled to connect with fellow animal lovers, reunite with old friends, and make new ones. It was a celebration of community, compassion, and of course-dogs! A huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported the cause.

Events like these remind us how powerful we are when we come together for the animals.

Paws up to an amazing day—we'll see you at the next outing!

A FOND FAREWELL to OUR FINAL COLLABORATION with BERGIN UNIVERSITY of CANINE STUDIES

On Sunday, April 6th, 2025, we hosted a Supersized Skillz Sunday at HSIMC, an incredible event led by four talented Bachelor of Science students from Bergin College of Canine Studies, along with lead instructor Devan Amundsen, CPDT-KA, of Animal Welfare United.

Together, they guided attendees through five interactive "Skillz Stationz", offering hands-on learning and practical training tips for dog lovers, volunteers, and fosters alike. This event marked the students' final project, and the last time we'll host a Bergin class, as the college has relocated to Oregon.

We've truly valued our four-year partnership with Bergin College and are so grateful for the knowledge, enthusiasm, and heart their students have brought to our shelter.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to send them off with appreciation & support!

Supersized Skillz Sunday

5 "Skillz Stationz"

4 Bachelor of Science Students from Bergin College

3 Hours: 11am-2pm

2 Much Fun

1 Day: April 6th, 2025

lead instructor:
Devan Amundsen, CPDT-KA



NELSON FAMILY VINEYARDS 5K – A HUGE SUCCESS!

What an incredible day at the Nelson Family Vineyards 5K Run/Walk - 374 participants came out to enjoy the sunshine, the stunning views, and a great time with friends, all in support of a great cause!

We are so grateful to **Nelson Family Vineyards** for choosing **HSIMC** as this year's beneficiary. From runners and walkers to wine lovers and volunteers, the energy was amazing and the support overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who showed up, showed love, and helped make this event such a success! And an extra special shout-out to our incredible volunteers who came out just to support **HSIMS**, we see you and appreciate you!

We can't wait to do it again next year!



SHOUT OUTS



THANK YOU TO I.SEE.OPTICAL COMPANY!

We're thrilled to recognize *I.SEE.Optical Company* for hosting a fantastic **Trunk Show and Adoption Event** in support of HSIMC—and raising over **\$300** through their eyewear raffle! From high-style frames to wagging tails, the event brought together fashion, fun, and compassion.

Guests explored exclusive collections from L.A. Eyeworks and Blackfin while meeting some of our adoptable pups, and every raffle ticket helped make a difference for animals in need. We are so grateful to the I.SEE team for their creativity, generosity, and for shining a spotlight on our mission.

Thank you for helping us SEE a brighter future for our animals!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO NICK FROM NORTHERN PLUMBING!

When we discovered a significant leak under the cement slab of our barn — thanks to an old copper pipe — we were facing a pretty big challenge.

Thankfully, Nick stepped in and offered to help us out. He ran a brand-new water line and got everything back up and running smoothly. His skill, professionalism, and kindness made a stressful situation so much easier.

We are so grateful to have people like Nick — and businesses like Northern Plumbing — in our community. It's partnerships and acts of generosity like this that help keep our shelter going strong and help us keep providing the best care possible for the animals who depend on us.

Thank you, Nick, for being such an incredible part of our rescue family!

BISSELL PET FOUNDATION ADOPTION EVENT WRAP-UP!

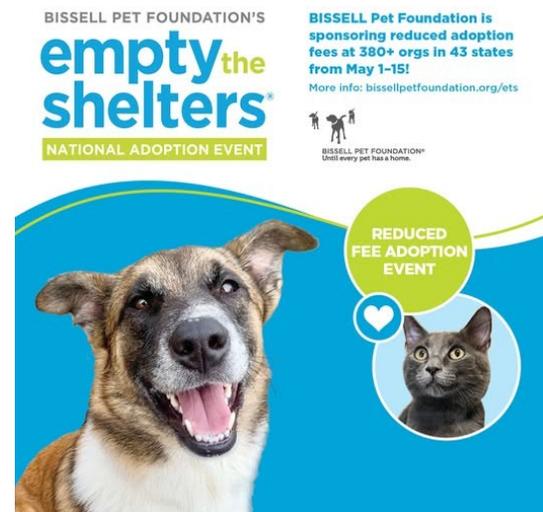
From May 1st–15th, we participated in the **BISSELL Pet Foundation's Empty the Shelters event**—and thanks to your support, 12 animals found loving homes! Four dogs and eight cats started new chapters with families who saw just how special shelter pets can be.

