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3rd Wednesday of each month 6pm at Redwood Valley Grange Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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# **PAW PRINTS**

"Our lives are in your hands"

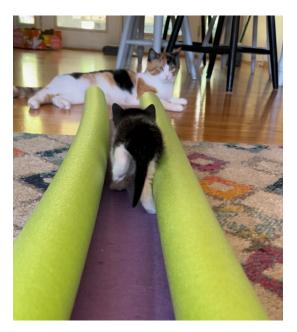
### SUPER HEROES WEAR CAPES WHEN THEY NEED TO

Whether it is just spays and neuters, traumatic injuries or four-week-old kittens with Swimmer's Syndrome, we can always depend on Dr. Chana and her team at East Hill Veterinary Clinic to be there when we call.

Dr. Chana does 700+ alteration surgeries for our shelter every year and it is clear that we couldn't do all that we can without her on our team. If a cat, like Alice, comes in with a life-threatening injury we know that she can be seen right away. With Dr. Chana's expertise, Alice's injury is nearly completely healed and she has normal use of her leg again.

Sometimes, there are rare cases that our shelter has never seen before. Toad was born with Swimmer's Syndrome, a congenital condition that causes the kitten's hind legs to splay outwards and if left untreated can cause the kitten to be unable to stand and walk. Within two weeks of his diagnosis Toad was able to walk and play just like his siblings due to medical intervention from Dr. Chana and physical therapy with his foster home.

Dr. Chana and her team may not wear capes daily but they are SUPER HEROS ALWAYS for our community's animals.



Toad in physical therapy.

### **Drum Roll Please**



After 147 days at the shelter, Sheba has officially found her home!!

One day a sweet couple from Fort Bragg decided they wanted to meet her. Things went well but they decided to go home and think about it.

A couple weeks later they were back and decided to foster Sheba. After having Sheba living with them for a couple weeks, they decided it was time to make it official.

Congratulations Sheba!

Thank you guys so much for loving this wonderful girl just as much as we do.

We wish you a lifetime of happiness together!

### **MEET BUG!**

Our FeLV Cottage was empty so we put the word out to other rescue agencies and Santa Cruz County Animal Services reached out to us. They had a FeLV cat that needed a fresh start and a space to call her own.

BUG was transported from Santa Cruz and started settling into her new FeLV Cottage at HSIMC.

Feline Leukemia isn't a death sentence, it's a lifestyle and here at HSIMC we strive to match every FeLV kitty with their perfect home.



Update: BUG has officially found a home and our FeLV cottage is empty once again! BUG was with us for about a week before finding her person.

### THESE ARE THE HANDS.....



These are the hands of a foster.

These are the hands that will help us save hundreds of lives this year. They are the hands that say 'yes' to the phone call about a two-week-old kitten found alone on the street when every kennel is full.

These hands will keep teeny tiny kittens with delicate immune systems safe from the dangers of living in a shelter. They will bottle-feed, clean up messes, get pricked and poked, snap photos, write bios, and lovingly guide our kittens on their journey to adoption.

These are the hands of heroes!

Join us in celebrating the many hands that will be working hard to tackle kitten season 2024!

### THIS IS CAL CAT'S INCREDIBLE STORY....

#### Do you believe in miracles? We certainly do!

On the night of May 4th, after wrapping up the successful Black and White Gala, our board members were on their way home following the event's clean-up. Everyone was looking forward to some well-deserved rest when tragedy unexpectedly struck...A tabby cat suddenly darted out onto the road and was struck by one of our board members.

In a state of panic and sorrow, a frantic phone call was made to our management team: "I hit a cat, it's still alive," she said, her voice trembling with emotion.

Upon arriving at the scene, we found the cat suffering from visible injuries. With care and compassion, we gently placed him in a crate, brought him back to the shelter, and provided him with warmth and a soft blanket. The situation looked grim, but we refused to give up hope. If he could hold on until morning, we were ready to rush him to the nearest available vet for urgent care.

Much to our surprise, at 7 am when we opened the door to the intake room, we were greeted with a faint "Meow." In disbelief, we rushed him over to Wasson Veterinary Clinic, where Dr. Cannon was waiting to assess whether his life could be saved or if it was time to end his suffering.

Cal Cat continued to surprise us as Dr. Cannon later called with an update. Despite his severe injuries—a pneumothorax, head trauma with potential eye loss, broken jaw and a dislocated tail from his pelvis—he was still fighting, and she believed she could save him!



It's never a lucky day when you're hit by a car, but Cal Cat couldn't have been luckier to cross paths with the right vehicle that night. Instead of succumbing to his injuries on the roadside, Cal was headed into surgery, thanks to the quick thinking of our dedicated team.

