



Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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"Our lives are in your hands"

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MONTHLY MEETING

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

MIRABEL & PUPPIES

Exciting update for our mama dog, Mirabel

In early July, Mirabel went to a foster home and soon after went into labor......

After a long day and night of worrying, Mirabel was trembling, panting, and very uncomfortable but no pushing was happening and we began to worry about Mirabel and her unborn puppies.

Around 11pm, our foster Mom followed her instincts and let Mirabel go outside where she wanted to be. Mama burrowed herself deep down under a tarp up against some pallets and started digging. Despite having a luxury suite inside with a large pool and cozy blankets, this mama felt most comfortable outside in the dirt and at 6:15 am the first puppy arrived!



By 10 am she had 9 healthy babies and one more on the way! We were all hoping for the best and are so happy with the outcome, 10 healthy puppies and one tired but amazing mamma Mirabel. It was a long hard labor for this sweet dog and we are so glad she will never have to do anything like this again.

Mirabel's puppies are growing quickly and we are grateful to have found them homes where they will continue to grow and learn about this world they have come into.



Thank you Julia, foster mamma extraordinaire, for keeping Mirabel and her puppies safe and loved through this process.

We could not have asked for a more devoted and caring person to take on this case and from the bottom of our hearts we thank you.

CATTERY QUARANTINE

In the month of July, our Cattery was closed for three weeks due to a Feline Panleukopenia outbreak. Quickly, our cat team isolated the infected cats and placed all of the exposed kittens under observation. Panleukopenia can be deadly without immediate clinical support but all the kittens who tested positive made it through the infection and shedding period because of our staff's diligent efforts and because of the support we received from East Hill Veterinary Clinic.

Even though we were quarantined and could not take in any cats or kittens during this time, we found many cats and kittens abandoned at our gate before, after and during open hours. A total of 12 cats and kittens were abandoned at our gate between June 28th and July 30th.

We often found ourselves improvising with dog crates in our intake building to keep these new kittens from being exposed to Panleukopenia but our intake room has limited space and was already full of other surrenders. With no space and more cats and kittens abandoned at our gate we reached out to our rescue partners at Animal Control and thankfully they were able to intake the cats and kittens.

We appreciate everyone who respected our quarantine period and utilized other resources or waited until we could safely intake cats and kittens again. It is so important to maintain a healthy population of animals at the shelter.

In better news, we still had some great adoptions in July! Thirty-seven cats found homes, including many long-term residents. **GO TEAM!**

EMERGENCY C-SECTION



Early in the morning Hazel, a pregnant stray that was found in Redwood Valley a few weeks ago, began going into labor. She gave birth to a premature puppy who was not alive. Hours later she was still in labor but had not produced any more puppies. We are glad she is in the skilled hands of Bergin University of Canine Studies and her foster is an RVT.

We have been calling vets all morning but no one had a surgeon available to perform a c-section. Finally, we were able to get her into the Redwood Veterinary Clinic where her ultrasound showed another dead puppy and 2 live puppies still inside. Hazel was prepped for surgery and five healthy puppies were saved.

Hazel is a stray dog who we took in when she had nowhere else to turn. She was lucky to find a foster with Bergin University who was ready to take on the big job of raising her puppies... but as you know things rarely go as planned in animal rescue.

If you would like to support Hazel during her time of need please send a donation to help us cover her emergency surgery so we can save her life and hopefully her two unborn puppies that are still fighting for a chance to live.

Thanks for always supporting our pets and allowing us to continue this work!

"Our Ewok Warrior" WICKWET W. WARRICK—THE PARVO SURVIVOR

What a whirlwind it's been. End-of-day, on a Sunday in August, a 3 pound puppy was brought into our shelter after someone in Willits found him in their yard. Upon intake we noticed the puppy was not acting right, refusing food, lethargic and had a temperature. A parvo snap test quickly showed us why- this baby was positive for parvo.

