



## Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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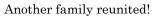
"Our lives are in your hands"

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# Microchips At Work Again

Our calico Waldorf kitty has people and she was so excited to see her family again that she couldn't stop talking about it long enough to take a picture! She has been missing since October and they had almost given up on her coming home. One call to the microchip company, another to her family and Mimi was on her way home!





#### **Board of Directors**

Kether Sprague, President Jennifer Adair, VP Joe Hurlbut, Treasurer Julie Dauer, Secretary Holly Bennett Rhonda Hurlbut Tracey McNamara Mac McAlister

All Star Team

Jenny - Administrative Director

Becca - Kennel Manager

Suzanne - Cattery Manager

Rafael - Kennel Technician

Lyra - Cattery Technician

Rosa - Cattery Technician

Emily - Kennel Technician

Michelle - Cat Foster Coordinator

Kelsey - Dog Foster Coordinator

# It Takes A Village

We love our rescue partners!

Meet Damien Scott, his rescue teamworks hard to better the lives of the animals North of us in Hoopa. We began working with them this year and have taken in 5 dogs and 10 cats so far; most of them have already been placed in amazing homes! We are always eager to help where we can, so more lives can be saved. Teamwork makes the dream work!





#### **Monthly Meeting**

3rd Tuesday of each month 6PM via ZOOM

## Happy Valentine's Day

What better way to share love than by rescuing an animal in need! This large shepherd had been surviving on his own, avoiding capture for weeks near Masonite Road in Ukiah. With the help of some determined women, he was safely trapped on 2/14, they called us with excitement in their voices asking if we had room for one more. We said YES! We dubbed him Valentine and got right to work. This big, handsome guy was starving, covered in ticks, and suffering from tick paralysis. After a trip to the vet, medication, good food and lots of TLC, Valentine began to shine! This stoic boy was a joy to have as a shelter guest, he quickly became a volunteer favorite, and we are happy to report that he has since found himself an amazing home. We are so glad we had the chance to be a part of his journey. Your donations allow us to say YES to dogs like Valentine in their time of need.  $\bigcirc$ 



#### **Adoption Highlights**

"We had just started fostering dogs from the Humane Society. My Nephew and my Dad helped with Buddy during the Shred-A-Thon adoption event. When we had a spot open in our home for another foster, my dad asked for Buddy. He was great with all the grandkids and our other dogs, Roy and Molly. While fostering Buddy, Roy started going downhill real fast and my Dad was even going to return Buddy because he felt like it was not fair to Buddy since Roy was requiring a lot more attention. When we had to put Roy down... we decided that Buddy needed to stay because he knew Roy and had connections with all of us during our sad days and I always told my Dad that Roy chose Buddy for us, and not a day goes by that Buddy does not make every single one of us smile. He is the most loving and sweet dog to his people, ESPECIALLY my boys" -Rebecca Wagner

Buddy is also a fantastic foster-brother to the many foster dogs who stay in the Wagner household. We cannot thank the Wagner family enough for all they do for our homeless pups! Pictured is John, and Buddy sleeping sitting up (left), and John with Roy and Buddy (right).





# **Puppies Are Love**

"Get a puppy they said, it would be fun they said." This is Ruthie one of 7 puppies from Ella's litter not looking so angelic. We love seeing updates, even when our sweet pups are not being so perfect.

If you adopted a dog or a cat from our shelter don't forget to share your updates with us! Join our adopters' group on Facebook "HSIMC Adopters" or email us:

dogteam@hsimc.org or catteam@hsimc.org

#### Wishlist!

Check out our Amazon Wishlists and donate a much-needed item so we can continue saving lives! We have two Wishlists. One to support our furry friends and one to keep our facility operating.

• Furry Friends & Facility Wishlist, on Amazon.

If you need help finding the list, email our team. We can send you the links.

If you are shopping locally, you can bring donations to the shelter during our open hours or leave them in our donation bin at Rainbow Ag in Ukiah!