Each adoption helps us make space for more animals in need and gives our team a chance to celebrate pets finding homes. To everyone who shared, visited, volunteered, or adopted: **THANK YOU.**

Your compassion makes events like this possible.

And of course, a huge thank you to Cathy Bissell and the **BISSELL Pet Foundation** for helping us spotlight our adoptable animals and reduce adoption fees. These moments of hope remind us why we keep going.

Stay tuned—our kennels may be a little emptier, but the work never stops. If you're looking to adopt, foster, or volunteer, we'd love to hear from you!



SHOUT OUTS

JUNE 7TH WAS CA ADOPT-A-PET-DAY-AND WE JOINED IN!!

**Saturday
June 7th, 2025**



**California
Adopt-a-Pet Day**



**Unleash love,
find your friend.**

Find your furry friend on California Adopt-a-Pet Day! Your local shelter is full of loving animals waiting to meet you.

- Fee-waived adoptions, most covered by grants from the ASPCA
- All dogs and cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated & microchipped
- More than 150 participating shelters

Find out more at caadoptapetday.org
Tag us in your photos #CAAdoptAPetDay

California Adopt-a-Pet Day is hosted by CalAnimals, SF SPCA, and the ASPCA.



On June 7th, adoption fees were **WAIVED** at **HSIMC** as part of California's Adopt-A-Pet Day!

A total of 148 animal welfare organizations across 212 event locations worked collaboratively to find homes for 4,979 pets, outpacing the 3,609 pets that were adopted during the inaugural event in 2024.

The initiative was generously supported by actor Rob Lowe, who served as the official celebrity ambassador for California Adopt-a-Pet Day, with additional support spreading the word on social media from celebrities including Paris Hilton, Toks Olagundoye, Eric McCormack, Anjelica Huston, Allison Janney, Alexandra Shipp, Christian Meier, Juan Pablo Espinosa, Maxwell Jenkins, and the Los Angeles Chargers.

At HSIMC, we had one lucky dog, and four wonderful cats go home. Congratulations to Wheezy, Starlet, Satchel, Full of Beans, and Weepy Walrus, your new lives begin now!

Thank you, California Adopt-a-Pet Day, CalAnimals, ASPCA, and the SF SPCA for making this event possible and providing grants to support zero cost adoptions!

THANK YOU to FLYING DOG PIZZA and VINYL!

We're sending a heartfelt shout-out to *Flying Dog Pizza and Vinyl* for hosting *Dogs for Dogs* during the Willits Car Show and raising over \$700 in support of HSIMC!

With hot dogs on the grill, classic cars in the streets, and a community full of compassion, this event was a perfect blend of fun and purpose. Your support helps us provide care, shelter, and second chances to animals in need.

Special thanks to Pete from Shanachie Pub and the incredible team at Flying Dog for making this possible—we're grateful for your generosity and commitment to our mission.



THANK YOU, MIA BEA WINES



We're raising a glass to Mia Bea Wines for hosting not one—but two incredible events in June to support HSIMC and our lifesaving work!

On June 1st, *Family Fun Day* brought together families from across the community for a day full of laughter, games, and connection. With vineyard wagon tours, painting and planting activities, bounce houses, farmer's disc golf, wine tasting, and more, there was something for everyone. We're grateful to Mia Bea, Eddie's Hotdogs, DJ Ken Steeley, and Party Pros for creating a joyful day for kids and adults alike.

On June 29th, *Vibes & Vines*, the vineyard came alive again—an evening fundraiser under the stars featuring live music by the Fargo Brothers. Guests danced the night away with a glass of Mia Bea wine in hand and delicious food from Slam Dunk Pizza, all while supporting the animals of HSIMC.

These events not only raised vital funds but also strengthened the connection between our shelter and the community we serve. We are so thankful to the **Mia Bea team** for their generosity, creativity, and heart. Your support makes a difference.

