

# For The **ANIMALS**



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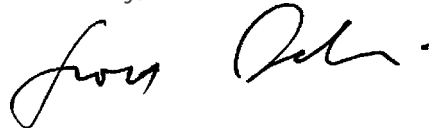
The COVID-19 pandemic changed everything worldwide. But one thing remained the same: despite it all, your SPCA continues to rescue, love, and care for animals, all thanks to you.

While I'm writing this, we are focused on maintaining our lifesaving programs while keeping staff and volunteers safe so they can focus on rescuing animals who depend on our care. Our staff has been amazing, and we've been heartened by something new daily. People dropping off donations for our Pet Food Bank, an outpouring of new foster parents, and so many people opening their hearts and homes to pets through our new adoption-by-appointment process to ensure safe social distancing. We continue to feed, love, and care for animals in our shelter, rescue wildlife, and save animals from abuse and neglect.

The support you provide year-round prepared us for this unparalleled time. Time after time, no matter what the situation, our team and our community are there for animals. We don't know what the future holds, but we do know that your continued support will pull us through. We cannot thank you enough. I'll end with something I shared with our staff: when the situation is the worst, that's when the SPCA is at its best.



Sincerely,



Scott Delucchi, President & CEO

— Did You Know? —

**12,454**

children were educated last year about humane treatment of animals and each other to build a more compassionate community.



# Your Love Saved Frosty

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**Frosty was just 8 weeks old when he was hit by a car, shattering his left rear leg.**

We took him into our care, and thanks to your kind and compassionate donations, we gave him lifesaving emergency surgery to amputate his badly injured leg.

"Frosty arrived in a lot of pain," says Dr. Elneda Connors, SPCA Chief of Shelter Medicine.

"After surgery, he experienced less pain almost immediately. In fact, he acted like nothing had ever happened to him."

Frosty's recovery started with slow walks around our

property with our skilled and caring volunteers, to expend his puppy energy and help him learn to navigate the world with three legs. He also became an internet sensation

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as we shared his story on social media. His bright blue eyes made thousands of people stop scrolling on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. That's where his new adopter, Abraham, saw him.

Abraham arrived at the SPCA before our doors opened to be first in line to meet Frosty. It was love at first sight. Abraham had previously adopted Tigger, a playful SPCA dog, and was looking for another dog to join their active lifestyle. Frosty was the perfect match.

"Our donors make so much possible," says Dr. Connors. "Because of your support, Frosty is thriving now and will live a long, happy life with his new family."





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## Clarence Finds Love

**Ten-year-old Clarence lived his entire life as an outdoor ranch dog.** When he suffered a major injury that shattered his leg, his owners self-treated the open, painful fracture at home using antiseptic spray and wraps around his dangling leg. The bones were not aligned properly, and the wounds were dirty. Clarence’s leg would have never healed correctly, and he likely would have suffered a major infection outside in the dirt with his open fracture.

Weeks after the injury, his owner took Clarence to a veterinarian and after he declined all treatments, the veterinarian contacted the SPCA.

“We asked the owner about his plan to care for Clarence,” says Angeles Lopez, SPCA Humane Officer. “He told us he made an appointment with another veterinarian, but when we called the vet hospital to confirm, they said that wasn’t true.”

Clarence’s owner didn’t know how he was injured or how long he had been suffering.

“This was obviously an injury that couldn’t be fixed at home,” adds Officer Lopez. “Plus, the long-term lack of care went far beyond the injury. Just looking at Clarence, I knew we had to do something. That’s what we’re here for.”

After declining further treatment, Clarence’s owner surrendered him to the SPCA. The case was submitted to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office for prosecution, with charges including failure to provide veterinary care.



"It's so sad, he's an old guy, and for him to sustain this injury and just sit there suffering is heartbreaking and illegal," says Officer Lopez.

Clarence was rushed to the SPCA Veterinary Clinic for emergency amputation surgery.

