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You're What Makes Us Special

What makes the SPCA special? It's the people. Like our employees and volunteers, some of whom have been with the SPCA for 15 to 20 years! It's our diverse, animal-loving community — including friends like you. Your generosity helps us maintain a scope of programs and services unlike any other shelter in the United States.

As you know, we care for homeless dogs and cats — but this is far from all. We also rescue rabbits and other small pets, horses and other barn animals, pet birds, reptiles, and sick and injured wildlife. This year alone, the wildlife center treated more than 160 species! Caring for such different needs requires adequate space and equipment, staff expertise and support, and can take days, weeks or even months. Providing care for just one horse can last well over a year and easily cost thousands of dollars or more.

Our Veterinary Clinic is also very busy, offering low- or no-cost spay and neuter surgeries as a community service to drive down the number of stray pets and accidental litters.

And we educate thousands of children annually, offer dog training classes, rescue pets from neglect and abuse, and provide emergency services to help animals and pet owners impacted during disasters. We enjoy special partnerships with Meals on Wheels, Salinas Valley State Prison (where inmates train SPCA dogs!) and Central Coast College. None of this incredible work would happen without your generosity.

Thank you for providing the support that makes our special work possible, and for impacting so many lives!

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Scott Delucchi, President & CEO

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Different species were lovingly cared for at SPCA Monterey County in 2023, including 163 diverse wildlife species! Because of your outstanding generosity, we will continue to help all kinds of animals wherever and whenever they need us.

Nibsy's love for friends like you is unconditional! Despite everything she's been through, her tail keeps wagging.

You Gave Senior Pets Like Nibsy a New Leash on Life!

Nibsy's former life is shrouded in mystery, but your support helped this sweet senior Pekingese overcome a rough road to find love once again ...

When Nibsy arrived at the SPCA, our staff discovered she had a microchip, but her previous owner had been deceased for some time with no next of kin. The address associated with the microchip led to a condemned house.

Nobody knows how long Nibsy was on her own, wandering the streets — but because of your outstanding kindness, she found love and safety at our shelter.

"Her personality won over our entire staff," chuckled Dr. Kate Riley, SPCA Veterinarian. "Despite everything she had been through, she was really happy, friendly and sweet with everybody. We all fell in love with her cute little face!"

After weeks of care, a much-needed grooming

and significant dental work, SPCA staff posted Nibsy's picture on social media. It only took three hours for Nibsy to find her next loving home.

"I saw her photo online and went 'oh my, she's so cute!'," says her adopter, Josephine. "She snores like crazy and she loves having her picture taken. I just love her."

"It's an absolute myth that senior dogs don't get adopted," Dr. Riley adds. "At SPCA Monterey County, seniors like Nibsy can be just as popular as puppies. We never hesitate to help them, and we provide lifesaving procedures before adoption like mass removals and dentals. Your compassion means pets like Nibsy get second chances at love."

Thanks to your support, senior pups like Nibsy are thriving! Thank you for all that you do to help pets like her. 🐾

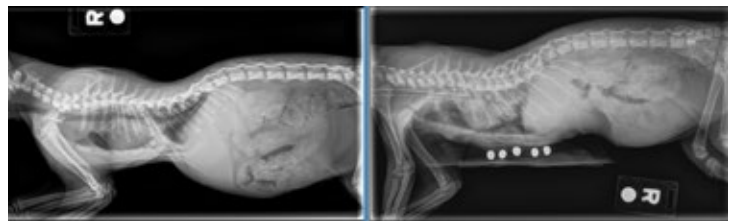# More Room for Life and Love: Thank You for Helping Momo

Just look at her picture: It's easy to see that Momo is a tiny yet mighty kitten! But when she arrived at the SPCA all alone, her uphill battle with health had only just begun.

Our skilled veterinary team first noticed that her chest was smaller than an average kitten's due to a congenital defect called pectus excavatum. She was placed with a loving and experienced foster volunteer to monitor her symptoms and, while she was active and happy, Momo would tire quickly and pant heavily during play.

"We see many kittens with a curved sternum, but Momo also had a curved spine, and they curve towards each other," says Dr. Kate Riley, SPCA Veterinarian. "It made her lung space significantly smaller and threatened her quality of life."

The SPCA veterinary team was determined to help little Momo fight for a better, healthier future. With time and careful consideration, Dr. Riley attempted a procedure that would help clear more room for Momo's lungs.

Momo's chest and spine required specialized care. You made sure we had all the tools and resources we needed to treat her condition.

CASTING CALL!
Is Your Pet a Superstar?

We know your cell phone is full of adorable photos of your beloved pets. We want to see them!

You're invited to enter your photos into the 2025 Calendar of Superstar Pets Photo Contest. Feathered, furry and scaly friends are all welcome. Every photo entered will appear in the calendar. Photos with the most votes will win fabulous prizes!