Cheers to community, compassion, and the good humans (and good wine) that make it all possible!



Creative Workshop
PRINTING & COPIES

PRINTING with HEART: A SHOUTOUT to CREATIVE WORKSHOP

When it comes to making a great impression, few things speak louder than high-quality print—and *Creative Workshop* absolutely delivered for us this quarter! Not only did they help us bring our latest newsletter to life again, but they also worked their magic on our Gala pamphlets, making sure every detail looked polished, professional, and worthy of the animals we serve.

We've said it before, but it's worth repeating: working with Creative Workshop isn't just a service, it's a partnership built on shared community values and a love for animals.

To the entire team: thank you for going above and beyond (again!). Your creativity, care, and support mean the world to us—and to every furry face we're working to help.

PUPS & PLANTS at FRIEDMAN'S: A BLOOMING SUCCESS!

HSIMC brought wagging tails and plant-friendly tips to Friedman's Home Improvement in Ukiah for our *Pups & Plants* Adoption Event! Visitors had the chance to meet some of our adoptable dogs, take photos in our brand-new photo booth, and learn about which common houseplants are safe—or not so safe—for pets.

We're so grateful to Friedman's Ukiah for hosting us and helping us spread awareness about pet safety and adoption. Events like this bring our mission out into the community—and give our dogs more chances to find the loving homes they deserve.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by, said hello, and supported our shelter animals—one plant and one pup at a time!



STRUT YOUR MUTT: A TAIL-WAGGING FASHION AFFAIR

Pups hit the runway, and paws hit the pavement at McNab Ridge Winery in Hopland for our fabulous *Strut Your Mutt* fundraiser!

Guests enjoyed an afternoon of wine tasting, delicious eats from The Smash Daddies, and all the canine couture you could imagine.

HSIMC was onsite with swag, adoptable dog info, and volunteers sharing our mission—and the real showstopper was the Red-Carpet Pup Pageant!

Contestants dazzled the crowd and judges in categories like *Most Glamorous Pooch*, *Best Strut*, *Most Creative Costume*, and *People's Choice*. 100% of pup pageant entry fees and a portion of wine sales went directly to support our animals.

A HUGE THANK YOU to McNab Ridge Winery, The Smash Daddies, and all the stylish pups and their people who made this event such a success. We're already looking forward to next year's strut!

VIN de PAWS: A TOAST to COMPASSION



We raised our glasses (and our spirits!) at the **Vin de Paws** wine launch party at **Cesar Toxqui Cellars** in Redwood Valley. This exclusive event celebrated the debut of a beautifully blended white wine—crafted with care by **Cesar Toxqui and Clay Nesbitt**—with only **142 limited-edition cases** produced.

Guests enjoyed a sunny afternoon filled with **live music by Good Trouble**, **delicious bites**, and, of course, plenty of **wine tasting**. With pets lounging on the patio and laughter filling the air, it was a joyful gathering in support of a powerful cause.

Every bottle of Vin de Paws sold helps save the lives of shelter animals, with proceeds benefiting local nonprofit animal shelters in **Mendocino and Sonoma Counties**, including HSIMC.

We're so grateful to Clay Nesbitt for sponsoring this meaningful and memorable event—and to everyone who came out to sip, savor, and support.

Cheers to wine, wagging tails, and a community that gives back!

A BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE for KEEPING US STOCKED UP

You are listening! And we sure do appreciate the support!

Look what was delivered on May 21st!

Keep the canned dog/puppy/cat/kitten food and KMR coming!

We have hungry mouths to feed and the calls for help keep coming.

Be sure to check out our Wishlists on Page 16



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YOU ARE A HERO!

- When you fix something at the shelter.
- When you tell a friend about our mission.

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.

Keep an eye out for our newest billboard—and when you see it, know that you’re part of something powerful.
Be a helper. Be A Hero.

Thank you MVOutdoor for your dedication to our lifesaving mission!

PARDINI APPLIANCE: POWERING ADOPTIONS, ONE DOG AT A TIME



When it comes to supporting shelter dogs, **Pardini Appliance** doesn’t just talk the talk, they show up, year after year, with generosity that makes a real impact.

