



Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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"Our lives are in your hands"

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MONTHLY MEETING

3rd Tuesday of each month
 6PM at HSIMC

🐾 FIVE LIVES SAVED 🐾🐾

During the month of June, the Ukiah Animal Shelter was at capacity and having to make hard decisions about their dog population. We heard the call for help, loaded up our van and headed to the Ukiah Animal Shelter to save the lives of 5 dogs and we took in seniors and long stay residents.

The Ukiah Shelter is struggling with capacity, just as many shelters are across the county.

This is never an easy decision to make, and we were so happy to be given the chance to pull from their dog population and free up some space in their kennels.

We are beyond excited for our new friends, and we hope you will help us give a big HSIMC WELCOME to: Rosey, Pretzel, John Wayne, Layla and Bunco!

Fortunately, both Bunco and Layla have found homes but check out **Rosey, John Wayne, and Pretzel!**

It's not over yet folks, shelters across the country are full to the brim and more dogs are dying due to lack of space.

Here at HSIMC we are not far away from capacity, with only a few open kennels left we need fosters and adopters to come help so we can keep meeting the needs of the animals in our community.

In addition, we are very low on funds and with more animals coming in this year than prior years, we need our community to rally around the rescue community and help out by volunteering, fostering, adopting, donating and spreading awareness of the crisis shelters are facing.



Rosey



We can all make a difference ❤️

Sir Charming the Resilient

Charming was found in Lakeport back in February and we were all in love with him from the moment we met him. A really big cat with an even bigger heart, Charming quickly became a staff and volunteer favorite.

A few weeks after joining us, we noticed him limping when using his right rear leg. A quick visit with our vet and some X-rays later, it was discovered that Charming had an old fracture in his leg that hadn't healed correctly and was causing him discomfort.

We were faced with two options: amputate his leg or try to repair it. Thanks to Dr. Holmes at Wasson Memorial, we were able to do the latter!

It was a long healing process, but he slowly started getting his strength back in his leg. He became the unofficial cat-tery greeter, rubbing up on everyone who came to visit in hopes of scoring some love.

His forever family was one of many to fall for this dreamboat of a cat and decided they couldn't go home without him. Now he's getting all the love he rightly deserves.



Congratulations big man!

Our Experience with Feline Panleukopenia

FELINE PANLEUKOPENIA

pawssion project

A highly contagious, often fatal, viral disease of cats most severely affecting kittens and immunocompromised cats

S I G N S A N D S Y M P T O M S :

- Fever
- Depression
- Anorexia
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

T R E A T M E N T :

- Vigorous fluid therapy and supportive care in an isolated area
- Broad spectrum antibiotic therapy
- Blood products
- Antiemetic therapy

P R E V E N T I O N :

Vaccinating as young as 6 weeks old. Vaccination for leukopenia is a series of three -- first shot should be given at 6-9 wks of age, and the subsequent vaccinations 3 to 4 weeks apart. Annual vaccinations are required as well.

Source: Merck Vet Manual

This year we had our first onsite encounter with Feline Panleukopenia (FPV) in at least 6 years. We had taken in two cats, one pregnant and one with a litter of young kittens, who had carried the virus into the shelter with them. Luckily, due to their new status and with young kittens, contact with them was limited to prevent spread of illnesses from other cats or vice versa.

Two weeks after their intake, the first symptoms of Pan Leuk came up and we immediately tested all the litters in the room. The room was isolated and treatment on the affected kittens was started immediately.

With careful treatment and isolation, there was very minimal loss of neonatal kittens who were too young to be vaccinated. All adult cats and older kittens were not affected.

Feline Panleukopenia is very similar to Canine Parvovirus in the way that it attacks its host's body and hides out until the animal begins to fade. It is very contagious and unfortunately due to that fact many shelters euthanize all infected and exposed cats and dogs with either of the viruses.

Did you know that Panleukopenia has a 90% survival rate in cats and kittens when treatment is started early and done properly?