We reached out to a few rescues; but after hours on a Sunday there wasn't anyone who was able to take care of this delicate little puppy. So, our Dog Kennel Manager took him home and provided immediate care with the support of our Veterinarian Dr. Chana.

Round the clock monitoring and medications began and Wicket responded well to initial treatment. Wicket was up, wagging his tail, and giving kisses the next morning. He even ate the yummy chicken and rice our volunteer Marilou provided with gusto! But his improving condition didn't last long and by Wednesday he was hospitalized at East Hill Vet. The team at East Hill was doing everything they could to save Wicket's life but he was a very sick puppy.

Dr. Chana was able to secure monoclonal antibody from a facility in Fresno, a new treatment option for parvo cases. We were hopeful and began arranging transport from Fresno but time was not on our side. We were committed to doing everything we could to save him, we only hoped he would hang on long enough to receive the treatment.

In the meantime, the team at East Hill Veterinary provided supportive care and took great care in making Wicket as comfortable as possible. Little did Wicket know, but a whole team of people were ready to make miracles happen and at 8pm, the monoclonal antibody arrived at East Hill Vet and was administered. The next morning, we started to see a whole different puppy!

We are so grateful for the actions of East Hill Veterinary Clinic, the many volunteers that made transport possible, and our community for supporting this case - we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

Special thanks to Dr. Chana, **Vet Tech Haley**, and the **team** for everything you did to give Wicket the best chance of survival and to our transport crew for getting the monoclonal antibody all the way from Fresno to Willits!



Vet Tech Haley with little Wicket



Wicket in his new home with his sister Chloe (left)

THE SCHOOL OF ROSIE

Bill Barksdale, Columnist

Story by An Adopter:

Recently the Universe reached out to me and presented me with a kind of miracle. I was at Savings Bank and my old client and friend of many years, Henrietta Simonsson, was there too. Haven't seen her for a while. She happened to mention that she fosters dogs for the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County and she had something to show me. On her phone was a short video of a very cute little dog. "Come here" she called on the video and this sweet tiny dog, a Chihuahua mix – black with big floppy ears ran toward the camera wagging her tail held up in a curly-cue.

I couldn't help but let out a laugh of delight. "I'm fostering her. She needs a forever home. Want to adopt her?" Well, I've never had a small dog. My beloved McNab died three-and-a-half years ago after a long happy life. Didn't think I'd ever have a dog again but suddenly I was thinking about it. I showed the video to Joe and it was love at first video-sight. I forwarded the video to my friend Gail and she emailed back "She's got a 'yes' from me".

So, guess what? Here I sit doing my morning writing with a sweet little bundle stretched out over my lap as I reach awkwardly with my pen over this little silky love-bug snuggled up warming herself on my belly and covering the bottom half of my 'morning pages' notebook. I couldn't be happier, truly. We named her Rosie.





She was dumped during the night along with her pups at the Humane Society, caught on their security camera. She's about six years old per my friend and veterinarian, Dr Chana. When I was wavering about adopting her, Chana said matter-of-factly "Why wouldn't you? She's healthy and you need a dog again." Chana knows me too well.

I've been somewhat down since our old cat, Rudi, died some months ago. Haven't been without a little one since. A big hole in my life but I didn't realize that was the cause of the low mood. I can tell you that that dreariness has lifted. My snuggly Rosie is better than any med.

For one thing she helps me to quiet my mind and feel peaceful and loving. She helps me to live in the moment, which after all is all one really has. I'm not living in the past or worrying about the future. I'm just here – now. Being with Rosie and feeling good. Yes, I can choose to feel fearful or lonely, but that's not what I want. Who would? What I truly want, I have realized, is to be happy. There is true inner strength in feeling happy. Caring for her and choosing to be kind gets returned to me many times over. I don't know what her past was like, neglect likely. After all, she's somewhere around six and was never spayed, having pups that weren't wanted either – and all of them dumped.