As one of our most dedicated Business Partners, Pardini Appliance has helped turn adoption days into celebrations. Every time a dog goes home, their **Pardini Pup Certificate** adds a little extra joy to the occasion—and behind the scenes, their **\$5 donation per adoption** helps us keep tails wagging and kennels filled with love, not need.

Their partnership means more than just dollars, it’s a reminder that local businesses can be powerful allies in the work of animal welfare. Because of Pardini, more dogs are getting their second chance, and adopters are reminded that our community is cheering them on.

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

LETTER from our Board President

Open Letter to Those Trying to Do the Right Thing

After experiencing an afternoon at the Humane Society, I was motivated to share my thoughts.

All of us in the animal rescue world share a common goal: doing what's best for the animals. Every day, many of you reach out after finding stray, feral, or injured animals - in your yards, along the roadsides, or suffering from neglect. You step in because you care; so do we.

At the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County (HSIMC), we work tirelessly to help as many animals as we can responsibly care for. When we are unable to take in an animal, it's not because we don't want to, it's because we must ensure that every animal we accept receives the quality of care it deserves. When we can't provide that care directly, we strive to offer alternative resources and guidance.

We understand how frustrating it can be when you're trying to do the right thing and the help you hoped for isn't available. Please know - we feel that frustration too.

Right now, the animal rescue community is facing a severe veterinary care shortage. HSIMC does not adopt out unaltered animals but spay and neuter appointments are often booked 3 to 6 months in advance. This delays adoptions, increases costs, and limits our ability to take in more animals, especially those that are unaltered or in urgent need of medical attention.

Like many businesses, we are also facing staffing shortages. Every animal in our shelter deserves more than just a roof over their head - they deserve daily enrichment, nutritious food, grooming, behavioral support, exercise, medical attention, and love. Our team is deeply committed to ensuring each animal's life improves the moment they come through our doors. But with limited staff, we must also limit the number of animals accepted into our care.

Please remember, our staff is made up of people just like you - people who care deeply and are doing their absolute best, often under immense pressure. They work long hours, including weekends and holidays, responding to calls for help. Every day we receive more surrender requests than we can accommodate. For those who need to rehome a pet, we offer a courtesy listing on our website called Adoptions by Pet Guardian where hopefully the animal can find a new home without coming into the shelter. We understand that life changes; illness, loss, housing insecurity, can make it impossible to keep a pet. That's why we also provide food, supplies, and information about additional resources whenever we can.

So we ask please continue doing the right thing. Spay and neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted animals. Be kind to shelter staff who are on the front lines of this crisis. Support your local shelter however you can. HSIMC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We receive no government funding; everything we do is made possible by donations, grants, fundraising efforts, and the support of compassionate community members like you.

From all of us at HSIMC: thank you for caring. Thank you for trying. And thank you for standing with us as we work together for the animals.

See you soon at an event near you!



Teresa King

President, HSIMC board
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SHELTER STATS

YTD SHELTER STATS: January 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2025

Where do the animals come from and where do they go?

2025 Intakes Breakdown		
<p><u>Total Intake:</u> Dogs: 151 Cats: 276</p>	<p><u>Owner Surrender:</u> Dogs: 57 Cats: 159</p> <p><u>Adoption Return:</u> Dogs: 7 Cats: 4</p>	<p><u>Rescue Transfer In:</u> Dogs: 68 Cats: 7</p> <p><u>Born In Care:</u> Dogs: 0 Cats: 11</p>
<p><u>Strays:</u> Dogs: 19 Cats: 61</p>	<p><u>Feral:</u> Dogs: 0 Cat: 34</p>	<p><u>Service In:</u> Dogs: 0 Cats: 0</p>

2025 Outcomes Breakdown		
<p><u>Total Outcomes:</u> Dogs: 142 Cats: 266</p>	<p><u>Return to Owner:</u> Dogs: 2 Cats: 2</p>	<p><u>Rescue Transfer Out:</u> Dogs: 0 Cats: 23</p>
<p><u>Adoptions:</u> Dogs: 136 Cats: 232</p>	<p><u>Field/Wildlife Release:</u> Dogs: 0 Cats: 1</p>	<p><u>Deaths:</u> Dogs: 4 - Died in care: 0 - Euthanized: 4 - Lost: 0</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cats: 8 - Died in care: 7 - Euthanized: 1 - Lost: 0</p>

WISHLISTS



FURRY FRIENDS and/or FACILITY!