Panleukopenia can also be prevented by vaccinating your cats and kittens, even if they only live indoors. The vaccine is fairly cheap and easy to find at most feed stores, and there are many mobile vets that can help you keep your cat up to date.

Isa Browne & Janelle Schmidt - Where It All Started

Isa Browne is 70 years old and lives in Potter Valley. Her husband, Ivan Browne was lead singer of The Lemon Pipers, whose gold record in 1968 was “The Green Tambourine”. Ivan and Isa’s band played across the US before settling in Mendocino County in 1984. These were the first things I learned about her. But her passion for saving animals is the driving force in her life.

In the early 80s, Isa with her friend and co-founder, Janelle Schmidt, started in a tiny office on Clara Ave. in Ukiah. The incorporation papers for the Domestic Animal Protection Society – “DAPS” were drawn up by Dr. Sara Rice, Mendocino Animal Hospital, Dr. Dave Crew, Yokayo Vet Clinic and Jane Ball, attorney.



The sole focus of DAPS was for spay and neuter services. They sold used books and had a rummage sale room to raise shelter funds. They trained and appointed four CA state humane officers to respond to animal abuse and neglect complaints. Isa worked closely with sheriff and police departments on local animal abuse issues. But she also lobbied in Sacramento for animal legislation to prevent animal use in research.

This led to nationwide Senate Pet Protection Act S1457 and companion bill HR778 which prohibits federally funded shelters from selling homeless animals to the research industry. They had a very committed and active volunteer board and a huge membership group. During this time, the board of directors were Cathy Ortiz - Treasurer, John Record – President (also CA state humane officer), Louis Rohlicek – board member and Isa Browne – secretary.

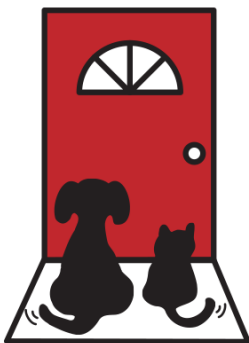
In 1989, with membership approval, the name was changed to the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County and the goal was to build an animal shelter. In 1990, they lost their small office in Ukiah and moved into the home of their office manager, where they remained for a year and a half.

In 1991, they received a large donation from one of their members, Beatrice Breese, to purchase property to build a shelter. The benefactor required that the shelter be built between Ukiah and Willits to make it accessible to the largest population in inland Mendocino County. Isa located the property at 9700 Uva Drive location which met Bea Breese’s wishes and where HSMC now stands.

Isa has spent the last 18 years at the Main St. Veterinary Clinic in Lakeport. She also honored us by being the HSMC Grand Marshall in the Black Bart Parade on July 2nd. Isa wanted her story to stay positive and not linger on all the dark times she experienced and the battles she fought trying to make her dreams come true in Mendocino County. Her ultimate goal was always to:

“Create a kinder world for animals and a less painful one for those who love them”.

Thank you, Isa, for sharing your story.



The Sequoia Humane Society to the Rescue!

As many of you know, our cat team has run into some unique challenges this kitten season and have been struggling to help the surplus of homeless cats in our community.

With the help of one of our kitten foster parents, the Kennel Manager, Kristina Mackey from Sequoia Humane reached out to our cat team. They offered to take 22 kittens to help us make room for more of our community’s homeless cats in need.

Little did we know, there was a kitten shortage up in Eureka, so what else can we do but share the kitten love! We have no doubt that these kittens will be adopted out to loving homes in no time.

Thank you Sequoia Humane Society!

Volunteer Corner

VOLUNTEER WITH US TODAY

Volunteer orientation is the first Thursday and last Sunday of each month at 11am at HSMC.

We are hoping to add many new volunteers to our team!

Right now, our shelter is struggling with too many animals in care and tons more that are requesting to come in, too few hands to care for them and a lack of funds to care for more.

Volunteers can help change that! Our volunteers help us keep the dogs and cats onsite happy, healthy, and adoptable. We can provide much better care and get more work done when our volunteer team is out in **full force!**

Just a few hours a month can make a big difference in not only our animals' lives but also help relieve some of the stress that our team is currently under.

