FURIE NDS 
available for adoption

DEBBIE
Domestic Short Hair blend
I am a little shy and need an experienced, cat-

savvy home to give me time to warm up to you. I
do best in a home as the only cat so I can
learn to be the best I can be! Could I be what you
are looking for to make your family complete?
Please stop by soon!

JANGO
Alaskan Malamute blend
I am very energetic and

love people but I need
guidance, and a lot of
exercise. To be the best
I can be, I will do best
being the only pet in
your home, with a loving
adult only family. I am
looking for a home with
owners experienced in
social, working breeds.
I love to play and with
a little training I’m sure
to be a wonderful, fun-

loving addition to your family!

GRACIE
Labrador Retriever blend
Hello! I am as beautiful
on the inside as I am on
the outside. I am very
sweet and affectionate.
I enjoy being pet and
snuggly friend and I turn
looking for love! Wouldn’t
you come meet me and
give me a chance to win
your heart? See you soon!

KERYL
Domestic Short Hair Blend
Hello! I have been told
I am as lovely as they
come and a real joy to
be around! Just one
friendly pet and I turn
on my “purr.” Could I
be who you are looking
for to make your family
complete? Come find out!

Thank you for being a
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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 50 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.

STAY CONNECTED
Be in the know of events and fundraisers happening in our community, and across the globe. Subscribe to our e-newsletters, by visiting animalcenter.org and enjoy this publication.

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Giving your time at any of our fundraising events, or donating your time to our Center, helps us to accomplish just some of the many ways you can make a difference to pets and people in need. Visit animalcenter.org to learn more.

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"It was heartbreaking for us to see this," said Hella Tyler, Director of Adoption Services at Helen Woodward Animal Center. "We will support the pet no matter what it takes," said Tyler.

Thankfully, she now had a team behind her ready to guide her through specialized treatment. Confirmed that the tumor was cancerous and life-threatening, Helen Woodward Animal Center’s medical staff noticed that Hope had a tumor. More tests were quickly able to say ‘yes!’ to getting Betty the help she needed. Betty had somehow suffered a broken hip, possibly by being hit by a car, and needed emergency surgery—an expense the government-funded shelter was not approved to act on. That’s where Helen Woodward Animal Center stepped in.

When staff at the Center learned about Betty, they were quickly able to say ‘yes!’ to getting Betty the help she needed. Betty received a femoral head ostectomy, a surgical procedure to restore her mobility, and to everyone’s delight—it was a success.

Despite a difficult start to life, Betty is now back on four paws, and her playful and loving personality is shining brightly through. Because of supporters like you, Betty’s recovery was possible—and a future with the lucky family who adopts her is in sight. ☑️

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Hope’s cancer treatment involved weekly trips to an offsite facility for chemotherapy. When inflated gas prices impacted her foster family’s ability to take her, Tyler offered to take her to the appointments herself. After eight treatments and lots of TLC, Hope had finally reached remission. All along the way, she never lost her smile or the wag in her tail. Her story touched the hearts of everyone at Helen Woodward Animal Center and dozens of staff members showed up to cheer for her in celebration of her last day of chemotherapy on April 29.

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Hope arrives at Helen Woodward Animal Center where she gave birth to a litter of puppies after being found as a stray in Calexico.

**A Journey of Recovery and Resilience**

**Holding on to Hope**

A Plea for Help Answered

Neighbors in Los Angeles County knew something was wrong when they saw Betty, a young cat, limping and looking for food. Hurt, homeless and desperate for help, Betty ended up on a family’s doorstep. Thankfully, they took her to a nearby LA shelter, but her situation was still dire.

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Most people look forward to spring for its renewal of sunny skies and warm temperatures, the beauty of blooming flowers and longer days. But, at Helen Woodward Animal Center, the start of spring indicates an exciting season filled with wispy whiskers, fuzzy faces and petite pouncing paws.