I keep learning every day. That's part of life's journey. I miss loved ones, human and not, that are gone or not near, but I've learned to feel gratitude along with the often-inevitable sorrow and loss. That's OK. I'm human, but I've come to realize that choosing to be happy can become a habit – just as choosing to be fearful or perpetually unhappy can become a habit. Habits can be changed. It's always a choice, moment-to-moment.

As Rosie curls up next to me she feels safe, we both feel happier. Depression evaporates and a peaceful joy creep in to fill the old unwanted spaces. It's said that Nature deplores a vacuum, so choosing affection is a decision of what to fill that void with, little-by-little; thought-by-thought. Habits don't change in a flash. It takes deciding to change then doing it – catching that unhappy thought and then deciding to replace it with a 'Rosie moment' – searching for a thought that feels better.

That little head just popped up. I'm convinced she can read my mind and it's not even a month yet. Our animal companions are much more than we realize. We share being 'animals' with them after all. They feel, they grieve, they love and they're extremely intuitive. We, as humans, are so much more than what we think we are. Life is really a kind of tapestry. We're always adding a new stitch with every thought. Sometimes we use the wrong color or we weave in something we don't want, but that can always be redone. Thoughts are threads. Like I learned from the late Louise Hay, "It's only a thought and thoughts can be changed".

THE SCHOOL OF ROSIE (continued)

We're taught what we 'should' think by all kinds of institutions and people. There seems to be no shortage of people who tell you what to do – usually because it advantages them or because it's what they "believe". We're actually taught to not trust our own intuition. What a wrong turn that is. When you really listen to that inner voice, the loving one not the fearful one, you realize that it's all inside you already. Life is a school. You may have heard that. There's an old saying "When the student is ready the teacher appears." Your own Intuition is the guiding light.

Fear and anger are teachers, just like love and happiness. Fear and anger are a path I am often faced with, especially these days. That's the thread I choose to tear out. Boy is that hard sometimes. The thought that feels better, and by that I mean happier, helps me to 'right the ship' to a better direction. Mixed metaphors but you know what I mean.

Rosie jumped up onto the bed last night. She's beginning to trust me more. The fearful, abused little dog that first came into my life is opening up, feeling more confident. Her fear is evaporating. I like a cool bedroom and as it got a bit too cold this morning around 6 or 7, she suddenly burrowed under the covers. She's no dummy. We all need to burrow under the covers sometimes when life gets too cold.

One thing I've learned on my journey is, I don't have to 'like' everyone. It's my journey after all. Some people are really lost. They don't even love themselves. I don't want to invite that into my life. Well, that's something we're taught too – to not trust our own selves. Some people just aren't a good fit. It's OK to not invite everybody in. They have their own journey to travel. Bon voyage.

Louise Hay used to tell her students to look in the mirror and say, "I love you", every day. Many people couldn't do that. They were taught that to say you love yourself is "egotistical" and wrong. But love begins within. Can't truly love someone else if you can't love yourself. That's a good thing, often not understood.

If you think you might be interested in taking a dog for a walk occasionally at the Humane Society, or foster a dog or cat till it can find its forever home call HSIMC at 707-485-0123 or go to their site at mendohumanesociety.com They're located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley just off Hwy 101 between Willits & Ukiah.

My own fog has lifted since Rosie came home – her forever home – she's reminded me of the importance of choosing to be happy. I must say, she's a great teacher!





You might recognize these two from the lost pet groups here and in Lake County. Greg Stanley and Janette Lamperti are always on the scene when a lost dog needs a little more help finding its way home or to a rescue. They have been learning everything there is to know about trapping dogs and they could write a book about the stories of all their late night stake out adventures. We are so lucky to have their support!

They have been working diligently setting traps, food, and cameras, hoping that we could spot or trap the fourth little dog who was abandoned here at HSIMC on 8/3. We are so lucky we were able to find the other 3 but the fourth one has eluded us but after a recent sighting, it is time to kick it into high gear and help this little dog get to safety.

Anytime a rescue group is working to safely collect an animal, **please do not touch or remove the traps**. One of our traps was stolen during the search and it's a punch in the gut for our team who is working so hard to get this pup to safety!