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN US!

We hope to see you at the next orientation!

For more information, please visit our website:

<https://mendohumanesociety.com/volunteer%2Ffoster>



Fostering to Adopt: "Aquafina" is loving life in her home!



From the cold drink crew of pups...we are fostering to adopt Aquafina who we have renamed "Star"

Star is very smart and fits right in with the family!

We are honored to have her in our lives!

Volunteer Corner

Story from an Volunteer / Adopter

I was a proud owner of 4 Doxies, 3 girls & a boy. One of them was my wish, a runt girl. Unfortunately, due to a medical error, I had to put her down at a young age. Before I did, I held her in my arms and told her that she could come back any time. We loved each other so much.

To get through this difficult time, I started helping the HSMC with special events plus stopping by once a month to donate funds I created. About a year and half went by.

It was early May when I stopped in, about 4pm, to make a donation. All of a sudden this tiny emaciated black Chihuahua (she was found in the forest the day before) flew into my arms after climbing up & over a puppy fence to get to me! She wouldn't let me put her down...Brakes were on!!!

We had such an awesome connection, but I was concerned that my 3 doxies might reject her. I asked everyone I knew to adopt her. Success!! They arrived upon opening the next morning but that little black pup was gone! Someone else adopted her the last ½ hour HSMC was open. I was so disappointed with myself that I didn't try and that I would never see her again.

Two weeks went by until I woke up one morning and most importantly, prayed she had a good home. It was time to move on! That evening I got a call from another volunteer, and we discussed what needed to be done for the next event. Upon ending the conversation, she thanked me for sending a friend to adopt another Chihuahua. Instead of saying "thank you", I replied, "it was supposed to be a little black one." To my surprise she told me there was a black one there! I arrived as soon as they opened the next morning and there she was! She was returned the day after her adoption and no one else had adopted her for the past 2 weeks!

It was the morning of the Solstice, I fostered her. As I opened my front door all three doxies were extremely happy and very excited to see her (once again?). They did not sniff her as in meeting a new dog. It was a family reunion! They knew her!

To make a long story short, I ended up adopting her on my birthday. Now several trial names...finally ended up calling her "Jazzy Girl" with a legal name of Jazmine.

Come to find out Jazmine not only is a flower but I found out it means "**Gift From God**" in a different language.

Just remember folks, ***energy doesn't die, it just changes form!!***

I really do believe my little runt girl came back!!! - Marsha L.

Foster Corner

WE NEED FOSTER HOMES!

Who can help us continue to save lives? While we want to say yes to every animal in need, our team can only do so much. With the support of our foster team, we can do so much more!

Fostering can be a very rewarding experience and you are helping us learn more about the dog or puppy you are fostering and giving them a head start to life in a home. Providing a safe haven for an animal in need greatly relieves the pressure we feel onsite every day.

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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.

Paul Shimmin, Dean Gross and Clay Nesbitt, Sheri Cronin, Charlotte Oeding, Monique Marsten, Julie Knudsen, Erica Seelig, George Peterson & Associates, Nicole McDonald, Cynthia Huhn, Martin Vogt, Autumn Ehnou, Sally Wieland, Denise Mattos, Sheryl Parker, Paws for Love Foundation, Erica Gonzalez, Amy De Salvitore, Cindy Lamon, Kelsey Charpentier, Ted Mayfield, Charlotte Oeding, Ken Fowler Subaru of Ukiah, Pardini Appliance, Caesar Toxqui Cellars of Redwood Valley, Jeep Club, Thatcher Hotel / Campovida in Hopland, Barra of Mendocino Winery in Redwood Valley, Rivino Winery in Ukiah and our multiple Anonymous donors!

Donations Made in Honor of People & Pets

Mooks, Rufus, Phoebe & Wynken, Isa & Ivan Band, Maxine B Harris, John King, Zena Girl, Harry Fuzzbutt, Cece Pinon & Sweet Pea Pinon, Yoshi, Amanda Reiman, Karma, Jane Ruddick, Michael Hill.