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"When Clarence arrived he was understandably stoic and shut down," says Dr. Elneda Connors, SPCA Chief of Shelter Medicine. "After surgery, we saw the spark of life return to his eyes."

While Clarence recovered from surgery, we also treated his long-term skin and dental issues and fed him a quality diet to bring back his weight and muscle tone.

"Clarence seemed so appreciative of our TLC Program," says Dr. Connors. "He seemed to know he was in good hands and he trusted us."

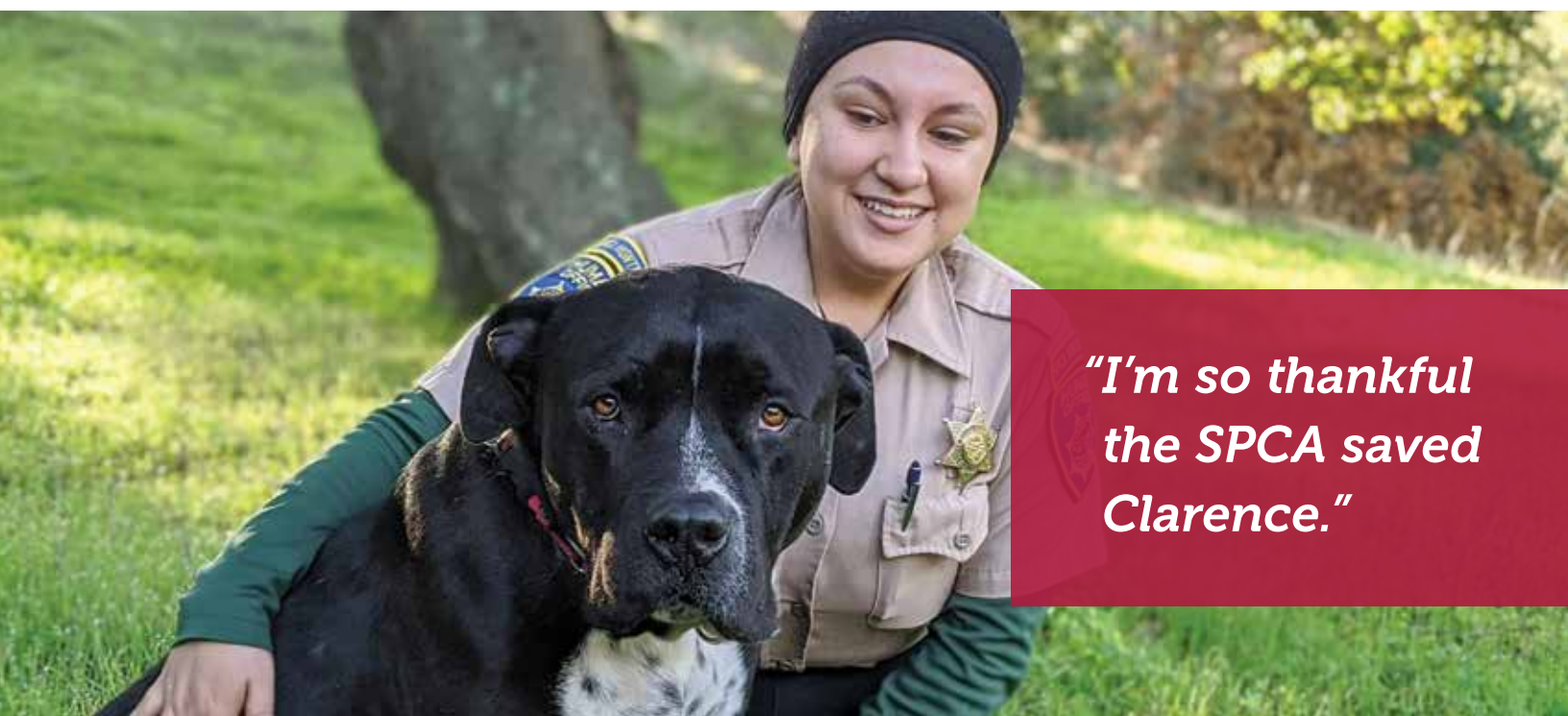
After weeks of recovery and physical therapy in a loving foster home, Clarence was ready for his new home. In walked John Michael Moody.