Thank you to everyone who supports our work! We couldn't do it without our amazing team!

VOLUNTEER / FOSTER

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Orientation is held the first Thursday and last Sunday of each month at 11am, so mark your calendars, we are hoping for many new volunteers to join 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 all. Volunteers can help change that!

Our volunteers help us keep the dogs and cats onsite happy, healthy, and adoptable. We are able to 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 not only our animals' lives but also help relieve some of the stress that our team is currently under.

When attending orientation, be sure to wear close-toed shoes and bring some treats if you are able to! Orientation is around 1 hour long and we have made some changes to help make it easy for everyone to get in the groove!

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN US!

For more information, please visit our website:

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

OUR SHELTER IS FULL: FOSTERS NEEDED



THIS IS URGENT: We have too many animals living onsite and could really use more foster homes for our dogs that live outdoors.

Fostering provides our pups with love, warmth, comfort, and ADVENTURE! If you have the time and space, and would like to help an animal in need, please visit our website to learn more and submit an application: https://mendohumanesociety.com/volunteer%2Ffoster

We want to keep our dogs as comfortable as possible and having them in a foster home helps us learn so much more about their personalities.

Can they crash on your couch and enjoy your home with you?

We can provide all the supplies... you provide a temporary loving home



We would be so grateful for your support!

Wed-Fri 1pm-5pm Sat-Sun 11am-3pm

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BEHAVIOR CORNER / DONATIONS NEEDED

A NEW INITIATIVE TO KEEP DOGS IN HOMES - GOODPUP!!



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!

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

For the Cats

Sunbeam Heating Pads (w/out auto shut off), KMR Kitten Formula, Miracle Nipples, Dry Cat/Kitten Food, Canned Cat/Kitten Food, Probiotics, Catnip, Toys, Hammocks

For the Dogs

Puppy Pads, Good Quality Dog/Puppy Food, Canned Dog/Puppy Food, X-pens, Wire Crates, Martingale Collars, Probiotics

Angels of HSIMC / DONATE / Estate Planning

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.

Pardini Appliance, Chevalier Vineyard Management Inc., Nancy Paxton, Star & Tom Gilley, Amber Otis, The Mane House, Patricia Guntly, Paul Shimmin, Guistina Rorabaugh, Edward & Adele Buck, Linda Shen, Awaken Your Myth, Tim Kline, Listen to Sleep, Dennis Hall, Ronald, and Laila Carlsen

Donations Made in Honor of People & Pets

Kat, Julie Dauer, Bethany Bloom, Kerri & June, Fuentes Wedding, and Erica & Sergio Fuentes

Donations Made in Memory of People & Pets

Daisy, Mary Purcell, Odin & Lola, Susan Ackerman Ventrella, Jax the Bulldog, Sam the Cat, Hal Ruffridge, and Bandit

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 can donate a vehicle to HSIMC by visiting our website:

www.hsimc.org



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: jking@hsimc.org

Shout OUTS

PARDINI PUPS!



Pardini Appliance has been a longtime Business Partner of HSIMC and we are so grateful for their commitment to the longevity of our work.

Not only do they support us year after year, but they provide **Pardini Pup Certificates** for all of our dog adopters to use at their store.

We are so appreciative for all your support!!

Thank you Pardini

UKIAH CO-OP, ROUND UP AT THE REGISTER

Thank you to the Ukiah Co-Op and our community for supporting HSIMC with May's Round Up at the Register!

This was an amazing donation to our shelter and we appreciate everyone who made it happen.

These funds will cover the cost of spay/neuter for approximately 30 animals!



YOGA RETREAT RAISES FUNDS FOR HSIMC







Two of the loveliest people, **Heather and Jamileh**, hosted a yoga retreat and sound bath during the August full moon. A beautiful time was had by all. The donations collected amounted to \$363.

Thank you to this lovely group for supporting HSIMC!