DONATE FOR CHARITY



Thinking of donating a vehicle?

You can donate yours through Donate for Charity and the proceeds will go to HSIMC!

Donate for Charity makes the process easy and they handle all the details after you submit your request, you too can donate a vehicle to HSIMC by following the link here:

[Vehicle Donation | Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](https://mendohumanesociety.com)

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.

Please consider including HSIMC in your trust or will and create a legacy.

For more information, please email: admin@hsimc.org

Shout OUTS

Jordan's Way LIVE Facebook Fundraiser



Thank you everyone for participating in our first Jordan's Way fundraiser!

Kris, founder and CEO of Jordan's Way, and his team are on a mission to visit shelters in all 48 of the continental United States, bringing awareness to shelter animals and helping raise funds by LIVE streaming through Facebook.

During these feeds, viewers can watch shelter employees, volunteers, and sometimes even animal control officers and local law enforcement participate in activities like pies to the face, dunk tanks, and ice bucket challenges!

Our staff, volunteers, and board members had the best time with Kris and Allison from Jordan's Way, they know how to keep the energy flowing and keep us hopping from one challenge to the next!

We raised over **14k for the animals**, thank you to everyone who participated and donated!

We appreciate you and are so glad you joined us on this WILD adventure!

We hope to see you all again next year!

One of our volunteers, Juli Sarmento had this to say:

"Thank you for allowing me to be there and document this AMAZING (and hilarious!) experience!!

I know you guys feel lucky to have this amazing community that fully supports your mission so you can continue to save all these precious homeless pets, but to be honest, I think the community and the homeless pets are the lucky ones!

It was, by far, the funniest, most fun, and successful fundraiser event I've ever been to! The love and strength of your team is so cool to witness! It wouldn't be the same if it wasn't for you! You guys should be very proud of your team and volunteers!!"

Special thank you to our Staff, Volunteers and Board Members:

Special thank you to our Staff, Volunteers and Board Members who graciously accepted challenges: Cole Warren, Rafael Batres, Slater Jones, Becca Edwards, Thomas Kenney, Lyra Wallace, Emily Jones, Alex Aleman, Jenny Hanzlik, Robin Ingram, Junanne Hayes, Teresa King, John King, Kether Sprague, Manina Harris, Bobbi Kelley-Ryan, Diane Allhands, Cynthia Huhn, Sherry Keys and Marilu Paulson. ,

Special thanks to our donors:

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Shout OUTS

Ukiah Valley Medical Center

Megan from UVMC reached out to us in April. There were some items the surgery department had they could no longer use and instead of discarding the items, they thought we may be able to utilize them for our shelter and she was right!

Thank you Megan and UVMC for thinking of HSIMC and providing us with much needed gowns, chucks and syringes!

We are so appreciative!

HSIMC's Photography Team

The Humane Society is so fortunate to have Michael Surman Photography and Juli Sarmiento Photography volunteering their time to get some amazing photos of our animals and events.

We are so appreciative of the time and energy you give - the photos you provide have been instrumental in really showing the personalities of our dogs and cats which only helps show the public how amazing these animals are!

Thank you so much for spending time onsite and at our events.

We appreciate all you do!

Mendo Lake Rattlesnake



Theo of Mendo Lake Rattlesnake is a true friend to the animals at HSIMC and is helping keep them safe from Rattlesnakes this season. After a close encounter with a young rattlesnake in early June, Theo came out to evaluate the property and look for any other rattlesnake signs to make sure our dogs are safe in their kennels.

Theo and his employee later returned to the property and helped with some rattlesnake and fire mitigation work, donating 4 hours of their personal time to help keep all of our residents and visitors safe this coming year.

We are so grateful for Theo and for the time he gives to make sure our animals, staff, volunteers, and community are safe.

Thank you Theo, for all you do for your community and for the animals,!

We appreciate you!

Our Newsletter Designer

Have you met Peggy? She is one of the most unique and beautiful people we have ever had the pleasure of working with.

