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CREATING A HUMANE WORLD FOR ANIMALS AND PEOPLE
Helen Woodward Animal Center is a unique, private, non-profit organization dedicated to saving the lives of animals and enriching the lives of people. For more than 45 years, our no-kill Center has provided humane care and adoption for orphan animals, as well as animal-centered educational and therapeutic programs for people. The Center is a dynamic, evolving institution that is an agent of change for the animal welfare world. Not only are we operating innovative and beneficial programs for animals and people, but we are teaching others around the world how to successfully market and promote their programs and stop the senseless death of thousands of animals.
Dear Friend of the Animals,

Here at Helen Woodward Animal Center we wrapped up a wonderful year-end and are hitting the ground running in 2020. I would like to begin by thanking all of you who supported us through Giving Tuesday, the HOPE Telethon and/or our year-end mailings. We could not be more grateful for all of you and your incredible generosity. One of the exciting items of news that I wanted to share with you is the fact that in 2020 we will be launching our campaign to rebuild Helen Woodward Animal Center’s Humane Education and Pet Encounter Therapy building. We have selected an architect and are excited to begin the design of this hands-on facility that will bring children and our diverse collection of education/therapy animals together in a unique space that will be comfortable for both and provide opportunities for shared experiences. This new structure will not only meet the needs of children from 4-14 years of age, but it will provide hands-on interactive features and experiences. It will truly be the embodiment of Helen Woodward’s vision for the Center to be a place that teaches each of our young visitors to “Share the Earth” with our animal friends.

The coming months will also bring to fruition a long-held vision for Helen Woodward Animal Center to have a self-contained unit that will allow us to provide emergency assistance to animal groups from around the country in times of disaster. Due to the generosity of The San Diego Foundation through a matching grant with the Alex and Elisabeth Lewyt Charitable Trust, we have been able to purchase a 36-foot RV equipped with cages, an exam table, supply cabinets, laundry facilities, and the ability to travel with four fully trained staff members. The vehicle has enough cages to allow the transport of up to 30 animals back to the Center once our work on site is completed. In addition to the vehicle itself we have received enough support to train up to eight of our staff in an intensive disaster response program offered through Code 3 Associates in Northern California. Our staff will be prepared to provide the best care possible to animals in distress in a variety of disaster situations. These are just a couple of the many new projects that we are working on at the Center in 2020. It’s going to be a non-stop year starting with a February trip to Alabama to train organizations through the Alabama/Florida/Georgia region through our Business of Saving Lives program, and another workshop scheduled for June here at the Center, including a special guest visitor from our recent trip to Estonia.

In February alone, our alumni appeared on American Rescue Dog Show on the Hallmark Channel and the Puppy Bowl on Animal Planet and the demand for our pets continues to grow with a goal of close to 4,000 placed in loving adoptive homes in 2020. Our new Adoptions Center recently allowed us to house a record-breaking 14 mother dogs and cats and their 78 offspring this January and we are just getting started.

Thank you for your support that has made all these tremendous achievements possible. Please join us for another amazing year for the animals, we can only do it with your partnership and we are so grateful.

For a more humane world,

Michael M. Arms
President and CEO
WHERE are they now?

**Joni, formerly Tesla**
**Adopted May 2019**

After a luxury Tesla rescue ride from Fresno with the help of The Dogist, Tesla, now named Joni, arrived at the Center with her six puppies. After completing her motherly duties, she quickly found her forever home.

Her new mom, Austin says “Joni has discovered a few favorite things: frolicking at the dog beach, joining her mom & aunt for weekend brunch, and diligently picking up every pinecone she comes across on her walks.”

**Dolly, formerly Peace, and Tigger**
**Adopted Dec. 2019**

Momma cat Dolly and kitten Tigger found their forever home together and their new mom had this to say about them: “Tigger is a typical kitten — adorable, affectionate, and he thinks everything is a toy for him. He even thinks Dolly is here to entertain him. Dolly and Tigger were made to be together. Dolly is a beautiful girl with a great personality. She plays with Tigger and has started grooming him. They play together as if they have always been together.”

