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MONTHLY MEETING

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



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PAW PRINTS

Our lives are in your hands"

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING BIG OR SMALL

You can do something big, or something small, because whatever you do it's BETTER than nothing at all.

The year of '23 we saw an increase in our community heroes! These people saw the animal rescue and shelter community struggling, a never ending stream of calls for help, our kennels full to the brim and resources spread thin. Instead of turning away from an animal in need, they rolled up their sleeves and jumped in to help. And some of those special people didn't stop helping till the mission was complete.

Here is a behind the scenes look at a community member who helped a case all the way through. We hope it will inspire you as much as it has us...

The infamous **Pigpen**! It was the day before Kritter Karnival and the call came in, it's a familiar story that happens more often than we would like these days, "there is a dog on the loose!" Julie Dauer had sounded the alarm and was already working the case. Instead of asking us to do it, she asked how she could do it. She sourced a trap, reached out to our Dog Kennel Manager and other rescuers for advice and by morning *poof* a scruffy terrified white dog was safely in the trap. And soon in Julie's home.





What next? For most people that's where the story ends. The dog is secured and a shelter takes over right? But what happens when those shelters are all full? That's when our community steps up!

For Pigpen his story would turn out to be a success because his capturer would also turn out to be his hero. Julie would open her home to the sad scruffy dog for a temporary stay with an unknown end date, help him transform and see him through until his happy ending!

Even if there were twists and turns: like when he gave us all a heart attack trying to evade his neuter appointment. Julie was the first person we called when Pigpen escaped his crate on neuter day, because we knew she was the one he needed and that she would show up. Julie was there in minutes, when his trail was lost she started the foot work and engaged others in our community to join her in helping Pigpen. Luckily Pigpen was trapped by morning, safe once again, he eventually (and begrudgingly) made it to his neuter appointment and afterwards found a wonderful family where he is doing well!

Julie fostered him all the way until his adoption, he never spent one night at the shelter, she even helped us review apps and pick out his people. After all, who knows what Pigpen needs more than the person who has been by his side every step of his journey.

HSIMC is proud to support our community in helping pets and Julie is one of many people who are always stepping up when we need them most. While we know not everyone can answer a call for help in this way we want to encourage you to find the "something" you can do for homeless pets this year so we can do more in '24!

There are so many little ways for our followers to support the work we do. Help us grow our reach and bring awareness to our mission by sharing our posts, clicking that "like" button, leaving us a review, spreading the word by mouth to your family and friends who are not on social media. When you share our work, adoptable animals find their forever homes, animals coming into our care find foster placements, lost animals are reunited with their guardians, fundraising efforts to cover the costs of medical bills and care are successful and the next generation is inspired.



Don't underestimate the power we all have to "do something!"

DID YOU KNOW HSIMC HAS A SPAY & NEUTER PLEDGE CLUB?!



This club consists of a handful of individuals and businesses who pledge to donate annually for spay and neuter services.

Susan Craig signed up in 2023 and we are thrilled for her to join us on this journey. Susan signed up after seeing the brochure in her adoption packet in 2023.

If you are interested in supporting HSIMC in this capacity, consider joining the Spay & Neuter Pledge Club - your annual donation will go a long way in supporting spay and neuter.

Thank you, Susan, for joining the Spay & Neuter Pledge Club!

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please visit our website at:

<u>https://mendohumanesociety.com</u> and visit the dropdown menu under Donate.

BERGIN UNIVERSITY OF CANINE STUDIES



Early October we had the privilege once again of having Devan from <u>Animal Welfare United</u> and his students Wade, HJ and Lyric from Bergin University of Canine Studies join our dog team for a day of learning and growing!

All-Hands-On-Deck means we can help the most dogs. Devan and his crew jumped right into playgroups with our dog team. They did one on one work with individual dogs and our behavior team, while learning about our intake processes and some behind the scenes work with our director.

Team work makes the dream work in animal rescue and we are so glad to be supported by Devan and the students of Bergin!

Cheers to helping homeless dogs live their best lives on their journey to forever homes!