We are so thankful for all your generosity to help HSIMC in its efforts to save the lives of animals in





Letter from our Board President

HSIMC's annual appreciation event was held on Sunday July 9. It was a 50's Sundae Social and we all dressed the part. The weather really cooperated, being very mild for that time of year, so everybody was able to hang out and enjoy the day. Turnout was tremendous and we played games, had a hula hoop contest and YES, ate ice cream!

Anyone who attended or played games was gifted with raffle tickets for some really great give away prizes. But the real significance of this event was for HSIMC to try and THANK our fosters, volunteers and donors for all of their contributions throughout the year. We would never be able to rescue and adopt as many animals as we do, without that help.

Physically we do not have the kennel space to accommodate all of our animals and are really dependent on the foster community for their support. The monthly volunteer hours that are contributed amount to close to 3 full time employees, that we do not pay and they fill the gap on a variety of tasks.

Also very significant is all of the donations, not only monetary but everyday items that we consume. Thanks to our fundraising chair, Elizabeth Bohanan and her team for being so creative on this event and doing such a fabulous job, stay tuned, there are other events in the works which will be equally special.

When we talk about how our volunteers contribute, there are many aspects to volunteerism that are often easy to overlook. HSIMC has many events that we sponsor and participate in throughout the year, promoting these is always a big part of the success and in order to promote you need advertising. I want to thank and recognize Patsy Jordan for always donating her time and expertise in designing our flyers and other materials. She is never too busy to offer creative input and direction on what we should be doing to be successful.

If you are reading this quarterly issue, it's another unsung volunteer whom we wouldn't ever be able to do without. Peggy Weber donates her time and energy to provide us direction and editorial support to publish what I feel is a top-rated quarterly review of shelter activities. Without Peggy we would be lost and would never be able to accomplish what we do.

We just completed the photo contest portion of our annual calendar fundraiser and the competition was especially fierce in the final hours with the leading vote getters changing places several times. Still to come is designing and publishing the calendar. Calendars are on sale for \$20 and preorders are encouraged. Last year the Willits Charter Schools SLED team helped sell calendars and made a major contribution to our efforts. If you think your group can help, let me know.

Fund the need update: The dog barn rehabilitation is moving along, the mini-split heating/cooling unit has been installed, new doggie doors in the rear of the kennels are nearly complete, along with the refurbishment of the individual kennel access doors. All new siding, insulation and Tyvek has been installed in the front of the building, along with new bathroom windows and entry doors. North and south wall siding is in progress and we expect completion of this entire project by mid Oct, just in time for the cold season. No more heat lamps for each individual kennel and we will see some real warm doggies and cost savings on our electrical bills.

Long in the tooth is our overhaul of the electrical grid, but I can report that this will be completed in early Oct. and is a significant improvement over our outdated system. This electrical upgrade is part of a long-term plan that I envision will take us into the future. Stay tuned as sustainability is a major objective of ours.

OUR MISSION IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU

John King



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.

Click the links below and check out 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 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!

YTD SHELTER STATS 2023

YTD Shelter Stats: As of 9/27/2023

To see a full statistical breakdown please visit: https://www.shelteranimalscount.org

Our live outcome rate for 2023 is: 91.8% (total outcomes includes both live outcomes and other outcomes)

	Total Intakes	Total Out- comes	Return to Owner	Transfer Out	Euthanasia/ Died in Care	Currently in Shelter	Currently in Foster
Dogs	318	339	2	0	11	73	53
Cats	455	397	2	4	43	150	63



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Memberships/Sponsorships/Pledges

Sign up or Renew your Membership, Sponsorship or Pledge with HSIMC, your annual contribution helps HSIMC continue the mission to help as many animals as possible!