Have you seen our Amazon Wishlists?

We receive many wonderful donations through this program and are so thankful for everyone who sends gifts to the dogs and cats and for our facility.

We have two Wishlists going, one to support our furry friends and one to keep our facility operating.



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

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

Chewy: https://www.chewy.com/g/humane-society-for-inland-mendocino-county_b102271750

If you are shopping locally, you can bring donations by the shelter during any of our open hours or shop at Rainbow Ag /or Tractor Supply in Ukiah and leave your donation in our donation bin at the front of their store.

Thank you for your support and keeping our facility running smoothly!

IT'S TIME FOR HSIMC'S ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST!

Our **Pet Calendar Contest** is back, and we want to see your best furry friend photos!

Submit your favorite pet pictures for a chance to be featured in HSIMC's 2026 calendar. **Thirteen lucky winners** will be selected—one for the cover and one for each month. All other entries will be showcased throughout the calendar pages.



This contest is not only fun—it's also a meaningful way to support your local animal shelter. **Every dollar raised helps keep our doors open and our lifesaving work going.**

Don't have a pet to submit? You can still join the fun by **voting for your favorite photos!**

Submit or vote here:

<https://www.gogophotocontest.com/hsimc2026>

KRITTER KARNIVAL & ANNUAL APPRECIATION EVENT

SAVE THIS DATE: September 28rd, 2025
12pm—3pm



We're combining two beloved events—our Annual Kritter Karnival and our Annual Appreciation Event—into one BIG celebration!

Join us for an afternoon of fun with music, food, and games for the kids.

We're currently seeking an Annual Sponsor to help make this event even more special.

If you're interested in supporting, please contact our Board President, Teresa: teresa@hsimc.org.

Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to see you there!

HSIMC Goes to Animal Care Expo!

What happens in Vegas... comes back to HSIMC with fresh ideas and inspiration!

In April, our leadership team (Jenny and Becca!) had the opportunity to attend Animal Care Expo 2025 in Las Vegas—the largest international conference for animal welfare professionals. Hosted by Humane World for Animals, Expo brings together over 2,500 attendees from around the globe for four incredible days of learning, connection, and growth.

We were thrilled to connect with fellow animal welfare leaders from nearby organizations, including the Milo Foundation, Clearlake Animal Association, Sonoma Humane Society, Napa County Animal Shelter, and Animal Welfare United, along with many new colleagues and friends from across the country.

The event offered nearly 100 workshops, round tables, and learning labs spanning topics from shelter medicine to team development, public relations, and community-centered programming. We kicked things off with a full-day Learning Lab on volunteer engagement—diving into best practices for recruitment, training, and volunteer retention strategies we're excited to bring back to HSIMC.

Some of the most impactful workshops we attended focused on:

- **Distemper outbreak prevention and treatment**—new evidence-based strategies that can shorten isolation times and make lifesaving treatment more accessible.
- **Vaccination protocols for neonatal puppies and kittens**—updated guidance that helps protect our most vulnerable intakes sooner.
- **Access to behavioral support in underserved communities**—equipping all pet families with the tools to succeed, regardless of income or location.
- **Off-site adoption planning**—tactical tools to increase visibility and adoptions for long-stay animals like many of our large-breed dogs.
- **Team building and leadership**—because a thriving shelter starts with a strong, supported team.

We also learned valuable tips on goal setting, data tracking, grant writing, and even how to navigate challenging conversations with confidence and clarity. Whether we were gathered in a lecture hall or swapping ideas over dinner under the giant Ferris wheel, the experience reinvigorated our mission and gave us tools to bring real change home.

We are so grateful to our supporters, our community, and the HSIMC team who held down the fort while we were away. Because of you, we returned with renewed energy, expanded knowledge, and exciting new ideas already shaping the future of our work. Stay tuned!

Thank you,

Jenny Hanzlik
Shelter Director