IT ALL STARTED WITH LEXI

Lexi was found with 2-day old puppies. She bravely raised them at the Ukiah Animal Shelter and was a good mama bear. Her puppies all found homes but sadly Lexi was still awaiting her turn and the Ukiah Animal Shelter was reaching capacity.

Our amazing community rallied for her life, helped us raise funds, and we pulled her into our program along with Mama June!

The funds our community raised provided the opportunity to pull both Lexi & Mama June, both had raised their puppies in the kennels and now it was their turn for a fresh start.

These dogs are complete opposites but they both share the same struggles. June is outgoing and friendly; Lexi is quiet and reserved. We were so looking forward to getting to know them and helping to bring out their best sides!

Our volunteers, foster and adopters rallied to give these two mommies a chance to succeed here at HSIMC.

As a private non-profit shelter we are driven by the support of our community and today our community said **YES**.

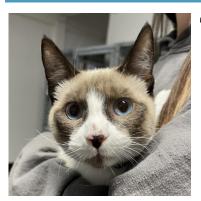
We are so lucky to live in a place that cares so deeply about homeless animals.

Mama June was adopted on October 14, 2023 and Lexi on November 14, 2023!

Special thank you goes to all the staff and volunteers at MCAC who loved these dogs before they came to us.









THE WHY BEHIND CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA

Perhaps you have noticed that you are seeing more and more CH kittens within the last couple of years. We sure have!

Well, this is why; since the pandemic our community has really felt the scarcity of spay and neuter services, allowing feral cats and owned cats to reproduce with little control. These colonies of unaltered cats are usually not vaccinated. These unvaccinated cats and kittens can then contract Feline Panleukopenia Virus, a highly contagious and deadly virus that mostly affects kittens and some unvaccinated adults. Like Canine Parvovirus, panleukopenia can live in the environment for many years to infect unvaccinated cats year-round.

Now, how does this connect to cerebellar hypoplasia (CH)? When pregnant cats are infected during late-stage pregnancy the kittens are either aborted by the mother or their cerebellum can be stunted in growth. This causes these kittens to lack fine motor control and are usually called "Wobbly Cats" due to their wobbly, flippy, floppy manner of getting around. Though these cats do not know that there is anything wrong with them and can live happy, healthy lives, they are survivors of a much bigger, and sadder story.

Panleukopenia can be prevented by vaccination. Here's how you can help prevent panleukopenia: vaccinate your cats and/or local community cats by taking them to your vet, a mobile vaccine clinic or going to your local feed store and purchasing the FVRCP vaccine to administer yourself.

Please help us put an end to this un-necessary contagious/deadly virus VACCINATE!

TEAM WORK

Good things happen when we work together! We are so thankful for our rescue partners near and far! Especially our friends on the coast! The <u>Mendocino Coast Humane Society</u> so graciously offered to fix our new boys Shadow and Canelo. They even told us to bring along our "pregnant cat." Shadow, who has an adoption pending, and Canelo are both neutered now and Canelo had x-rays done on his injured leg (more on that later.)

Luckily, the was not pregnant but has had many litters in the past and this spay surgery was long overdue! We will spare you the gory details, but it's a great reminder to please spay and neuter your pets, their health matters and so many unwanted litters can be prevented that way.

In addition to helping us with much needed spay/neuter surgeries, Mendocino Coast Humane Society had a volunteer offer to transport Canelo. Along the way the volunteer fell in love! So guess what?! Canelo is all bunked up in a wonderful foster home now and he will be hanging out until we figure out what next steps are for his leg. More updates are coming soon!

Thanksgiving might be over but we are still feeling extra thankful for the people who are working alongside us during these extra challenging times!





HUGE DAY FOR THREE FELV CATS!!!



This was a HUGE day for THREE of our FeLV (Feline Leukemia Virus) cats! Trash Panda, Katie and Chesney rode off into the sunset and into their forever home. We couldn't be more thankful for this wonderful pair of people who were so excited to welcome three special kitties into their lives.