Peggy has been designing our Newsletter and working directly with the shelter and board of directors to bring our quarterly newsletter back into production.

We are so thankful for all the time and efforts she puts into our newsletter, taking our stories and photos and putting it together into a cohesive and artistic piece for our readers.

We appreciate you so much and are so grateful for your time and efforts.

Thank you, Peggy!



Shout OUTS



Farewell to “Mac”

Mac McAlister, born in 1939 and raised in Texarkana, Texas has been a beloved fixture at HSIMC for many years. He recently resigned from his Vice President position with HSIMC’s Board of Directors and relocated to Visalia to live near his son, Mark, and grandkids.

Prior to his life in Mendocino County, Mac proudly served in the United States Navy as an engineman and worked in the main propulsion room of several ships. He met his wife, Jan, in 1983 in Long Beach, and they moved to Mendocino County in 1988.

Their story tells of a very happy and fulfilling life as parents, wonderful community members, kitten foster parents, volunteers, and board members.

He was always the first one to volunteer for a job, no matter the size and he was our **Number One** raffle ticket seller and will hold that title for some time.

You deserve a break now, big guy!

Mac spends his days with his family, having BBQ’s and spends time at the nearby senior center, and you can always find him dancing up a storm with his favorite partner, Maggie.

We love you, Mac!

COMMUNITY TO THE RESCUE

Thanks to our community, NO dogs will go hungry around here!

Our community is simply amazing! We had not a single bag of adult dog food onsite, due to a shipping order mishap... and in less than 24 hours our community MORE than stocked our shelves!

Big **THANK YOU** to everyone who stopped by with dog food and donations! We couldn’t do this work without the amazing support we receive from caring individuals like you!

Thank you Cesar Toxqui Cellars for sharing our post! Thank you to Wine Club Members Bobbie & Phil Glasgow, pictured here, who saw our post, and drove around collecting donations in Sonoma County and then drove a big load of dog food all the way here so our pups would not go without. We even got to meet their three-legged rescue dog Aggie!

Thank you Cesar for helping get the word out and Bobbie & Phil for going the extra mile for our shelter!



Emily Jones: Animal Care Technician



I started working here in December 2020. I saw a FB job posting. I volunteered at the shelter when I was in high school, and it was my dream job to work here. I actually started working the day I interviewed!

My job involves overseeing care of the cats. I assist with adoptions, meds, feeding and greeting potential adoptees, assessing their applications, and ensuring that the cat they choose is a good fit for their home life.

I love my co-workers. We have an amazing team and I get to cuddle and interact with sweet cats and kittens all day long!

The hardest part of my job is dealing with sad surrenders, cats with severe medical issues especially when they don't make it. Sometimes, it's frustrating when you've worked through cat illnesses and then something else comes up and we have to start all over with healthcare.

When I'm not working, I enjoy video games. It distracts me from all the activities at work. I like dinners with friends and hanging out with my animals. I have a dog that I got as a teenager and a cat that I got from the shelter.

My idea for shelter improvements would be to have a paid or volunteer receptionist. We all recognize how difficult it is for the public to communicate when everyone here is focused on the care of the animals.

We encourage people to come to the shelter during our open hours as that's the best way to get your voice heard.

Rafael Batres: Animal Care Technician

I assist with intakes, daily care, meds, feeding, nightly routines, adoptions, surrenders, medical transports to / from vets.

I started working here in September 2019, just before Covid hit. We had to continue working through Covid with very few employees and little to no volunteers. We still had animals coming in. The shelter had to shut down and by adoption appointments only with a very high level of sanitation and caution. We had lots of adoptions and we worried about returns after Covid, but we haven't really seen that.

I volunteered in other shelters when I was younger. But they were very corporate environments, and were more concerned about the financial bottom line, than the welfare of the animals. I'm so proud that whatever we are doing is a path to success. It works! Most employees are here because they truly love what they're doing. And I truly love what I'm doing!

It's scary to think of not being here. But I never wanted to work in a different environment. I appreciate the open and honest communications within the dog management. I know what's expected of me and like being able to work independently but also as a team member.