# Stormy Came Into Our Lives

"One year ago, we brought this sweet puppy home. Stormy is such a big part of our family and we couldn't love her any more." -Love from Stormy's Family (FKA Frosting from the Baker's Dozen litter)





## **Kody Miracle Dog**

Kody came to us untouchable. Our Volunteer extraordinaire Bobbi worked her magic gaining his trust, while secretly Kody worked his magic on turning Bobbi's home into one that included a dog again. Kody was lucky Bobbi took a chance on him, welcomed him into her home, as a foster. This foster, quickly wormed his way in to both Bobbi and her husbands hearts, and after searching for months for the right fit for Kody, Bobbi came to terms that indeed, the right fit was her! Kody is living the best life and we couldn't be more grateful to our amazing Foster family and Volunteers!





#### **Meet The Boss**

"Meet Rooster, formerly known as Patrick. He is such a good kitty! He was snuggly and shy at first, and now he bosses everyone around. He's so much fun. His foster family really did a wonderful job raising him" — Elsa







# Adoptable Pet Highlights

## **Handsome Dugen**

Dugen is the most handsome boy with the saddest story. His story starts last year. While evacuating from the Oak Fire in Brooktrails his owner fell, broke her shoulder, and had to be hospitalized. Dugen sat alone in the home for weeks before coming to us. He was confused, as you would expect, but he sure is a sweet boy. Dugen was not able to go back with his owner so we had the chance to help him find a new forever home! Dugen was adopted in October but sadly it didn't work out. We learned that Dugan has separation anxiety; he wants to be with his people as much as possible. He has been started on medication. We are working on crate training, and our wonderful kennel manager and staff have been fostering this hunk working their magic with him. Dugen is 6 years old and truly is a wonderful, sweet, goof ball who needs that special person who is willing to give him a chance. We promise he is so worth it! Did we mention he can live with cats and loves playing with friendly dogs? You can apply to love Dugen at www.MendoHumaneSociety.com.





#### **Adorable Prima**

Meet our girl Prima. Prima is an adorable female who is around 2.5 years old. In December, she came to us from a home of over 50 cats. Prima can be a little shy at first as her experience with humans was very limited prior to entering our cattery, but she quickly melts into head scratches and back rubs. She is calm and gentle with humans and other cats. This sweet girl can live with feline friends and will be a great addition to any home. Prima is fully vaccinated, spayed, microchipped and ready to find her forever home today!



# Please Adopt Me!

#### Meet Goldie Locks

Meet Goldie Locks. This sweet 2 year old girl was pregnant with her third litter when she came into our shelter. Luckily, she scored an amazing foster home where she could be more comfortable and relaxed. She raised her 6 babies well and watched them all get adopted into their forever homes. Now it's this girl's turn to find her forever! Goldie Locks is shy at first but quickly comes around enjoying getting pets and absolutely loves back rubs. Goldie is looking for a quiet home that offers lots of love and affection.



# "Thank You", From An Adopter

"I just wanted to give praise to the [Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County].

They are truly a wonderful organization, they have gone above and beyond to make sure our newly adopted pup gets the medical care that he needs.

Our new friend came to us as "Checkers" just last weekend, he has since informed us that he prefers to be called "Herby", AKA the love bug.

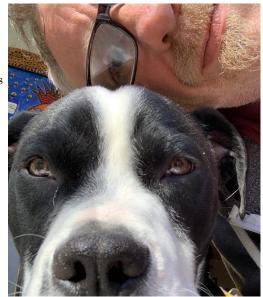
We brought him home with a mild cough which quickly became concerning enough to take him to the vet. Initially it was thought that he had cancer but it now looks like a rare fungal infection. He spent a few days in the hospital and is now back home with us. He is not out of the woods yet but we are hopeful he is on the road to recovery. We are still waiting on test results to determine exactly what is going on and to figure out what meds he will require to get him healthy again.

Last year we lost our 16-year-old mini schnauzer to Cushing's disease. That was a huge loss to us. I've been fighting two different kinds of cancer for the past half dozen years and Shpongle the Schnauzer was there for me when I needed him. He helped me so much especially when I was going through six months of very aggressive chemotherapy. He was right there by my side to offer his support, kisses and snuggles. It's amazing how much it meant to me to have him in my life during a very difficult time. I am still struggling with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia as well as a rare autoimmune disease called Cold Agglutinin Disease.

