



Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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PAW PRINTS

"Our lives are in your hands"

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Monthly Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month

6PM via ZOOM

Wreath Season Was a Huge Success!

Wreath season was made possible by our hard-working Elves, greenery donors and our supporters!

Every year we make holiday wreaths, swags, arches, and table centerpieces to raise money for our shelter. Keeping our shelter running is no small feat and we rely on donations and fundraising to keep us moving forward throughout the year; so we can continue to intake the homeless animals in our community and find them loving homes.

This year our Elves made 191 wreaths, 41 swags, 12 arches, 22 hurricane centerpieces, and 21 double taper centerpieces and raised just over 11k for the animals!

This year-end fundraiser has grown over the years, and we are so grateful to have so many helping hands that make it all possible.

We would like to send a big THANK YOU to Mary, Vickie, Kevin, Susan, Teresa, Nancy, Tina, Nan, our very own Dog Kennel Manager Becca along with numerous volunteers!

Thank you all so much for your dedication and hard work - you all make this possible and we are truly fortunate to have such an amazing team and wonderful volunteers.

We also would like to send a huge THANK YOU to Nelson Ranch, Mendocino Redwood Forestry, Marvin McAlister, Vic & Maggie Weaver, and many others who donated greenery and pinecones. We cannot make the wreaths without these items, and we are very appreciative for your time and efforts to bring us the supplies we need!

Thank you everyone for supporting HSIMC again this year and making this fundraiser possible!



At Cat-Pacity!

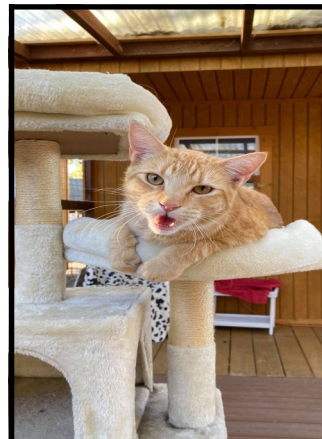
This year of 2021 had one of the biggest kitten seasons to date. Every day we received calls and emails, crying for help for hundreds of cats and kittens. This year, we have taken in over 575 felines and adopted out 501.

Throughout the whole year there was not a time where nearly all of our cages weren't full. A consistent flow of more cats than there were people to adopt them. With an average of 30-50 cats and kittens adopted each month, we were still scrambling to help them be adopted quicker, to bring in more homes for all these homeless kitties.

We added more spaces for our cats, opened a FeLV program to save Feline Leukemia cats from Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma counties. We had to close off a room from the Cattery for our ringworm quarantine kitties because ringworm has become a prevalent issue in all communities this year. At one time this summer, we had 190 cats in our care, though luckily nearly 70 of them were in foster homes. This is where we created our Foster to Adopt program, where families could take home their new kitties while they waited for spay or neuter so more cats could be in homes and not at the shelter.

Kitten season has ended. We are now in December and the little kittens born during the summer are growing up, waiting for their new people to come for them. Although, there is still a large number of homeless cats that are being brought to us. In December, we are still at FULL capacity, having 150 cats in our care that are looking for homes.

We cannot help over 500 cats a year without your help. We look to our community to adopt, to foster, to volunteer and to spread the word about our cat program. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our community's cats.



Working Cat Program

Throughout the year we have taken numerous feral cats into our care. For these cats, we find homes where they can go back out into the wilds with caretakers who provide food, water, and shelter. Many of these feral cats are mom cats, trapped and brought in with their kittens. Others are large, older kittens that are past the stage where they would accept socialization.

We take in feral cats sparingly, as they are more difficult to keep safely and take a longer time to be adopted. They are adopted out as working cats; porch cats, shop cats, and barn cats to be a property's pest control as that is what they do best. But working cats do not end with kitten season!

We still have a good number of feral cats that are needing a good place to go. Feral cat adoption fees are \$25 each, for a lifetime of a mouse free home.

Check out our available working cats here: <https://mendohumanesociety.com/working-cats>

A LIFE SAVED

Demitris was rescued from the euthanasia list at an overcrowded shelter. This regal gentleman won over the hearts of some amazing volunteers and a big effort was made to get him neutered and get him here to safety!

We can do so much more with the support from our animal loving community members and saving Demitris life was a group effort. After winning over all of our hearts at our shelter, this senior boy is proud to report that the final leg of his journey is now complete.