So what does it mean for a cat with FeLV? FeLV stands for Feline Leukemia Virus, which is a viral infection that affects a cat's immune system and bone marrow. Although this leads to a weaker immune system, many FeLV live perfectly happy lives!

The virus is typically spread through saliva and some other forms of close contact, so these cats would need to be single, indoor cats or separated from any cats without FeLV. Because of the virus, some FeLV cats may have a shorter life span and may require some supportive veterinary care. We have one more FeLV kitty left. Chandler is still waiting for his forever home to come.

HELP US take the fear out of FeLV! Spread the word that these cats can be healthy and live long and happy lives in the right home.

SUZY Q FOUND A HOME

Suzy Q arrived at our shelter in August of 2022. She was one of seven dogs who came to us from Bones Pet Rescue in Covelo. These dogs had been living in a junk yard surrounded by trash and lacking the love and care man's best friend deserves.

Arriving at HSIMC was a bit of a struggle, they needed that extra support we are known to provide to help them adjust and get ready for adoption. One by one they found their homes - first Cinnamon, then Ruby, Roly Poly, Jimmy Dean, Jenny and most recently the infamous Sunshine. But Suzy Q was still waiting...

Suzy Q had been in our care for a total of 428 days. During that time she has been loved by many foster families, barked at the "bad guys", adored the people who took the time to earn her trust, made dogs lives better on-site as a playgroup rock star, an always excellent kennel mate during our space crisis and has won the hearts of all our staff and volunteers.

On Sunday it was finally her turn! Her new family met her on Wednesday and went home to think about it. When someone leaves without adopting we can never be sure if they are truly coming back. But for Suzy Q we crossed all our paws! Sunday morning, we got the call that they were headed our way! The red carpet of support was rolled out for our long-term resident who was finally getting a chance to leave and live the life she deserves.

Suzy Q's family already reports that she was very mellow on the ride to her new home on the coast, she had no issues with the cat and walked right in like she was home. Moments like this make our work so worthwhile!

Thank you to everyone who supported Suzy Q on her journey. Stay tuned for updates on her new life.





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 in our animals' lives and also help relieve some of the stress that our team is currently under.

When attending orientation, be sure to wear closed-toed shoes and bring some treats if you are able to! Orientation is around one 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

FOSTER HOMES 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, safety, and new experiences!

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 /or scan the QR code below to go directly to our Foster/Volunteer Page.

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. Kitten season is also just around the corner and we will need foster homes willing and able to take on underage kittens and pregnant females. Can they crash on your couch and enjoy your home with you?

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

Wed-Fri 1pm-5pm Sat-Sun 11am-3pm 707-485-0123 ext 302 https://mendohumanesociety.com/volunteer%2Ffoster





A new initiative to keep dogs in homes - GOODPUP!!



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

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: <u>https://links.goodpup.com/</u> <u>shelter/MendocinoHS</u>

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

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, 55 gal Black Trash Bags, 32 Gallon Clear Trash Bags, 13 gallon trash bags

For the Cats

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

For the Dogs

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

SPECIAL BENEFACTORS (AKA Angels of HSIMC)

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

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

Myrna Hurst, Ted & Terry Mayfield, Katherine Houston, Amber Otis, Donald Brian Miselis Foundation, Gregory & Tanya Musgrave, Patti Boatright, Jane Spanbauer, The Family Trust, Chris Grey Fireplace Repairs & Service, Cindy Novella, Carol, Katy Edison, Bones Rescue, Valla Family Foundation, Douglas Gomez, Bettencourt Janitorial, Shadna Cameron, Charlotte Oeding, Sarah Reingold, Gerry Figg-Hoblyn, Elodie Weeks, Paul Shimmin, Susan Craig, Tim Kline, Terri Boudreaux, Jayme Goodale, Janette Lamperti, Barbara Coleman, Allen Ling, Mary Doll, Starkey Custom Apparel

Donations Made in Honor of People & Pets

Anabelle Nicole, Edna, William & Nancy Gordon, Kevin & Karen Olson, Trigger, Dr. Chana Eisenstein, Tracey McNamara, and Cora Saxton, Mojave

Donations Made in Memory of People & Pets

Joan Wade, Maybeline, Luna, Kehta, Lille Winters, Ron Valadao, Laura Lovelady, Noreen Lupole, Palmer G. Dressler

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: <u>jking@hsimc.org</u>

Shout OUTS

PARDINI PUPS!