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**IMMENSE DELIVERY KICKS OFF WORLD’S LARGEST PET ADOPTION DRIVE**

Since 1999, 17 million pets have found their forever homes through the three-month-long adoption drive, Home 4 The Holidays®. Created by Center President & CEO Mike Arms the campaign aims at encouraging holiday pet seekers to adopt their next pet rather than turn to pet stores or backyard breeders. This year, our title sponsor, Blue Buffalo, helped to kick off the campaign with a tremendous gift — a massive delivery of 230,000 pounds of pet food!

Delivered to Helen Woodward Animal Center and Paws Crossed Animal Rescue in New York, these locations became hubs for dozens of animal rescue organizations and shelters on opposite coasts to pick up life-saving holiday meals for their orphan pets.

This amazing gift was the perfect beginning to a great adoption season. This year, together with the more than 4,000 participating animal shelters and rescues throughout the world, Blue Buffalo Home 4 The Holidays found homes for a total 1,335,006 orphan pets.

As part of the world-wide pet adoption campaign, Helen Woodward Animal Center also held a Rescue Van Contest. For the second year, the Center asked rescue groups and shelters to submit how they successfully and creatively promoted and increased adoptions during the holidays.

The winner of a rescue van or $25,000 was Wag On Inn Rescue from Brick, New Jersey. Wag on Inn Rescue increased their holiday adoptions by a whopping 133 percent by promoting their pets on local radio, holding more adoptions events, posting letters to Santa from their pets to social media and more. Ulster County SPCA from Kingston, New York was also granted $1,000 for their stand-out efforts to find pets in need a home during Home 4 The Holidays.

A big thanks to all the participating organizations and a special thank you to Naturally Fresh for donating nine pallets of cat litter. We are already looking forward to next year.
Helen Woodward Animal Center is getting ready to make a greater impact on the lives of animals and people in need, particularly when disaster strikes with its own Emergency Response Mobile Veterinary Unit and deployment team.

Since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Helen Woodward Animal Center has taken an active role to lend a hand during emergency situations around the country. When parts of the East Coast were devastated by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, the Center partnered with Southwest Airlines and SeaWorld Rescue to fly 60 orphaned pets at high risk of euthanasia because of overcrowding to Rancho Santa Fe, where they found safety and soon after, forever homes.

Center adoptions and medical staff were also on the ground after Hurricane Harvey left the Houston area underwater. There, our team was able to assist Operation Pets Alive to provide medical care and rescue to approximately 80 pets left in flooded shelters and put them on a donated plane from Southwest Airlines on a life-saving flight to the Center. These rescue missions left their mark on Helen Woodward Animal Center, prompting an initiative to fund an Emergency Response Mobile Veterinary Unit and train a team that will be ready to deploy whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

“It has always been Helen Woodward Animal Center’s goal to not only assist animals in need locally but all around the country and even the world,” said Helen Woodward Animal Center President & CEO Mike Arms. “This new emergency response equipment is another factor helping us make this work possible.”

Thanks to two incredible acts of generosity, the Center has received funding totaling $250,000 to purchase and retrofit a response unit and train a rotating team of eight Center staff in emergency response. Helen Woodward Animal Center is endlessly grateful to The San Diego Foundation’s matching grant support of $125,000, generously matched by the Alex and Elisabeth Lewyt Charitable Trust. These important donations will fund the purchase and retrofitting of a 36-foot-long unit that will be able to sleep four people, house approximately 30 animals in 15 kennels and a medical exam table. The unit will be self-sufficient, equipped with a refrigerator, laundry facility, bathroom and bathing equipment for the animals.

The donated funds will also be used to purchase personal safety gear and send a team of eight Center staff to a specialized training in Northern California in April conducted by Code 3 Associates, a nonprofit providing professional training to individuals and agencies involved in animal related emergency response. There, the team will learn water operation and boat safety, animal handling and behavior, fire awareness, search and rescue and more.

The goal of these rescue missions is to alleviate the burden on animal welfare professionals and shelters in areas affected by disaster. Our team will respond by rescuing and treating injured pets and transporting orphan animals in need back to San Diego to safety and eventually find them forever families.
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“We’re so excited for the upcoming Spring Break Critter Camp!” says Education’s Assistant Manager Kelly McMahon. “Spring is such a wonderful time because it’s full of new life and vibrant energy. We’re grateful for the opportunity to provide an experience that’s fun and educational for kids on spring break, and it’s such a joy to see the kids form a new appreciation and love for animals during their time here.”