Please complete this form and return to HSIMC or sign up or renew online at: www.mendohumanesociety.com

Membership Information

Date: Membe	ership Levels (Please Select One)					
Name:	Associate:(\$25/year)					
Address:	Individual:(\$50/year)					
City, State, Zip:	Family:(\$100/year)					
Phone #:	Sustaining:(\$300/year)					
*E-Mail:						
**Puppy or Kitten name submittal (Family & Sustaining Memberships):						
Other Annual Support Opt	ions:					
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):						
<u>In-Memory or In-Honor Op</u> (Plaques will be displayed on our Mem						
Honorarium/Memorial (\$100 minimum): Please specify amount \$_						
In Honor of:						
In Memory of:						
Pet Memorial (\$100 minimum): Please specify amount \$						
In Memory of:						
Snow & Nouter Pladges (annual pladge) - Holns Support the Snew	and Nouter of Shelter Animals					

Spay & Neuter Pledges (annual pledge) – Helps Support the Spay and Neuter of Shelter Animals

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

Our Mission

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.

Current & Future Events in 2023/2024

We have some exciting events happening this year, so mark your calendars and check out our Events Page on our Website for additional information: mendohumanesociety.com/events

October 8, 2023

Kritter Karnival & Silent Auction



Community First
Credit Union
Live Music By
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October 14th & 21st, 2023

Jack & Noel's Pumpkin Patch



holiday, garden

"Our Lives Are In Your Hands"

Jack & Noel's

Pumpkin Patch

Is Hosting an Adoption

EVENT FOR HSIMC!

October 14th - 12pm-3pm

Join us for an alternoon of fun!

Pumpkin Patch

Adoptable Dogs & Pupples

Kids Activities

PEDWOOD VALLEY, CA SKATO

November to December 2023 Wreaths & Swags

For more on our upcoming events head over to mendohumanesociety.com/events

If you have a youth group that would benefit or be interested in coming to HSIMC, we would be thrilled to host. A cornerstone of our philosophy is to try and give back and there is no better way to do so, then with our youth, the future!

Please contact me, John King - President of the Board of Directors, <u>jking@hsimc.org</u> and we will get it organized.



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I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits as we welcome fall, and I hope you all have enjoyed reading about the adventures our staff experienced this past quarter. Bringing awareness to what we experience everyday, and sharing our stories is important so our community can hear about the challenges and successes we experience each and every day. Thank you for joining us on this journey and supporting us along the way.

We continue to experience a growing number of animals in need of assistance and the number of requests for animal surrenders continues to grow. We expect to see this trend continue due to the various hardships our community is experiencing and the sheer number of stray animals needing support.

As we strive to meet the needs of our community, we find ourselves struggling to locate and gather enough resources, and we are all feeling the importance of finding new ways to offer support to our community when our shelter is at capacity.

We have developed programs such as Adoptions by Owner, Resource Directory, Pet Pantry, and additional services which are available on a case by case basis and dependent on available resources. We will continue to develop and implement additional programs to help cover the needs we are seeing within our communities and one of those opportunities is partnering with Mendocino C.A.R.T., Community Animal Response Team.

Building bridges and relationships with other agencies will not only provide our community with more resources but it also brings agencies together. When we support one another, we are able to accomplish more and provide additional options and services for our community. We are excited for this partnership with C.A.R.T and look forward to bringing awareness to all they do for Mendocino County. We will keep you all updated as C.A.R.T sets up at HSIMC.

We are committed to helping as many animals as possible find homes and in order to continue our vital work, we rely heavily on the support of our community. Your responsiveness and compassion makes a positive impact on the lives of the homeless animals in our community who rely solely on our action and support.

There are several ways to contribute and support our cause, of course financial support is critical in helping us provide medical care, food, and kennel comforts for the animals in our care. Any amount helps, and we also accept donations of pet food, bedding, toys, bleach, and other essential items. For a more complete list, please visit our Amazon Wishlists.

We also ask that you share our stories and help spread awareness about our organization, share our social media posts, volunteer your time, and encourage others to get involved. Together, we can make a difference and create a compassionate community that values and protects all living beings.

On behalf of our entire team at Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, I thank you for your generosity, your compassion, and your continued support. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us achieve our goals.

Jenny Hanzlik, Shelter Director