That's right! Demitri found his forever home a few weeks ago and we couldn't be happier for him!

We have many wonderful dogs and cats awaiting forever homes!

Find your new best friend at mendohumanesociety.com



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



Our little superhero pups have grown up so fast!

Who remembers Captain Marvel?

This little firecracker hit the adoption jackpot and is enjoying her first Christmas in a loving home waiting to see what Santa got for her.

What a lucky girl! All the super hero pups found fantastic homes and we are so thankful!

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TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

This year we have seen an overwhelming increase in lack of space at shelters and rescues in our community and surrounding communities. We are working hard to help meet the need where we can so that dogs don't have to lose their lives due to space!

This year we have taken in 123 dogs from shelters and rescues who found themselves having to make tough decisions after running out of kennel space.

We have our wonderful fosters, adopters, and amazing staff to thank!

Our team is always up for a challenge and the results are LIFE SAVING!



Lil' Beastie Update

You may remember the story of Lil' Beastie from our Q3 newsletter, here is an update!

A week after Lil' Beastie arrived, he died 3 times and was brought back by CPR. He has been through so much and is a fighter. It took an army to give this guy the best fighting chance and now he's about 7 months old and is loved by three little girls and has two cat brothers and two cat sisters at home.

He is living a happy life!



Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County

Sometimes, we get calls for help from other rescues. And of course, we say yes! Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County had taken on 30+ cats from one home and were spreading the word that they needed help finding a place for them.

On December 4th, we received our first three cats from them and began a great relationship for future teamwork. After talking with their Adoption Counselor, Bridget, who had transported the cats, she had offered spay and neuter assistance once or twice a week! This is an amazing offer and we have already gotten many cats and kittens spayed with their help. On one of these days, we had transferred in our sixth FeLV kitty, fondly named Orange Girl. You can find her in our FeLV Cottage.

We look forward to working with them and seeing how we can further contribute to our community and to neighboring communities.

If you are interested in helping with transportation of these cats to Santa Rosa and/or back to the shelter, we would love to hear from you! Call or email our Cat Team to sign up! CatTeam@hsimc.org



FeLV Cats Need Love Too

Socialization is a big part of our volunteer program, and we love seeing our volunteers spending time with the cats. Volunteer Cindy makes sure to stop in and play with our FeLV kitties each time she visits and it is so good to see them playing and socializing.

Want to join our volunteer program and help enrich the lives of our shelter animals?

Visit our website at: [Volunteer/Foster \(mendohumanesociety.com](http://Volunteer/Foster(mendohumanesociety.com)




Thank you Scott and Stephanie for taking on our Forgotten Felines veterinary runs!

Huge shout out to longtime volunteer and supporter of HSIMC, Stacey Rohrbaugh! Stacey has been part of many projects here at HSIMC, from building desks for the staff to helping build and finish our many sheds so they were usable and functional to building custom, cat proof screens so our cats could have fresh air without the possibility of escape!

Stacey, your dedication, and woodworking skills have given HSIMC so many beautifully completed projects, thank you for all you have done for HSIMC and the animals!

Thank you to all our volunteers, you help make all this possible!

Thank you for giving your time to help the animals at HSIMC 

Donate for Charity!



We have received three vehicle donations since partnering with Donate for Charity!

Thank you Jasmine for being the third to donate your vehicle, you raised \$378 dollars for the shelter animals!

The process is easy and Donate for Charity handles 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](http://Vehicle Donation | Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County (mendohumanesociety.com)

Winter is here! Foster homes are desperately needed!

BRRRRR it's cold! As you know our dogs live in outdoor kennels making winter extra hard on them. We rely on our foster team to keep them safe and warm, and we are always looking for monetary donations so we can keep improving on the warmth for our dog kennels.

Our staff works very hard each winter to keep them all as cozy as possible, but nothing beats the comfort of a warm home.

Fosters make such a difference, and we would love to match you with a friend!

Cheers to all our current fosters who are the lifesaving force we can always count on!



This year we would love to grow our team and we need your support! [#FosteringSavesLives](#)



A Foster Story



“Two years ago, while having more time at home during the Holidays I decided to foster a pup from the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County.

I wanted to get another dog out of the cold weather during the holidays. I lined it up ahead of time and took Maui with me to make sure they got along.

Dog Kennel Manager, Becca, picked my foster Chevy Lynn and it was the perfect match. The family fell in love with her, and I decided she wasn't going back. One of the BEST DAYS of my life!