This resilient cat, who lost his tail and likely several of his nine lives that fateful night, is not only a survivor but also the sweetest feline who shows nothing but gratitude with gentle head butts to all his caregivers. Cal Cat is now back onsite, bravely recovering from his surgeries and in search of a loving foster home.

Despite the battle scars he will forever carry, we remain in awe of his gentle demeanor and unwavering will to live!



### FIGARO GOES TO ARIZONA

What? HSIMC has a Persian cat?

This is Figaro and he is the bee's knees, in other words, cool as heck.

He has an award-winning personality with only a little of the Persian sass. Figgy likes to talk and have all of the cheek rubs you can spare. He has quickly won over our hearts and we are sure you will love him too!

Figaro left the building to head on down to Arizona. Special animal transport was arranged by the adopter and Figaro traveled in style and comfort to his new home where he quickly made himself at home declaring himself the boss of the house and demanding all of the belly rubs.

Happy Tails Figgy!

### LONG-TERM RESIDENT SUCCESS!

In our current times of dogs staying in shelters longer than we would like, we want to highlight a long-term resident success story!

We had a special visitor in June! Who remembers Jordy? One year ago, Jordy was adopted! His folks live in Oregon and brought him by for a visit, reminding us all why we work so hard for dogs like him.

Jordy was a long-term resident, a dog who struggled in the shelter setting and as his stay in a kennel became longer the harder life was for him. Our dog team kicked into high gear to help this sweet young dog find moments of joy and peace while he waited. For Jordy that would be life changing because the best was yet to come.

After 160 days in our care his people finally came for him, they saw past the barking twirling pacing dog in a kennel and knew he needed them. They supported him during his transition and he has turned into such a wonderful dog and lives the best life we could have ever imagined!

For dogs like Jordy, extended time in a kennel can be their downfall. But with support from our volunteers and behavior team we can do so much more to provide the quality of life these dogs need while they wait.

We couldn't do it without our amazing team and we hope this story encourages you to come down and support the animals in our care whose chance at a wonderful life could come at any moment!







### AFTER 507 DAYS, CHULA FINDS HER HOME

We are beyond excited to announce after 507 days, Chula has gone home!

Thanks to Chula's foster adventure with our staff member Sara, we received more home information on her and we were able to post about it on our social media. This sparked a wonderful couple to give us a call and ask more questions about her.

They came down today for a meet and greet. Sparks started to fly and she found herself a home all thanks to her foster experience.

One of the most exciting things was the couple happened to have adopted Chula's long term kennel mate Deuce a few months ago! Chula is on her way home and we're anxiously waiting on updates on their re-unification!

Fostering truly does help dogs find homes, especially our long term residents who we may not have too much home information on.

If you might be interested in fostering we'd love to have you come down any time during open hours to meet our wonderful dogs!

#### **VOLUNTEER / FOSTER**



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, and 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 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!

When attending orientation, be sure to wear closed toe 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! For more information, please visit our website:

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

#### **VOLUNTEER / FOSTER**

### SALEM SPENDS THE DAY AWAY WITH HIS FOSTER

Fostering can make a huge difference for an animal living at the shelter. Salem is enjoying a day away from the shelter and outside of his kennel with his foster human at North Spur Brewing Co. in Willits.

After finding a cool spot on the patio, they enjoyed a beverage while watching those who passed by.

Salem is one of the lucky pups who has been spending a couple nights a week in foster and he has been a dream boat - we knew he would be!

Did you know?

At HSIMC any amount of time in foster is a benefit to our pups!

Day trips, overnight, any time at all with people who love them will help them get closer to their goal of finding a home, and most importantly, keep them happier while they wait.



### **BUNNY GETS HER FOREVER HOME!**



Patrick and Elyse joined our foster team in February, they got immediately to work and have already fostered 10 pups for us.

Each foster found a place in their hearts but when they got to Bunny, their 10th foster, they knew they had found *the one*.

When the time came to bring her back onsite today they hit us with the good news, Bunny was *the one* and she isn't coming back!

We can't imagine a more loving place for our dear little Bunny!

She has come such a long way, recovered from Demodex mange thanks to Bones Pet Rescue, and in a loving home now just like we imagined for her all along!

#### Thank you Patrick and Elyse, and Bones! Bunny has found her people.

### FOSTERING IS A BLESSING ......

Fostering provides our animals 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.