You can get more information on Spring Camp and sign up online by visiting animalcenter.org/education or e-mail any questions to education@animalcenter.org

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PUPPY BOWL XVI
For the second year, a Center orphan puppy wagged onto the gridiron on TV's cutest sporting event of the year: Animal Planet's PUPPY BOWL.

Bobby, a Poodle-Lhasa Apso blend arrived at Helen Woodward Animal Center in late 2019 when he and his four littermates were found by a rescue partner, only weeks old, motherless, and in a desperate fight for survival. The rescue introduced the fragile litter to a Chihuahua mother who took Bobby and his litter in and nursed them as her own.

In October, Bobby traveled to New York for the filming of PUPPY BOWL XVI. Chalk it up to his fighting spirit, but Bobby's spunk secured him an easy place on the roster among 96 orphan puppies from around the country.

On SuperBowl Sunday, Bobby's San Diego fan club and supporters of pet adoption gathered for a tail-gate and watch party showing their spirit for Team Fluff at Oggi's Del Mar where 15% of the proceeds were donated to the Center's orphan pets in need. Bobby suited up, going up against Team Ruff and helped Team Fluff take the big win!

AMERICAN RESCUE DOG SHOW
Proving that rescue dogs can go paw to paw to compete on a national stage, Hallmark's 2020 American Rescue Dog Show highlighted two Helen Woodward Animal Center alumni, Balonee and Champion.

The star-studded special, that aired as a two-night event Feb. 16 and 17 on Hallmark Channel, features rescue dogs adopted from various shelters around the country and world competing for grants for their alumni shelters in adorable categories such as Best Couch Potato, Best in Wiggles, Best in Ears and Best in Talking. The goal of the show is to inspire viewers to adopt their next dog from their local shelter or rescue organization.

This year, our two alumni were among the finalists in their categories. Pomeranian blend Balonee, adopted by the Center's own Pet Encounter Therapy Manager, Robin Cohen, strutted his stuff in the Senior Category. Now 16 years old, Balonee came to the Center after being abandoned in a parking lot. Cohen volunteered to foster Balonee while he received medical care. It wasn't long before Cohen fell in love and decided to make Balonee a permanent member of her family. Now, Balonee inspires others and puts a smile on senior's faces as a Pet Encounter Therapy dog.

Also representing rescue pets at the American Rescue Dog Show was Champion, who competed in the Special Needs category. Just last year, Champion was rescued as a puppy from a hoarding situation that left him with a severely injured leg. Our veterinarians determined Champion would have the best chance at an active, healthy life if they removed his leg. Champion quickly proved he had the will to push through his challenges despite life on three legs.

The Cariss family quickly spotted Champion at Helen Woodward Animal Center and welcomed him into their home.

At the American Rescue Dog Show, which filmed in Los Angeles, Champion wowed the judges with his incredible zest for life taking first place in the Special Needs Category and winning a $5,000 grant to support more orphan pets at the Center. His category win secured him a spot in Best of Show where Champion's moxie left the judges inspired and garnered him special recognition falling just shy of the overall 1st place title.

“Since we adopted Champion from Helen Woodward Animal Center, he's brought our family so many smiles and is a daily inspiration,” Dana Cariss, Champion's adopter said. “Hallmark is providing a great platform to not only showcase rescue pets but highlight the greatness within special needs pets.
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Although the months of April and May are best known for new beginnings and abundant births, Helen Woodward Animal Center has experienced a spring, of sorts, in January with a record number of pregnant dogs and cats.

In just the first month of the year, we cared for 14 momma dogs and cats and their whopping 78 puppies and kittens. That’s more than ever before!

The increase in moms has been made possible thanks to the construction of our new adoptions building. When we opened our doors last summer, we paved the way to help even more pets in need, especially moms and babies.

With more kennel space available, we have been able to transfer in more pets traveling from overburdened shelters that simply don’t have the space, time or resources that moms require. They’ve arrived from shelters in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and even Hawaii.