When I was younger, I wanted to move away from my family and get out and experience the world. But now when I'm not at work I enjoy being with my family. We do a lot of outside activities together - hiking, going to the lake, movies, biking. And I love spending time with my 2 dogs and 1 cat.

If I could suggest anything to improve the shelter it would be to have a better winter process. We're not an inside shelter like many of the urban shelters. We're a very rural shelter. We hate leaving dogs outside in bad weather. I realize that it all takes time and money, and we're working towards that. But I would love it if every animal could be inside at night.

I love animals, I've always loved working with animals. I've had other jobs that were inside, but I always knew that working with animals was my passion. I'm excited to be starting back to school in fall to finish my degree as an animal technician.



Letter from our Board President

I am absolutely thrilled and honored to be the newly elected President of the HSMC board of directors. I recognize the challenges ahead and look forward to working hard to make our facility a center of rescue excellence. Before I introduce myself further and share a few of my thoughts, on behalf of the organization, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the outgoing President, Kether Sprague. Her many contributions and influence over the center are too numerous to list and are very significant. Kether guided us through some of the most recent trying times and we are grateful for her commitment and steady hand. The good news is that Kether will continue to serve on the board of directors, so her vast experience will always be available as we attempt to meet tomorrow's new challenges.

So, a little about me, I have been in the community of Redwood Valley for a little over 5 years, both my wife Teresa and I lived and worked in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties during our careers in the Technology Industry. We have 2 grown children and each of them have 2 daughters, whom we absolutely adore. The closest to us, Mackenzie and Elizabeth live in Cloverdale and are often helping at HSMC events or at the shelter. Our other granddaughters, Devon and Kaylee are in San Benito County and spend much of their free time in the horse world. We visit and spend time with all of them as often as possible.

We at HSMC are not immune to all the challenges that everyone is facing these days in their daily lives, inflation has affected our purchasing power and had a significant impact on our operations. There are many items that we must purchase, no matter the cost.

These are absolute necessities, in keeping our animals and facility safe and functioning. In addition, as the economy softens, we anticipate experiencing some loss of donations as contributors become more cost conscious. We understand these dynamics and have a very active program in process that hopefully will help us to find more ways to reduce costs, improve

efficiencies/productivity, make us a better organization and utilize our limited funds for the greatest benefit, our rescue mission. These things can only be accomplished by the hard work and dedication of our employees, volunteers, and fosters who make HSMC function at the highest level. Check out the "Things We're Doing" section of this newsletter for more information about some of our exciting activities.

2022 so far continues to see us rescuing a record number of dogs and cats. At this point, halfway through the calendar year we are on pace to take in many more dogs and cats than last year. A significant strain on our resources and a credit to the incredible staff and volunteers who have overcome many obstacles to support this rescue effort. We are always in need of volunteer help, so come on down and pitch in.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ferrell propane, our longtime supplier and partner who recognizes the need to give back to the community and supports HSMC, in so many ways. We truly appreciate the love!

Speaking of sharing the love, a huge Thank You to Ken Fowler Auto Center and Subaru of America for the incredible contribution on behalf of the SUBARU share the love EVENT, this is the 14th year that this event has provided donations to a wide variety of deserving national and community-based charities. This year HSMC is a very happy recipient. Love those Subaru dog commercials!

If you shop on Amazon like I do, there is a really simple way to donate to HSMC and it does not cost you one extra cent. Amazon will donate one half of a percent of qualifying purchases to the charity of your choice. Make sure you are using Amazon Smile and have HSMC as your charity choice. See our website mendohumanesociety.com under the donate tab for more information. Or if you need some help setting this up let us know.

In closing for this quarter, I'd like to hear from you, our very supportive community. Without your involvement at HSMC, our mission is not possible. No matter what you feel your level of support is, whether it is time, funds, volunteering, fostering or anything else, you are an important benefactor, and your voice helps us to chart the future. You can reach me at jking@hsmc.org or if you would prefer to speak over the phone or meet in person, those arrangements can be made, just send me an email, or call into (707) 485-0123 and leave a message. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank You for your support,

OUR MISSION IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!