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

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

#### **Contact us to Foster :**

Wed-Fri 1pm-5pm

Sat-Sun 11am-3pm

707-485-0123 ext 302

 $\underline{https://mendohumanesociety.com/volunteer\%2F foster}$ 

### FOSTER WARNING:

Before fostering animals from Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, please be aware of the following potential side effects:

- **Feelings of Overwhelming Love**: You may experience a profound sense of affection and attachment toward your foster animals. Symptoms include spontaneous smiling, frequent petting, and a deep bond that forms quickly.
- **Increased Companionship:** Expect a notable increase in companionship. This can result in daily interactions with a loyal and grateful animal, leading to less loneliness and more joy in your home.
- **Frequent Laughter:** Be prepared for frequent moments of laughter caused by playful antics and endearing behaviors of your foster pet. This side effect is common and can be highly contagious.
- Enhanced Sense of Purpose: Many foster caregivers report a heightened sense of purpose and fulfillment from helping an animal in need. This may lead to a greater overall sense of well-being and satisfaction.
- Strengthened Community Ties: You might find yourself more connected with your local community through involvement with the shelter and fellow animal lovers. Symptoms include making new friends and expanding your social network.
- **Risk of Foster Failures:** Be aware that fostering may lead to an inability to say goodbye, resulting in permanent adoption. This side effect is known as a "foster failure" and is often accompanied by lifelong joy and a happy home for your pet. At HSIMC, we call these "foster success" stories!

#### In Case of Overwhelming Love:

If you find the love too overwhelming, adoption services are available to make your foster pet a permanent member of your family.

For more information on fostering and to discuss your potential side effects, please reach out to our foster team:

Dogs/Puppies: kelsey@hsimc.org Cats/Kittens: emily@hsimc.org

### 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.

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

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

### **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.

Sutter Health, Majide, Paul Shimmin, Visit Mendocino, Knudsen, Saake, Anthony George, Megan Grewer, Keith Faulder, Anonymous, Marilu Paulson, Cynthia Huhn, Caesar Toxqui Cellars, Marian Zahler, Myrna Hurst, Mary Guibert, Sheri Cronin, Michael Scott McEnnerny, Charlotte Oeding

#### **Donations Made in Honor of People & Pets**

John Wagner, Elizabeth Bohanan, Julie Brusca

#### **Donations Made in Memory of People & Pets**

Mary Purcell, Peggy Anderson, Erica Gonzales, Willie T., Pat Trujillo

### 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: <u>www.hsimc.org</u>



### 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**

### FOOD DONATION ALERT!

Eddie Alexander saves the day for HSIMC!

Eddie stopped by with over \$1,000 worth of dog food!

This helped us fill our shelves and we couldn't be more grateful.

Thank you Eddie for always supporting us and our furry friends!



### HAVE YOU SEEN THE BILLBOARD?



MVOutdoor.com

#### Marin Ventures Outdoor Advertising

Premier Billboard Advertising for Mendocino County

(650) 343-4789

MVOutdoor has renewed this billboard opportunity for HSIMC! We love the new design and are so grateful for the opportunity to have a billboard in Mendocino County.

MVOutdoor's kindness and generosity proves a very valuable advertising opportunity to help us reach a wider audience, attract potential donors, adopters, volunteers and ultimately help us save more lives.

This is an amazing gift, THANK YOU MVOutdoor for giving HSIMC this opportunity!

Visit them at <u>MVOutdoor.com</u> for your outdoor advertising needs!

HSIMC's new billboard design is on display and can be seen at the Orr Springs overpass, on the West side of the highway as you are driving North.

#### THANK YOU MVOutdoor!

### MRS. WRIGHT'S 5TH & 6TH GRADERS ROCK!

Shout out to Luane Wright's 5th and 6th grade class from Deep Valley Christian School!

This group came for a visit in June where they enjoyed a tour of the facility and stuffed over 20 Kong toys for the dogs living onsite.

Kongs are a great way to give the dogs a little enrichment while they live onsite and it's a fun treat.

The best part of the day was hanging out in Dean's Cat House where all the cats and kittens reside.

We hope to see you all back soon volunteering with your parents! And a BIG happy retirement to Ms. Wright!

Thank you for learning about our shelter and for helping enrich the lives of the animals living onsite!

Proud Partner of The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

### LONG TIME SUPPORTER: PARDINI APPLIANCE

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 and donate \$5 per dog adoption to support our cause!

Thank you Pardini for your continued support!

### WOW THANKS BLOSSER LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!

Shout OUTS

On May 29th, a member of our Board, Teresa King, went to Blosser Lane Elementary School in Willits.

Teresa met with Karen Hetero's leadership students to talk to them about HSIMC and how we help the community.