Thank you Pardini Appliance for your longtime support of HSIMC.

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!!

WHO DOESN'T LOVE A WARM FIRE?

In December, one of our wonderful supporters, Bobby and Debbie Dockins, offered a cord of dry oak firewood for HSIMC as a fundraiser.

Sam Tosher, owner of Fork's Cafe, offered to sell tickets throughout December and we sold tickets there and at HSIMC. This was a great opportunity for **HSIMC and we raised \$850**!

CONGRATULATIONS to the LUCKY winner EMILY KHAYAT!

Thank you to Bobby & Debbie Dockins, the Dockins' and Fork's Cafe and all of the people who purchased tickets!



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ILY KHAYAT! Congratulations and thank you to the Dockins' and Fork's Ca

AN ANGEL APPEARS!

This lovely lady watches the work we do on social media and yesterday she drove all the way up to HSIMC from Santa Rosa to bring us this "mother lode" of treats!

When dogs find themselves in shelters it can be a stressful and overwhelming experience. One simple way we can positively impact their lives is by providing them with delicious treats!

Treats help during our daily cleaning of kennels, while out on walks with volunteers, when meeting potential adopters or learning new tricks that will help them achieve the goal of a forever home.

> Thank you for your commitment to HSIMS and all we do!

Shout OUTS



Thank you Savings Bank of Mendocino County for honoring HSIMC with your Denim Days Fundraiser for the month of September!



During the month of September, Savings Bank employees participated in Casual for a Cause - Denim Days fundraiser and raised \$1,755 for HSIMC!

From Savings Bank:

"The idea of 'Casual For A Cause - Denim Days' began in January 2012 with a group of Savings Bank employees who wanted an additional way to make a difference in our communities during difficult economic times. Every Friday, employees have the opportunity to dress casual by wearing denim jeans to work while supporting a variety of local non-profit organizations through voluntary donations.

Each month employees at a designated banking center or department select the local organization which will benefit from the monthly contributions. We're proud of the support we've been able to provide to local non-profit organizations in our communities since this effort began with donations totaling \$154,976."



These funds will help us provide the care and comforts our animals need while they wait for their forever homes.

Thank you so much for your participation and for supporting our lifesaving efforts! You are all rockstars for supporting our community!

Letter from our Board President

During the 4th quarter, HSIMC hosted our annual Kritter Karnival at the shelter. This is a community event with a kids focus. We had face painting, balloon art, games, a 4H petting zoo (with a massive turkey on a leash), snow cones, a jumpy house, a dunk tank, live music (Waylon and the Wildcats) RVCFD was present with their vintage firetruck providing kiddie rides. **Community First Credit Union** (our sponsor) had a booth, along with a booth by C.A.R.T. By our count we had around 370 attendees and served 300 meals, all supported by an awesome group of 38 volunteers. We spent time considering what went right and what we can do better...... So, wait until next year!

Another significant activity, just finished, is our annual Christmas wreath and swag making. This is an effort supported 100% by volunteers (elves) and this year organized, championed, and managed by one of our super volunteers, Cindy Huhn. Over the course of 23 days and 482 volunteer hours they produced 170 wreaths and 36 swags with all of the funds going to support our ongoing rescue efforts. According to Cindy they all had a lot of fun in the process, but it looked like hard work to me.

Do not forget to buy your calendars, they are only \$20 each, on sale at the shelter office.

It's hard to believe how quickly 2023 has gone by. It has been a very eventful year at the shelter. Many changes and improvements were ushered in.

