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# You're at the Heart of Our Lifesaving Mission

If all the animals that came into our care as strays or owner-surrenders were perfectly healthy, our job would be much simpler. But this is far from our reality!

Most require special attention before we can rehome them. Many haven't been spayed or neutered. Many arrive shy and withdrawn — they've clearly been neglected or undersocialized in their previous lives. Many have never worn a collar, walked on leash, spent a night indoors, ridden in a car or been exposed to stairways or doorways.

We receive horses who arrive with badly neglected hooves and teeth, horses who have never been under saddle and are terrified of being trailered. Dogs and cats come to us with skin conditions, untreated injuries, painful matting, masses, limps and ear infections. Animals arrive underweight or overweight.

Some arrive physically broken. Others arrive behaviorally broken. Or both.

After we treat the physical issues, we address the behavioral ones, and that can take much longer to resolve. When visitors see animals available for adoption, they are seeing the finished product. What they don't see is the weeks or months of dedication, compassion and care. They don't see the tender moments and patience from our staff and committed volunteers, whose kindness and skill truly change lives.



All this hard work — through our TLC Program — is only made possible by your generosity. We couldn't do what we do without you, and we're so grateful to have your continued support.

Thank you!

Scott Delucchi, President & CEO



————— Did You Know? —————

# 7,482 ANIMALS

were spayed or neutered at our SPCA Monterey County Veterinary Clinic and through our grants to local rescue groups last year. This includes 1,454 feral cats altered at our clinic for free, preventing the birth of thousands of homeless animals.





*Winston had a bladder stone that caused him pain. Your compassion helped him get better.*

## A Weight Lifted for This Little Dog

**When Winston came to the SPCA as a stray, he arrived in a safe place filled with love.**

Your support means that we are always here when animals like Winston need us most.

During a walk shortly after he arrived, our staff noticed that Winston was dribbling urine. They alerted our veterinary team, who quickly examined him. Radiographs revealed a large bladder stone.

"Winston's struvite bladder stone was likely due to an untreated urinary tract infection," says Dr. Julio Gomez, SPCA veterinarian. "It had likely been there for quite some time."

SPCA veterinarians performed surgery to remove the stone, which was about the size of a lemon — large in the body of a tiny, 10-pound dog! Little Winston recovered with ease after the procedure, feeling so much

better after suffering for so long.

Because of you, we could give Winston a second chance at a happy life.

"The chance of him now having an awesome rest of his life is so satisfying," says Dr. Gomez.

"I would give the SPCA 10 stars if I could for the excellent care they gave to Winston," says his adopter, Karen. She had been looking for a dog for almost a year, but her long search ended as soon as she saw sweet Winston's photo. She fell in love!

Winston now walks a mile every day with Karen and enjoys sleeping on her bed next to her cat.

"Winston fills a space in my heart," says Karen. "I didn't know there was something missing until I found him." Thank you for giving Winston a second chance at life — and love! 🐾

# Foster a Pet, Save a Life

## Be Part of a Pet's Journey to Joy!

**Every year, we rescue thousands of animals who need our love — and yours.**

The SPCA foster program truly changes lives. Volunteers provide a vital service for the animals in our care, from tiny newborn puppies and kittens to adult dogs who need a little help finding a home. Whether you have months to give or just a few hours, you can make a real difference by fostering in your home.

"I just think it's so important," says foster volunteer Bonnie, who began fostering kittens at home with her daughter eight years ago and has now raised over 50 pets. "I told my daughter we could do it once, but she's in college now and I'm still fostering!"

Foster Friends volunteers prepare underage or injured pets for their forever loving homes. Fostering can last anywhere from a few days to a few months, depending on the age and health of the pet. Pets who benefit from fosters include bottle-feeding kittens, kittens with their mother, orphaned puppies or an adult dog healing from a broken leg. We'll provide

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*You can be part of an animal's happily ever after. Consider fostering a pet at SPCA Monterey County today!*



## Unleash Your Pup's Potential

### Join Our Tail-Wagging Training Classes!

Keeping pets in happy, healthy and harmonious homes is key to reducing the number of animals surrendered due to behavioral issues. That's why our Behavior and Training Team offers a range of affordable classes for you and your canine companion. From virtual classes to in-person training, or private training sessions to Sunday dog socials, we welcome you to learn and grow with us. Visit [spcamc.org/training](https://spcamc.org/training) to select a class that's right for you and your best furry friend!





*"If you love dogs, do it! You'll do something good for yourself while doing something good for a dog."*

all the food, supplies and medical care. You supply the love!

"There have been so many special moments," says Bonnie, who admits it can be hard returning kittens to be adopted. "I used to cry when dropping them off but now I don't. We trust the SPCA will get them a good home, because they will. It's all worth it. You can do it!"

If you don't have the time or space to foster long-term, our new Doggy Day Out Program might be a great fit for you. Doggy Day Out participants take shelter dogs on short field trips, providing them with fun playtime out of the shelter and helping them thrive while they await their forever homes.

"I love the one-on-one time with each dog," says Deanna, a retired dentist. "I enjoy it, and the dogs enjoy it."

Doggy Day Out adventures can include a wide range of activities, from hiking and long walks by the ocean to relaxing picnics in a park — or even lunch at pet-friendly restaurants. Deanna loves to take her dogs to Del Monte Center, where they can meet potential adopters in a quieter place with fewer distractions.