"He's kind of famous in the area," laughs John. "Strangers come up and say, 'I'm so glad you adopted Clarence'. I don't think he has any idea he has three legs, he's still happy and loving and a great dog. I'm so thankful the SPCA saved Clarence."

"I was thrilled when Clarence was adopted," says Angeles. "He's 10 and has the chance to start his life over."

"In many other situations, a dog like Clarence may not have been given the chance we were able to give him here," says Dr. Connors. "Being able to help him is why we do what we do. Thanks to our donors, we are here for the animals that no one else can or will care for."



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## Dangerous Trap Injures Hawk

**A report came in about a bird “caught in garbage” on the ground, unable to fly.** The struggling bird was an adult red-shouldered hawk with a glue trap stuck to his tail and wing. He had likely seen a rodent in the dangerous trap and became stuck himself when he dove for his prey. The trapped hawk would have suffered and perished without emergency intervention.

He was brought to the safety of our Wildlife Center. Skilled wildlife rescuers carefully removed the glue trap to avoid damaging his feathers and gave the hawk an intensive specialized treatment to remove the sticky residue. Two days later, the healthy hawk recovered and was released back to the wild. Thank you for your support that makes all our wildlife rescues possible!

## Fostering Saves Lives

**Spring is here, and our shelter is bursting with tiny kittens and puppies.** Our Kitten Nursery houses dozens of thriving neonatal kitties while over 90 foster families open their hearts and homes to kittens, puppies and other pets who need them. Can you help?

Last year, 93 SPCA foster families lovingly raised 615 babies, bottle feeding, cuddling, cleaning and teaching them all they need to know to be wonderful adoptable pets. Imagine how many more lives we could change by having you on our foster team, too! Fostering can last from a few days to a few months, and we especially need help caring for orphaned bottle babies and mother cats and their kittens.

Can't foster right now? You can give gifts to these little orphans at [www.SPCAmc.org/kitten-shower!](http://www.SPCAmc.org/kitten-shower)



# A Baa-utiful Future for Franklin

**When Franklin was rejected by his mother at birth, his owners turned to the SPCA for help.**

Thanks to your support, Franklin was welcomed to the SPCA's Barn for immediate treatment.

Franklin was in critical condition, needing bottle feeding around the clock with SPCA staff taking him home overnight for care. Once stabilized, Franklin moved to a loving foster family, where he lived in their home and continued his night and day bottles.

Because of our love and care, Franklin grew healthy and very social — more like a puppy than a sheep — wearing adorable sweaters and happily following everyone around. Franklin's adopter, Terry, heard about him through a friend who volunteers in the SPCA barn. "We have a lot of different pets, but we didn't have a sheep," she says. "He was really sweet, so we adopted him!" Franklin now shares his happy attitude bossing around three mellow pot-bellied pigs in his new home.



# Senior Sisters Find Forever Home

Bella and Sasha, two senior sisters, were adopted from us as kittens in 2004, and sadly were returned when their adopter moved.

Finding a home for two 15-year-old cats took time, but your support allows us to never put time limits on pets. After 65 days in our shelter, Bella and Sasha were adopted — together!

"When I visited, I planned to adopt one cat," says their adopter, Alicia. "But I saw them and hated the thought of breaking up their family. Now that my kids have moved out, they help fill a void. They are really great kitties and they love cuddling."

Last year, your SPCA found loving homes for over 200 senior pets. Thank you for making this possible!



# GIVE THEM HOPE

Donate and help animals like Tigger get the lifesaving care they need.

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