During the course of the year, we added 5 new Board members: Elizabeth Bohanan, Wynona Idica, Luis Flores, Myriah LaTourette, and Erin Moynahan, welcome aboard! Their addition signifcantly broadens our expertise and strenghens the team. Elizabeth has assumed responsibility as Chair for the fundraising committee, which is responsible for identifying, organizing activities and of course raising much needed funding.

Also, during the year we were able to secure usage of Redwood Valley Grange Hall 382 in order to conduct our monthly board meetings. This allows a large enough venue to not only accommodate our growing group but to have public participation, which is an important aspect of our outreach.

Our meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm, come join us.

We were able to make significant building improvements to the cattery and dog barns to help with the comfort and wellbeing of our animals as well as to help conserve natural resources.

We will continue to upgrade our aging infrastructure, especially in areas where we can achieve paybacks through reduced spending, improved productivity and enriching our animals stay with us.

Here's to a terrific 2024 year!

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: <u>https://a.co/4HHPNLN</u>

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

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 12/312023

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

Our live outcome rate for 2023 is: 95.71% (total outcomes includes both live outcomes and other outcomes)

	Total Intakes	Total Out- comes	Return to Owner	Transfer Out	Euthanasia/ Died in Care/Lost	Currently in Shelter	Currently in Foster
Dogs	433	471	3	0	16	15	41
Cats	571	578	4	4	53	58	28



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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:_____ Membership 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 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): ______

In-Memory or In-Honor Options:

(Plaques will be displayed on our Memory Wall)

Honorarium/Memorial (\$100 minimum): Please specify amount \$_____

In Honor of: ____

In Memory of: ____

Pet Memorial (\$100 minimum): Please specify amount \$_____

In Memory of:

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

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

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 2024

March 23, 2024 - Nelson Family Vineyards is hosting a 5K Run!

Like Running or Walking? Love Wine? This race is for you!



Join us on <u>Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 9:00am</u> for a super fun event that features the amazing hospitality and scenery of Nelson Family Vineyards! For 70 years the Nelson family has farmed the land they live on, with the traditions of farming passed on to four generations. Through many seasons of tending and harvest, Nelson Family Vineyards has embraced the truth that great wines are born in the vineyard. So, whether you are looking to run, walk or just enjoy the wine this race is a sure thing for a great time and an incredible experience!



<u>May 4, 2024</u> at Barra of Mendocino SAVE The DATE Spring Gala—Benefiting HSIMC!

March 30-31st - Easter Extravaganza!



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, jking@hsimc.org and we will get it organized.



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Business Supporters

MAIN STREET VETERINARY CLINIC





















As 2023 comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have had this past year, as well as express our gratitude for your unwavering support. It has been through your compassion, dedication, and the resiliency of our team that we were able to overcome a number of challenges and celebrate some milestones.

Our team rallied and together we accomplished countless successes, from parvo monoclonal antibodies being available in Mendocino County, to finding homes for 966 dogs and cats, and completing over 700 spays and neuters, numerous dental, orthopedic and other medical care needs through East Hill Veterinary Clinic, Yokayo Veterinary Hospital, Wasson Memorial Veterinary Clinic, Coast Humane Society, and Mendocino County Animal Care & Control.

We found cost savings avenues by partnering with World's Best Cat Litter's shelter program and participating in Shelters United for a combined savings of 10k per year on shelter supplies.

Our behavior team completed 125 surrender consultations to help animals stay in their homes and out of the shelter.

We also had 633 foster homes open their doors to homeless animals, giving them opportunities to spend time away from the hustle and bustle of the shelter. Fostering provides opportunities to learn more about the animals, and how they interact in a home environment which helps them on their path to adoption while providing a safe place for them.

With these successes we also faced challenges. Economic hardship has resulted in fewer homes having the capacity to add a pet or add additional pets to their home. We also continue to face a veterianarian shortage and the lack of low cost/high volume spay and neuter programs in our area leaves us struggling to keep up with the needs of our community.

Despite the challenges we face, our team is ready to embark on this new year, knowing that our united efforts will bring about positive change and transform the lives of numerous animals in our community. Thank you for your continuous support and for being an integral part of our journey.

Interested in helping? 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 Wishlist.

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.

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