“A newborn family requires months of resources from a medical department, a foster network, and shelter staff. Mother and babies cannot go available for adoption for at least 8 weeks after birth, due to recovery time, required vaccines, and spays and neuters,” states Jennifer Shorey, Helen Woodward Animal Center Director of Operations. “Tragically, for challenged shelters with time limits, this can mean that an entire family may be put down before the babies are even born.

We’re proud to say that many of those shelters now call us first so that we can help them save these lives.”

The Center’s new adoptions building also brought all of our animals completely indoors in climate controlled kennels protecting delicate mommas and their puppies from the elements.

We have improved separation between our pets in various stages of life in our new accommodations as well, to include more quiet and calm environments for moms and their babies. Another improvement making it possible to save a record-breaking number of momma dogs and cats was dramatically increasing our medical suites to provide veterinary care to more pets, more efficiently and ensure healthy babies and moms.

Of course, this life-saving work could not be done without our incredible army of volunteer foster families. Our new building also improved the process for picking up foster pets, dropping them off for medical appointments and loading all the supplies these moms and babies need.

To read more happy endings like this, visit animalcenter.org/success-stories
Janet

One of our 2020 moms is Janet, who we transferred from a shelter in need in Texas that lacked the resources and space for her and her expected puppies. Not only was Janet pregnant, she was heartworm positive. Our veterinarians ensured she had a healthy and safe delivery in our care despite her heartworm diagnosis. For weeks, we provided the new family with medical care, nutrition, supplies for their foster families and spay and neuter surgeries for each puppy before they found their forever homes. Janet is lucky she found a temporary home with us at the Center. We will continue caring for Janet through the difficult and lengthy heartworm treatment.

Azalea

One of the families we were able to help in January was Azalea’s. This momma cat was pregnant when she came to the Center and gave birth to her kittens while in a loving foster home. Several of her kittens were born with Eyelid Agenesis, a condition sometimes found in cats where the eyelids don’t fully develop. In the care of Helen Woodward Animal Center, Azalea’s kittens are able to receive the time they need to grow strong, undergo surgery and recover before going available for adoption.

Join us in saving even more orphan pets’ lives in 2020!
Support these precious moms and babies in needs by donating now,
Visit animalcenter.org/moms
For 18 years, the Helen Woodward Animal Center HOPE Telethon has filled the TV screens of San Diegans, showcasing the work being done at the Center daily to help pets and people and raising life-saving funds to continue fulfilling that mission.

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 the HOPE Telethon, televised on KUSI, raised nearly $800,000 airing impactful success stories of our orphan animals who have found forever homes, program updates and inspiring interviews.

This year, the Center was honored to welcome acclaimed actress Diane Keaton, who also serves on the Helen Woodward Animal Center Board of Directors, for a sit down interview during the 4-hour broadcast. Speaking with Center President and CEO Mike Arms, Keaton shared about her passion for helping animals in need and praised Arms’ and the Center’s ongoing efforts to make the world a more humane place for people and pets.

The Center sends a very special thank you to Diane Keaton for her continuous support. Special thanks also go out to the KPBS staff, the many businesses and individuals who donated funds, KUSI’s Allie Wagner, Mark Mathis, Hunter Sowards and Elizabeth Alvarez and 100.7’s Dave Mason who joined the Center’s PR and Communications Director Jessica Gercke and PR and Communications Manager Fernanda Lopez as on-air hosts.

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DR. ANGELA GAETO ANSWERS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WEIGHT CONTROL FOR PETS.

What is considered a good weight for pets?
Dr. Gaeto: “Due to the wide variety of breeds of cats and dogs there is no set ideal weight for every pet. Veterinarians typically use a scale from 1-9 called Body Condition Scoring to determine where your pet’s weight falls on the ideal scale for its frame. Most household pets are either ideal weight or overweight.”