Faithfully Yours,
John King



Furry Friends and/or Facility!

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

For an added bonus, do your Wishlist shopping through **smile.amazon.com** and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase back to HSIMC as part of their Charitable Giving Program.

Click below and checkout our WishLists:



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



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

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. Just leave your donation in our donation bin at the front of their store.

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

YTD Shelter Stats for 2022

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

Our live outcome rate for 2022 is 91.5%

	Intakes	Adoptions	Return to Owner	Transfer Out	Euthanasia/Died in Care	Currently in Foster
Dogs	297	292	8	6	5	21
Cats	357	226	9	37	39	24

Memberships/Sponsorships/Pledges

Our Annual Membership, Sponsorship and Pledge programs play a vital role in keeping HSIMC running smoothly year after year. Through our website and Network for Good, we are now offering our supporters an online renewal or sign-up option where you can apply for and/or renew your membership, sponsorship or pledge **online at:**

www.mendohumanesociety.com

For more information, please visit our website: www.hsimc.org and visit the "Donate" drop down menu.

For questions or if you need assistance please email admin@hsimc.org or call the office at 707-485-0123.

As always, you may also return the form included in this newsletter.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Membership Information

Date:	Membership Levels
Name:	Associate: _____ (\$25/year)
Address:	Individual: _____ (\$50/year)
City:	Family: _____ (\$100/year)
State/Zip:	Sustaining: _____ (\$300/year)
Phone #:	Business Partnership: _____ (\$2,500/year or \$5,000/year)
*E-Mail:	Lifetime: _____ (\$5,000 once)
**Puppy or Kitten name submittal: (see membership tiers on back page)	Legacy: _____ (\$10,000 once)

Other Annual Support Options:

Annual Dog Kennel Sponsorship: \$250.00

Renewal - The name(s) originally provided will remain.

New Sponsorship (Name or Business Name: _____)

Annual Cat Condo Sponsorship: \$100.00

Renewal - The name(s) originally provided will renew.

New Sponsorship (Name or Business Name: _____)

Spay & Neuter Pledge

Red \$100 / Black \$250 / Silver \$500 / Gold \$1,000 / Platinum \$2,500

In Memory Options:

(Plaques will be displayed on our Memory Wall)

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

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

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

In Memory of: _____

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Membership Level Descriptions

Associate (\$25/year):

Quarterly Newsletter

Non-Voting Member

Individual (50/year)

Quarterly Newsletter

Votes in the annual May election for Board of Directors

Family (\$100/year):

Quarterly Newsletter

Votes in the annual May election for Board of Director

Submit a name for a puppy or kitten **

Invited to our annual “Thank You” event

Sustaining (\$300/year):

All of family membership level plus:

Submit a name for both a puppy and kitten **

2 - Raffle tickets to our summer raffle event

Business Partnerships:

General Partnership (\$2,500/year):

All of sustaining membership level plus:

Submit a name for both a puppy and kitten **

Business card or logo displayed on HSIMC’s Support page on our website

Sustaining Partnership (\$5,000/year):

All of Business membership level plus:

Submit a name for both a puppy and kitten **

Event sponsorship recognition on event flyers

Lifetime (\$5,000) & Legacy (\$10,000):

Quarterly Newsletter

Votes in the annual May election for Board of Director seats up for renewal

Submit a name for a puppy and a kitten **

Invited to our annual “Thank You” event

Recognition plaque for our wall

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Past Events

We've been very busy this quarter with fun and fundraising activities!

Starting April 2nd, we started a series of offsite adoption events called "**Wags & Wines**"!

These events had two missions:

- (1) to raise awareness of the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County
- (2) to get dogs who might be overlooked at the shelter out into the public and shine!

We have such an amazing community, and the dogs really were so happy to be out in the sunshine away from all the activities and noise at the shelter.