Your $25 entry fee does so much more than enter your pet into the photo contest: It helps homeless, abused and neglected animals in Monterey County. As a token of our appreciation, all entries will receive a free 2025 calendar.

Enter now at spcamc.org/calendar

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We surgically sutured a splint onto Momo's breastbone and placed small weights on the splint to gently pull the curvature out to a more normal position.

SPCA staff examined Momo weekly to perform minor adjustments, assess improvements and gently tighten the sutures when needed. It took six weeks for her to fully recover, but the procedure more than doubled the space for her lungs. She spent one more week with her foster family after we removed her splint to ensure everything stayed in place, and then Momo was officially ready for adoption.

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"Thanks to our donors' support, we had all the tools and time necessary to save Momo," Dr. Riley says with glee. "It was a huge team effort to save her, and that team is always here thanks to you. Because of you, we could see her grow up and be able to play, be happy, be loving and be loved."

Momo can look forward to a future full of love, play and delicious catnip all because of you!

It didn't take long for a cutie like Momo to capture the hearts of a family looking to adopt. "Momo is the missing piece we didn't know we needed," says her adopter, Nicole. "She has a huge personality, is very vocal and responsive, and loves to be near us constantly."

"To the team that saved her life: thank you, thank you, THANK YOU," Nicole adds. "We simply cannot thank you enough. There are so many animals that wouldn't be alive without the SPCA's involvement, and countless homes — mine included — that are full of joy and love thanks to adopting a pet from the SPCA."

Thank you for helping Momo fight for a second chance at life — and love! 🐾

This Owl Can Fly High All Because of You!

We use your donations to help all kinds of animals — including this Great Horned Owl!

This Great Horned Owl arrived at the SPCA stuck in a bind. He was found tightly wrapped in wire, and his right wing drooped unnaturally. Because of you, we could give him the care he desperately needed.

Our skilled SPCA rescue team provided fluids and pain medication, carefully wrapped his injured wing and took radiographs to ensure he didn't have any broken bones. After five days of rest, our team moved the owl to an outdoor enclosure where he showed us he could fly, but he fatigued easily and needed more rehabilitation before he could survive in the wild.

After a few more weeks of gentle care, the owl was cleared for release, and he could fly away strong and free. "Thank hoo" for all your support in this owl's recovery! 🐾

Your Support Helped Set a New Record!

Just imagine how many more animals would need shelter and care if not for the spay and neuter services you helped provide.

Your support helped the SPCA Veterinary Clinic do something incredible. Just last year, we set a new record, spaying and neutering 6,900 pets! That means thousands fewer homeless and neglected animals in our community, and many more happy, healthy and cherished family pets.

1,454 of those treated were feral cats, spayed or neutered at absolutely no cost — all because of you!

We also provided grants to local rescue partners to help them alter more pets outside of our clinic walls. This additional funding and support meant another 595 pets won't bring more puppies or kittens into our community without enough homes to sustain them.

Thanks to you, our Veterinary Clinic has been Monterey County's leader in fighting pet overpopulation since 1976. With your partnership, our skilled veterinary team has the tools and resources needed to save even more lives and make a difference with compassionate, loving care. 🐾

How You're Creating Humane Communities

Did you know? There are so many ways animals can boost kindness in kids!

SPCA Monterey County offers a wide variety of opportunities for children to cultivate kindness and empathy for animals. Through our educational outreach programs, young animal lovers in our community will learn to develop core values like responsibility, compassion and nurturing respect for all living things. And did we mention that these programs are FUN?

Our Animal Campers learn important lessons in animal safety, make enriching toys for shelter pets and enjoy fun visits with adoptable animals in our care.

During the school year, SPCA guest speakers head to the classroom where Animal Club students learn responsible pet ownership, pet training and much more!

In our Paws to Read program, SPCA educators visit classrooms accompanied by a sweet, ready-to-listen homeless pet, helping students improve their reading skills with patience and compassion.

You can learn more about SPCA educational programs at spcamc.org/camp. After all, your generous support makes these programs possible! 🐾

An Im-Peck-Able Picture Leads to This Chicken's Adoption

When our team at the SPCA shared Avery's photo on our website, Annie took one look at her and fell in love. Though Annie lives all the way in Portland, Oregon, the distance didn't stop her. She decided it was time for a chicken-adoption road trip!

It didn't take long for Avery to settle into her new home — and for her personality to shine through. "Avery loves dust baths, will jump for berries in our yard, and enjoys sleeping inside with AC when it's hot," Annie told us.

Thanks to your support, SPCA Monterey County is one of the only shelters in the nation that is here for such a wide variety of animals who need our help. Thank you for ensuring we can always be here for them. 🐾

We wish Avery the best of "cluck" in her new, loving home!

GIVE THEM HOPE

Donate to help animals like Georgia and Cricket get the lifesaving care they need.

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