To my local dog loving friends, if you can foster a pup during this upcoming cold spell PLEASE DO. Fostering is a wonderful experience, and the Humane Society will work with your needs.

Let's get the pups in a warm home.

-Sheila Severson Fuller

JOIN OUR FOSTER TEAM

Contact our dog team:
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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.

Angels of HSiMC

Michael & Christine Griggs, Paul Shimmin, Joanne Collett, Elizabeth Weeks, Eddie Alexander, Sheryl Parker, Myrna Hurst, Karrin Palmer Family, Lisa Jordon, Jayme G., Patricia F., Chris & Debra G., Gray Family Trust, Claudia W., Kenneth & Karla K., Mobile Equine Veterinary, The Community Foundation of Mendocino County, Beckstoffer Vineyards, Sparetime Supply, East Hill Veterinary, Yokayo Veterinary, Anderson Valley Brewing Company, Pardini Appliance, Rainbow Ag, Care-A-Van, Drew Nicoll Home Selling Team, Bones Pet Rescue, Boles Heating and Air Conditioning Sheet Metal

Special thank you to Dean Gross & Clay Nesbitt for the lovely Christmas gifts for the animals! We had a group of school kids come through from River Oak Charter School, they handed out many of the items as part of our enrichment program, it was a special day.

River Oak Charter School Visits



Thank you River Oak Charter for bringing donations for our homeless animals, learning about our facility and for helping with our animal enrichment program!

It is a very important task and so beneficial for the animals.

Thank you for your love and compassion of the animals and thank you for helping us in our mission!

You are all heroes!

In Honor of the CHP!



Shout out to the California Highway Patrol!

The California Highway Patrol works diligently to keep our highways safe for our communities, thank you for all your work and dedication to keeping everyone safe! We appreciate you!

HSiMC received a \$5,000 donation, in honor of the CHP, from an anonymous supporter! Thank you to our anonymous donor for honoring the CHP with your donation.

Donations Made in Memory of People & Pets

Robert Madlem, Jim Salomone, Cliff Spaletta, Jean Donahue, Peggy Dean, Stella, Dizzy Dog, Tic Tac

Donations Made in Honor of People & Pets

Sandra Applegate's Birthday, Barbara & Dan Elsberg

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 the links below and check out our Wishlists:

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

Facility Wishlist: <https://a.co/hd1bhVy>

We also have an ongoing Kitten Shower Registry on Amazon; you can find it here: [Amazon Custom Gift List](#).

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



YTD Shelter Stats for 2021

To see HSIMC's full statistical breakdown please visit:

[Dashboards | Shelter Animals Count](#)

	Intakes	Adoptions	Return to Owner	Transfer	Euthanasia/ Died in Care
Dogs	436	373	21	125	7
Cats	575	501	14	20	21

Membership

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HSIMC Membership

A great portion of the work done by HSIMC each year is supported by its Members. Thank you for supporting HSIMC and believing in our mission as much as we do!

Sign up on our website at: [Membership \(mendohumanesociety.com\)](http://Membership(mendohumanesociety.com)) or return this form with your information and payment to: HSIMC, 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, CA 95470

Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Email:	

Please circle the option(s) that best suits you!

Associate Membership (\$25/year)	Individual Membership (\$100/year)	Sustaining Membership (\$300/year)	Business Membership (\$2500/year)	Lifetime Membership (\$5,000/once)	Legacy Membership (\$10,000/once)
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Our Spay & Neuter Pledge program helps prevent further animals contributing to the homeless pet population and helps us continue saving lives by preventing overpopulation at our shelters. Red Pledge: 2 animals/year, Black Pledge: 5 animals/year, Silver Pledge: 10 animals/year, Gold Pledge: 20 animals/year and the Platinum Pledge: 40 animals/year.

Spay & Neuter Red Pledge (\$100/year)	Spay & Neuter Black Pledge (\$250/year)	Spay & Neuter Silver Pledge (\$500/year)	Spay & Neuter Gold Pledge (\$1,000/year)	Spay & Neuter Platinum Pledge (\$2,500/year)
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We also have Dog Kennel and Cat Condo Sponsorships!
These sponsorships help pay for maintenance and upkeep of the kennels and condos.