We'd like to thank our corporate and local wineries for supporting us in these fun and successful events -

- Thatcher Hotel / Campovida in Hopland,
- Barra of Mendocino Winery in Redwood Valley,
- Rivino Winery in Ukiah,
- Cesar Toxqui Cellars of Redwood Valley

In between these events, we also participated in:

- "Hopland Tap Doggie Days" (2nd Saturday of each month),
- "Easter Fun Fair" in Willits, "Tails on the Trail" in Ukiah,
- "The Jeep Rally" in Ukiah and
- "Portraits for Pets", which is always successful

On May 15th, the board of directors hosted an appreciation Event for our staff, volunteers, and donors. Everyone had a great time and we had wonderful raffle prizes! And we are thrilled that we were able to raise donations in Q2 to the tune of \$12,750!

Future Events

We're very excited about our upcoming activities.

- July 2nd: "**Black Bart Parade**" - HSIMC has been asked to be the Grand Marshall! Isa Browne, one of our founders will honor HSIMC by being the Grand Marshall for us.
- Later in July: "**Special Adoption Event**" stay tuned, date will be announced soon.
- September 18th: our "Kritter Karnival", (details on flyer on next page).
Keep the date open for this family fun-filled event!!

COME JOIN US AT OUR

KRITTER KARNIVAL & RAFFLE

Family
Fun
Day!



SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
11 AM to 3 PM at HSIMC

*Watch our
Facebook page
or go to HSIMC.org
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What We're Doing

It's always a busy time at HSIMC, lots of new cat and dog intakes, with this year's kitten season especially active. But, as always our team of employees and volunteers are actively behind the scenes improvising and coming up with new and innovative ways to manage activities. I'd like to share just a few of the activities that we currently have underway.

1. We use a product called Rescue to sanitize and clean our cat facility, this is a solution that needs to be precisely measured and diluted with water to form a mixture. Too little solution makes it ineffective, too much doesn't add any increased potency, it's just wasted material. The price of Rescue along with everything else has increased and was putting a nice little dent in our budget.

We noticed over a period that the usage of Rescue had increased, and it just didn't seem right. The employees got together to examine this issue and concluded that the procedure in place requiring manual measuring and mixing was prone to human error and causing the over usage of materials.

The solution adopted was to install a dispensing station that pre-mixes the solution from an inline water system, eliminating the potential for measuring errors. This saves employee time, no more stopping to measure and mix, reduces the possibility of waste through over usage and we believe it will help to save HSIMC several hundreds of dollars per year. Just a simple, but very effective example of how we plan to implement improvements.

2. Another big project that we have recently undertaken is how we view our electrical power consumption. Much of our grid infrastructure is very old and potentially a safety issue. Our first phase will be to upgrade and expand capacity and provide us with the flexibility to isolate power to each of our buildings. We will install new larger electrical panels, new breakers and do some general wiring clean-up. Our eye is on future expansion, and we will ensure that today's work supports the needs of tomorrow.

Next phases will be a standby generator with transfer switch and SOLAR PANELS. As you might imagine HSIMC is a large consumer of energy, we have already begun the conversion to LED lighting and should have this 100% converted very shortly.

We want to minimize our power expense and reduce our carbon footprint. Yes, solar will require investment, but we expect a fairly short payment period and then NO electrical bills for many years into the future. By now you may have seen the fundraiser for this 1st phase, and we always appreciate your generous support.

3. On the construction side, we do a lot of cleaning and sanitizing of food and water bowls for cats and dogs. At the cattery, most of this cleaning is done in a makeshift outdoor area which is exposed to the elements. On tap to begin very soon will be building an enclosed area with washing facilities and proper drainage.
4. Next time you visit the center, take a look around, we have new and very colorful signage for all of the buildings, plans to install benches in shaded portions of the dog walk fields (these benches will be available for sponsorship) upcoming tree trimming/maintenance and many other projects scheduled to improve the safety and brighten up our facility.

Next issue, I hope to share some exciting news about a community initiative sponsored by HSIMC to launch animal education and outreach to our younger citizens. **Stay tuned!**

Yours truly,

John King, President BOD

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