I am writing this from the hospital where I will spend the day receiving the first of 4 to 8 weeks of chemotherapy. Knowing that Herby will be waiting for me at home with his love and snuggles makes all the difference in the world. With my wife, our two cats and Herby the love bug by my side I intend on fighting this cancer back into remission. Herby and I will keep each other strong and help each other get our health back on

Sorry for the long post but I wanted to share just how important the [Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County] is to us. Without the Humane Society we would not have met the beautiful Herby and for this we are forever grateful.

Many of you have donated money to help with medical costs for Herby and for this my wife, myself and of course Herby are eternally grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the amazing support!"



Post and Photo submitted on 3/13/2021 By Steve Oz to "HSIMC Adopters" Facebook page.

#### **Letter From Our Board President:**

Dear Members and Supporting Public,

Thank you for your donations, and supporting the needy animals in our community. Thank you for adopting, for fostering, and for being the voice of the voiceless. More than that, thank you for believing in the importance of the human-animal bond.

At HSIMC, we do more than rescue animals, we also nurture connections. In this newsletter and on our social media, we are thrilled to share with you many stories of adoption and rescue. It is the human-animal connection that makes this work so needed and deeply rewarding.

Did you know the common theme in all of our stories is YOU? Your donations make it possible to save another litter, and to provide medical care for a needy animal. Donations pay for our utilities to run our shelter. You validate the worthiness of the employees and volunteers in rescue. Some days we may feel like we are burning our own candle at both ends, but because YOU care too, we keep going. We know we are not alone. And because of you, neither are the animals in our charge.

This year spring feels like hope. As our nation opens up, we hope to see your face in person later this year. Until that day, please join us virtually for our *upcoming events*:

Furry Friends Furniture Fundraiser! HSIMC's first online virtual auction. Registration opens Monday March 22nd, Auction is Live Friday March 26th, 2021

#### "Portraits for Pets"

Back this Spring by popular demand, we will begin our artsy fundraiser April 16th, 2021 (Hold on to your pet photos, we are **not** accepting photos until April 16th!)

It's a "Paw-ty Party" and you are invited! Memorial weekend, May 2021, we will be holding a virtual party and raffle fundraiser.

For additional information on our events, visit our website: <a href="https://MendoHumaneSociety.com">https://MendoHumaneSociety.com</a>

Wishing you a joyous spring.

Sincerely,

Kether Sprague, HSIMC President





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Invites you to join us for our first ever online auction!

# Furry Friends Furniture fundraiser

Held virtually on Friday, March 26, 2021 from 3 pm to 7 pm Registration opens on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Log on to our website <u>www.MendoHumaneSociety.com</u> to register or call (707) 485-0123

Auction items featured are NEW and were graciously donated by Curry's Furniture. All proceeds from the auction go straight to HSIMC for animal care.



#### HSIMC Membership

"Keep the Lights on Campaign"

Join us in our new "Keep the Lights on Campaign" by renewing your membership in 2021!

As a Member, you help HSIMC in our mission of saving lives! Thank you for being a continued supporter and a part of our lifesaving family, we could not do this without you!

#### **Membership Information**

Date:	Membership Levels (Please select one)
Name: Phone #:	Associate: \$25/year
Address:	Family: \$100/year
City:	Sustaining: \$300/year
State/Zip:	Lifetime: \$5000 once
E-Mail:	Legacy: \$10,000 once
Other Ways You	Can Help
General Donation: (Please specify amount) \$	
Spay & Neuter Pledge: \$100/yr\$250/yr	\$500/yr\$1000/yr
Annual Dog Kennel Sponsorship: \$250.00 (Name to be kennel) Name or Business Name:	displayed on dog
Annual Cat Condo Sponsorship: \$100.00 (Name to be Name or Business Name:	displayed on cat condo)
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)	
YES, I am willing to volunteer at the shelter or at special events? Contact#	

#### **DONORVIEW - Coming Soon!**

Thank you for your continued support through HSIMC's Membership Program, we are so appreciative to have you as part of our Membership Family. Be on the lookout for upcoming changes. Our membership program is evolving with DonorView, a new online software program. One of the changes is a monthly payment option for your Membership along with some additional features, stay tuned and please direct any questions regarding the Membership program to Membership@hsimc.org or call HSIMC at 707-485-0123. Thank you for your continued support!



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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 of 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.

#### **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!