In return, they donated a huge number of toys, food and supplies to the shelter.

Thank you so much to the students!



### **STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



A BIG THANK YOU to this crew for coming down and doing foxtail prevention in our play yards!

Every year we have foxtail incidences that typically result in a vet visit.

The work this crew accomplished sets our dogs and volunteers up for a safe place to enjoy their time.

It takes a village!

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#### **Shout OUTS**

### THANK YOU MARY PETERSON FOR ALL YOU DO!

Mary was on her way to drop her foster dog Daisy off for her spay surgery when she thought she should bring in some much-needed items for our shelter!

It's an undertaking to keep our facility running, donations like this make it easier and keep our supplies stocked.

Mary not only brought general supplies, goodies for the dogs, but she also brought some goodies for the staff!

Thank you Mary for your generosity and support!





### FOXTAIL'S BE GONE!

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Have you seen our Amazon Wishlists?

Wishlist

**FURRY FRIENDS and/or FACILITY!** 

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 following links and check-out our Wishlists:

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

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



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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!

#### Letter from our Board President

Saturday May 4, 2024 HSIMC held their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Gala event at the Barra winery and event center. The theme was "Black and White Ball" and everyone was encouraged to get dressed up and come out to support the shelter. It was a sellout, and attendees were quite excited to have an event where they could showcase their nicest outfits. The Gala was started in 2023 as a means for HSIMC to sponsor a sit-down dinner and auction fundraiser, in 2023 HSIMC set a record for the largest fundraising event in our history. Well records are made to be broken and the 2024 Gala was an absolute resounding success, every facet of the event was bigger and better than the previous year and naturally a new record was established!

As everyone knows, the shelter operates on a very limited budget and we are extremely frugal in our outlay. The priorities for spending, more often than not leaves very little capital available for facility repairs and improvements. Our shelter, while functional, is old and much of it is outdated and in desperate need of upgrade, the operating mode has been to address a need when it fails and has to be repaired or replaced. When the Gala concept was initiated, we decided to include a "Fund the Need" portion, this is a fundraising event where we identify our specific desires for upgrades and repairs and every penny that is raised via this vehicle is earmarked and reserved for that purpose.

I am very pleased to announce that since we started this campaign in 2023 and with your very generous support, over \$50k has been raised for Fund the Need at the two galas, this year having achieved a 50% increase over last year's amount. That is a lot of money and when you consider that we endeavor to support all of our construction activities with volunteer labor, this sum, primarily for materials is huge. Slowly you have seen some of the changes at the shelter and we will continue to modernize and improve the facilities for the safety and benefit of our animals and employees.

Producing a Gala event is not a simple task, it requires many hours of meticulous planning and coordination, many, many volunteers, who may be providing a product or professional service, at no cost or just simply providing labor for set-up, clean up, or serving our guests. Based on the results I think HSIMC has the formula, but only due to all of the VOLUNTEERS who help in making this a success. There are lots of people involved and without your support and commitment this effort would be much harder than it is. So, THANK YOU to everyone for all your help!

During the quarter we also sponsored Wags and Wine at Barra, attended Mendo Pride in Hopland and the annual Jeep event, which this year was held at Thurston Auto Plaza. All of these events, whether we bring animals or not give us exposure and an opportunity to tell our story, plus hopefully raise a few dollars. A new future event which we will roll-out on June 29 is a Disc golf tournament to be held at Anderson Valley Brewery. We anticipate adding this to our calendar as an annual event. The annual Kritter Karnival will be held September 22<sup>nd</sup> so don't miss this. It is a great event with lots of child-oriented activities in a safe environment.

Again, this year our sincere thanks to Fowler Subaru and Subaru of America for choosing HSIMC as the recipient of their annual "Share the Love" campaign, this was the 16<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Subaru of America has sponsored this event, donating millions of dollars annually to local charities. HSIMC can certainly feel the love!

Change is good, and in this light, after 2 years at the helm of the Board of Directors I have decided to move out of the way and make room for someone else to inject some fresh thinking/ideas, direction, and to continue to build on the progress that has been achieved in recent years. There have been many achievements during my tenure and I'd like to think that I was a driving force behind this. But the reality is that sometimes all it takes is an idea or concept for people to rally around and then momentum takes over. Two things that really standout, that go hand in hand and have been instrumental at HSIMC are: 1)Constructing a business model which, while optimizing operations also constrains and prevents us from overextending our resources and creating financial stress. 2) Achieving a strong financial foundation and establishing a cash reserve for getting the shelter through the lean times.