"I come back invigorated, and they come back tired," laughs Deanna. "If you love dogs, do it! You'll do something good for yourself while doing something good for a dog."



*The Foster Friends volunteer experience is rewarding for both animal and foster parent alike.*

Thanks to your support, we continue to expand ways to help the pets in our care, including fostering, Doggy Day Out and our new Slumber Paw-ties with shelter dogs. As a leader in animal welfare, we thank you for giving us the resources we need to always expand to meet our pets' needs. 🐾



# Your Support Brought This Wounded Kitty Back to Purrfect Health!



*Ouch! This wide-eyed cat needed a lot of time to recover from an untreated neck wound. But you went above and beyond for her.*



**Willow had been suffering from a painful neck wound for over a month when our Humane Investigations officers took her into our loving care.** Thanks to your support, we could help her.

SPCA veterinarians cleaned and sutured the deep wound, which nearly spanned her whole neck. Because her injury was so large and was left untreated for so long, it took weeks for her to recover. But your support meant we had the time and resources to give her everything she needed. With a dedicated foster volunteer and significant treatments at our Veterinary Clinic, including biopsies, medications and laser therapy, Willow's pain eased and her scars started to fade. After eleven weeks, Willow went to her new home.

"It was my birthday and my daughter said 'let's go look at kittens,'" says Willow's adopter, Tamara. "I was drawn to Willow's cute face and my daughter adopted her for me, saying 'this cat was meant to live with you, Mom.' I lost my heart to her the first day." 🐾

# You Helped This Badger Bounce Back!



*This tough survivor needed tender care. Thank you for ensuring we can help all kinds of animals — like badgers!*

**Did you know we have badgers in Monterey County?** This badger was found hiding in a garage in Soledad. We believe nearby construction activity scared him away from or destroyed his burrow. But thanks to you, he had a safe place to recover at the SPCA Wildlife Center.

The badger was dehydrated, thin and desperately in need of help. Blood tests showed he was also anemic, so we treated him with iron supplements and vitamin K. With treatment and lots of healthy food, he recovered and showed us he was ready to be free again.

After a month of specialized care, we released him into a much more suitable habitat in the Los Padres National Forest. Watch his return at [www.spcamc.org/badger!](http://www.spcamc.org/badger!) 🐾

# “I Knew I Could Give Her a Loving Home”

**Senior horse Morgan came into the SPCA’s loving care through our Humane Investigations officers.**

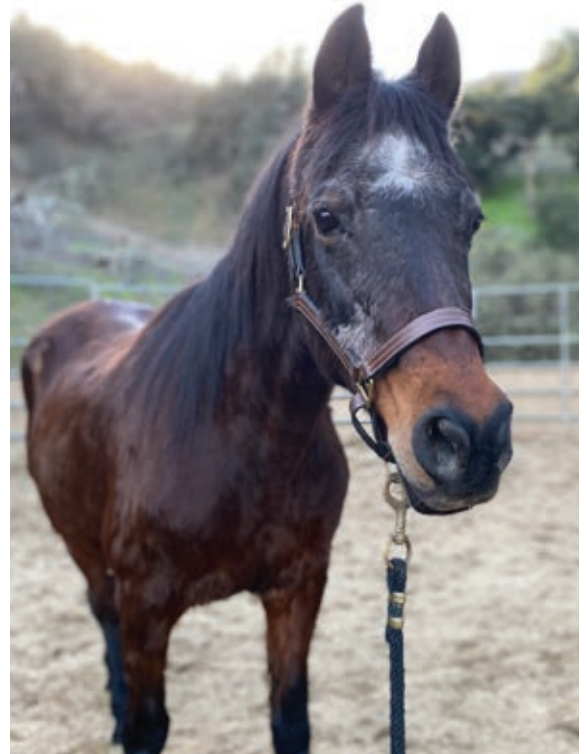
She was thin and in desperate need of dental and farrier work, but at 25 years old, this sweet girl still had a lot of love to give.

After providing the care she needed to return to full health, we shared Morgan’s information and portrait on our website, where adopter Angie fell in love.

“I went to the SPCA’s website to look for chickens,” says Angie. “I didn’t see any chickens, but I saw Morgan’s little gray face and knew I could give her a loving home.”

Morgan is settling in and becoming friends with Angie’s other senior horses.

“She’s so loved. Thank you for allowing me to adopt her!” 🐾



*Angie went to the SPCA looking for chickens. Instead, she left with a sweet senior horse!*

## Learning a New Language With the Help of Our Furry Friends



*Pets lend their kindness — and a listening ear — to service members learning new languages.*

**Thanks to your compassionate support, we are always here for pets, wildlife ... and people!**

The joy and comfort that pets bring can truly change lives, and we are honored to bring that love to our service members at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) Foreign Language Center.

SPCA shelter pets offer a non-judgmental ear to service members studying at DLI, who visit our shelter to practice their language skills by reading to our cats and dogs.

“We know how intense studying Arabic can be, and we want students to use their target language in an engaging, low-stress environment,” said Dr. Leah Graham, the technical training director for the Air Force at the Defense Language Institute.

SPCA Hug-A-Pet volunteers also visit DLI monthly, providing comfort and companionship to service members away from home. Your support truly shares love all around! 🐾



# GIVE THEM HOPE

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