What exercise changes can I implement for my pet?
Dr. Gaeto: “Many of the same principles of weight management for people also apply to animals. Therefore exercise regimens should be tailored to a pet’s specific needs and interests. Use your pet’s favorite activities to encourage more exercise. If your pet doesn’t normally play with toys then use their desire to eat to get them active. There are many toys designed to hold food and slowly distribute out the kernels as the pet moves the toy around. Many animals have physical limitations that prevent certain kinds of exercise and may even be a result of their weight. Therefore, weight loss should include activities the pet enjoys as well as activities that they are capable of doing.”

How can I change my pet’s diet?
Dr. Gaeto: “Pets should be on a food appropriate for their activity level, life stage, and desired weight. When pets need to lose weight owners can cut back their calories starting with a 20-25% reduction. Many times overweight pets eat an appropriate amount of food but get too many treats. A good rule of thumb is that no more than 10% of the daily calories should come from treats. Good treats for overweight dogs are carrots and green beans (not canned because there is too much salt). A common complaint veterinarians hear during diets is that their pet does not seem full and will beg for more food. To increase the bulk of food but not increase calories try canned pumpkin and sweet potato, with no added ingredients.”

How do I stay on track with my pet’s weight management?
“An important part of weight management is setting realistic goals and holding yourself accountable for them. A good way to do this is monthly weigh-ins at your veterinarian. Remember that the vast majority of our pets are much smaller than people so changes of half a pound to one pound are very impactful for your pet’s health! Weight loss will increase your pet’s life span and decrease effects of heart, joint, and abdominal diseases.”
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Helen Woodward Animal Center opened our new Adoptions center this past July, and we have been going non-stop ever since. With the expanded facilities including multiple intake rooms, and an exponentially larger and better equipped medical suite, we have been able to accommodate larger and more frequent transports from Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana. This incredible growth helped us to reach our goal of 3,062 animals placed in loving adoptive homes, although we were only in the new building for 6 months. We are excited to see what we can do in 2020 and know that close to 4,000 cats and dogs will have a second chance at life because of Helen Woodward Animal Center. Since Home 4 the Holidays* began in 1999, we have helped find homes for over 17 million orphan pets, and since Remember Me Thursday* began we have made over 1 billion impressions on social media worldwide to honor those pets who lost their lives too early. We have also helped hundreds of shelters with our Business of Saving Lives workshops as far away as Estonia and as close as our campus in Rancho Santa Fe.

The Center’s Humane Education program taught respect and compassion for animals to close to 18,000 children through their programming this year, including providing hands-on interactions with animals to classrooms at low income schools. Pet Encounter Therapy and Therapeutic Riding initiated over 25,000 therapeutic interactions to the children and adults who benefited from the animals, and AniMeals supplied close to 96,000 pounds of pet food to the pets of the homeless throughout San Diego County, home-bound seniors, and military veterans. The Center’s Pets Without Walls program provided hundreds of spay/neuter procedures and vaccines to the pets of those struggling with life on the streets and ensured their health and happiness with their best friend. Club Pet Boarding, the Companion Animal Hospital, and Orphaned Objects Resale Shop also had a successful year, but none of this would be possible without your generosity.

Thank you for all you did to support our efforts to change the lives of pets and people in 2019. We look forward to a phenomenal year ahead!

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DONATE TODAY! Contact 858-756-4117 x358, or AnneE@animalcenter.org

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The Center has always been a place where people can memorialize the pets of their friends and family with special gifts of support to help the orphan pets in their honor. One of the most visible programs we have is our Donor Wall in our new Adoptions Building. You can add your own commemorative plaque or paver to the new building with a gift of $250 or more. Leave your legacy with one of these naming opportunities, visit animalcenter.org/future.

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To help reduce costs, our programs are always in need of items to support their activities. Visit animalcenter.org for our current wish list of specific needs.

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event calendar

march
- 7 You Can be a Veterinarian Camp
- 14 Volunteer Orientation
- Snake Smart

march 23-

april 17
- Spring Critter Camp

may
- 3 You Can be a Veterinarian Camp
- 9 Volunteer Orientation
- 13 Planned Giving - Pet Bequest Luncheon
- 23 Therapeutic Riding Tack Sale Fundraiser

may 23 -

april 17
- Comedy for Critters

June
- 6 Spring Fling Gala: Jewels of the Earth
- 20 Therapeutic Riding Horse Show

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