I will continue to serve on the Board of Directors and expect to be a strong and vocal advocate for doing things right, making sure we are not penny wise, pound foolish and continuing to cultivate relationships for our mutual benefit.

### **OUR MISSION IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!**



John King

### YTD SHELTER STATS: March 31, 2024 thru June 30, 2024

### Shelter Stats: What Are We Doing?

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

2024 Intakes Breakdown as of 6/30/2024		
Total Intake: 262	<b>Owner Surrender:</b> 75	<b>Rescue Transfer In:</b> 8
Dogs: 65 Cats: 197	Dogs: 23 Cats: 47	Dogs: 5 Cats: 3
Strays: 60	Ferals: 43	Other Intakes:
Dogs: 4 Cats: 79		Dogs: 3 Cats: 15

2024 Outcomes Breakdown as of 6/30/2024		
Total Outcomes: 197	<b>Return to Owner:</b> 4	<b>Rescue Transfer Out:</b> 27
Dogs: 92 Cats: 105	Dogs: 3 Cats: 1	Dogs: 0 Cats: 4
Adoptions:	TNR:	Deaths:
Dogs: 89 Cats: 78	*Not currently performing TNR	Dogs: 0 Cats: 17
		Died in care: 14 Euthanized: 3 Lost: 0

### September 22, 2024 - KRITTER KARNIVAL!



It's time for the Annual Kritter Karnival!

Join us on September 22, 2024 from 12pm-4pm at HSIMC!

Bring your family and friends for a day filled with fun and excitement. Here's what you can look forward to:

Games: From classic carnival games to new challenges, there's something for everyone!

- Family Fun: Activities and entertainment for all ages.
- Food: Indulge in a variety of tasty food options.
- Live Music: Enjoy live performances throughout the day.
- Silent Auction: Bid on amazing items and experiences while

Join us for a day of joy and laughter and help us continue our mission to support our community and furry friends.

We can't wait to see you there!





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#### What We're Doing/Mission

### Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

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#### We had an amazing second quarter and have so much to share with you all!

First and foremost, we hope you are doing well and staying cool as temperatures rise with the onset of summer. Here at the shelter, this time of year brings unique challenges, especially in keeping our on site residents comfortable. With limited cool spots available for our dogs to relax during the heat of the day, we rely heavily on our incredible team of fosters, volunteers, and dedicated staff to provide a more comfortable and habitable environment for the dogs residing on site. Their efforts are invaluable, and we are immensely grateful for their commitment.

Two of our staff also attended the Animal Care Expo in San Antonio, Texas back in May. This opportunity allowed us to learn, grow, and engage with some of the leading voices in animal welfare. The connections we made have provided us with invaluable support and mentorship, which will undoubtedly enhance our efforts here at the shelter.

#### One exciting initiative we are bringing back from the Expo is "Kitten College"! So, what is Kitten College?

Kitten College is a nonprofit organization offering vital support to animal shelters and rescues working to save neonatal kittens. Through education, resource sharing, and training, they strive to decrease euthanasia while increasing the quality of life for these vulnerable felines. Their goal is to provide these services at little to shelters and rescues. We plan to invite our community to join us for Kitten College on September 15th, 2024. More information will be shared as we develop the educational portion for our staff and community training. You can learn more about Kitten College here: <u>https://www.kittencollege.org/</u>

## This quarter, we also participated in CalAnimals' Adopt-a-Pet Day, a statewide event that brought people and pets together across California.

Organized by CalAnimals, whose mission is to support the success of animal welfare and sheltering organizations in meeting the needs of animals and people in their communities. This event, on June 1st, featured more than 150 animal welfare organization and with the SF SPCA offering free adoptions, CalAnimals set a goal to find homes for 2,024 shelter pets. We are delighted to report that the goal was exceeded, with 3,609 adoptions taking place! The SF SPCA generously reimbursed adoption fees across the participating rescue organizations to the tune of \$373,000!

Wrapping up Q2, we also want to shout out Creative Workshop in Ukiah. This locally owned business has offered to print our newsletters each quarter and we are thrilled to have them join our team. You will not find a nicer group of people to work with and we are so grateful to Robert and his team for helping HSIMC provide a well printed and newsletter style booklet for the stories we share with all of you.

#### We've had a fantastic second quarter in 2024, and we hope you enjoyed this wrap-up!

Your continued support and engagement make all the difference. We look forward to sharing more exciting updates in the coming months. Stay cool, and thank you for being a part of our community!



- Jenny Hanzlik

#### MISSION

The purpose of this nonprofit is to nurture, educate and engage the community in the care of cats and dogs in need, giving as many animals as possible a chance to thrive in loving homes.