Your "Sign" will be displayed on our website (check out our new HSIMC Supporters Page):

Dog Kennel - 18"x24" metal sign to be displayed on HSIMC's website

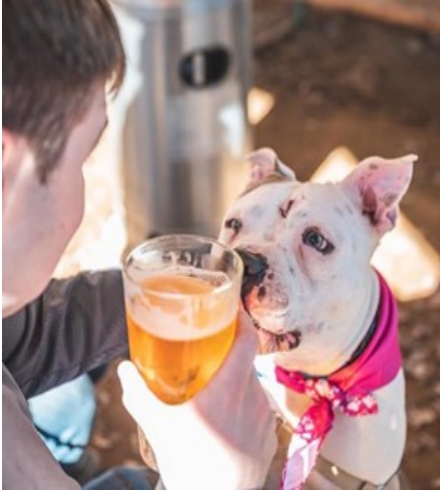
Cat Condo - 6" x 12" metal sign to be displayed on HSIMC's website

Please circle the option that best suits you!

Dog Kennel Sponsorship (\$250/year) Name to be displayed: _____	Cat Condo Sponsorship (\$100/year) Name to be displayed: _____
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Up Coming Events

Beer and Puppies



Beer and puppies, what could be better?

We have been invited to participate in **Doggie Days** at the Hopland Tap House! **Doggie Days** is hosted the second Saturday of every month, from noon till 3 pm.

Come join in on the fun, meet some adoptable dogs, have a beer, some amazing food, and buy some raffle tickets!

One dollar of each beer goes to our homeless pets; come join in on the fun at our next **HOPLAND TAP ADOPTION EVENT!**

Upcoming events are Jan 8th and Feb 12th - we hope to see you there!

Thank you Hopland Tap for hosting HSIMC and helping us in our mission and thank you to the Barkery in Ukiah for providing prizes for the raffle!

Portraits for Pets

HSIMC is inviting everyone to join us for our third annual Portraits for Pets fundraiser this April 2022!

This event is a 100% virtual, socially safe, FUN, fundraiser to benefit the homeless animals cared for by the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County.

We have a wide range of volunteer artists, ranging in age from 3 yrs. old to 80+, we hope you enjoy our fun art.

Do you want to be a volunteer artist?

Email us at Fundraising@HSIMC.org to get in touch with our "Artist Coordinator" Mania.

Check our website for more details: www.mendohumanesociety.com/events



PORTRAITS FOR PETS

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The Year of Fire & Ice

It has been quite the year at HSI MC, and it all started with SNOW! Last January, we were left with a beautiful, snowy landscape. We affectionately coined the day “**Snowmageddon**”!

The property felt calm and peaceful, did you know that snow absorbs sound? When a fresh blanket of snow covers the landscape, it absorbs sound waves making it seem quieter outside.

Then, tree branches started to break under the weight of the snow and strength of the wind.

Our fearless Kennel Manager, Becca, was onsite and called for reinforcements around midnight. We had lost power; so, vaccines needed to be secured and we needed to get the generators running so there was water and heat for the animals.

We were out of power for over a week and sustained quite a lot of tree damage but thankfully very little damage to the structures on the property. It was a massive clean-up effort, and we had many amazing community members and volunteers come down and help clear all the branches, get our generators hooked up for the long haul and helped us get back up and running as best we could. Despite not having power, we were still intaking animals and processing adoptions. No weather event will keep us from helping the animals in our care and the animals that need us most.

Later in the year, a peaceful Wednesday in July turned into an all-out emergency when a fire broke out on a neighboring property near our shelter. Our team jumped into action as we began the process of evacuating over 140 animals from our facility, including special cases like ringworm cats, FeLV cats and under socialized dogs who required special handling. We have so many people to thank and are proud to say that with the support we received, we had every animal loaded and ready to leave the facility in under an hour!

We want to give a huge shout out to our staff for working under pressure, our board members who activated the emergency phone tree and those who came down to help. The volunteers onsite who stopped their walks and projects to load cats into carriers, dogs into vehicles and helped grab supplies. Thank you to the many AMAZING community members who showed up to help and thank you to East Hill Veterinary for giving our felines a safe landing zone while we assessed the fire threat.

It is during these times of crisis when we all feel the strength of our community and see what we are truly capable of. Without the support of local businesses, our community, and volunteers, we wouldn't have the strength and fortitude to overcome these situations.

Thank you everyone for making 2021 a great year and showing us how strong and resilient our community is!

***Prior Newsletters are available on our website, check them out here: www.mendohumanesociety.com

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!