Spring in the animal center world means the arrival of kitten season. The warming temperatures welcome a slew of new babies and Helen Woodward Animal Center becomes a kitten nursery crawling with critters in need of our specialized care.

With more than 140 cats and kittens under our watchful eye, it's safe to say kitten season has arrived at Helen Woodward Animal Center. Over the next several months, the Center will continue receiving loads of pregnant cat moms and even bottle babies. These tiny tykes come to us without a mom and are the most delicate of them all. They require round-the-clock attention and constant bottle feedings.

Recently, one of our local transport partners was racing against the clock when a mom named Lyon went into labor mid-transport to the Center. Within a few hours of her arrival and safe in our care, she gave birth to five tiny kittens. They will spend the next several months receiving regular medical checks, ample time to rest and will eventually find their way into forever homes.

Another recent mom to arrive at Helen Woodward Animal Center is Bethany. She was found in the Bakersfield area in a box with her three babies by a good Samaritan who brought them home. Hoping to find her a quiet spot away from the family dog, her rescuer placed her in the garage but she made her way to the attic, taking her kittens with her. Our rescue partner got wind of the situation and came to her aid. After a search of the attic, the entire family was found and brought to safety.At Helen Woodward Animal Center, momma Bethany was able to care for her young and see them off to adoption.

Minky came to Helen Woodward Animal Center pregnant from our rescue partner in Houston. After settling in and feeling safe in our care, she gave birth to three tiny pups. At the same time, another Texas mom was giving birth to two babies of her own. Quickly, Center staff noticed this mom was not inclined to care for her hungry newborns. Without her, their health was at risk. Our staff stepped in to feed the babies round-the-clock but had an idea, what if Minky was willing to take in two more pups?

It didn’t take long for this sweet mom to accept the extra pair as her very own. Over the last several weeks, Minky has been nursing, cleaning and snuggling all five babies and getting them ready for adoption!

We could instantly tell that new mom, Bellarina was filled with love when we introduced her to sphynx kitten Cleopatra. This special kitten was rejected by her mom and desperately needed a mother’s love. Having just given birth to three kittens of her own, Bellarina quickly welcomed sweet Cleo into her little family.

Center staff have lovingly watched them develop an unbreakable bond. Their foster family says Bellarina has a special place in her heart for Cleo and often gives her extra attention.

The Babies are Blooming

This kitten season is proving to be extra special. From loving moms arriving in the nick of time to special mothers who give their all to care for their precious babies, we're grateful to be able to welcome them in the Center where they can receive the care that they need.

Want to help?

Donating is a great way to ensure tiny kittens and expectant mothers are able to thrive this kitten season. Head to animalcenter.org/donate to gift your lifesaving support. Another great way to help is by signing up to become a foster volunteer. Fosters give a little bit of their time to make a big impact on the lives of orphan pets.

The Center provides everything foster families need to care for the pets and assignments range from a couple of days to a few weeks. To learn more head to animalcenter.org/foster.
Pet Day on the Bay
PAWrates and FURmaids Set Sail on Life-Saving Voyage
City Cruises anchored by Hornblower Welcomes Canine Crews BACK to Pet Day on the Bay
After a two-year hiatus, animal lovers were able to gather their PAWrates and FURmaids and set sail on a voyage to save orphan pets! City Cruises’ Pet Day on the Bay was back, April 23rd, to treat humans and their furry family members to an adorable event supported by Hornblower. City Cruises anchored by Hornblower has invited animal lovers and their best mates to hop on board for the fuzzy and fun cruise around the Bay! Pet Day on the Bay is the only event of its kind in Southern California and Helen Woodward Animal Center was honored to receive a portion of the proceeds.

This year, canine crew members were encouraged to sport their best pirate and mermaid attire and pose for sea-sational photo opportunities. Humans got “hooked” on the beautiful Bay views while four-legged sailors found a treasure of treats on the deck provided by Kahoots! “This event is such a fun way to share the joy of adventuring on the deck with our furry companions,” explained Special Events Manager, Eva Lagudi-Devereux. “It’s so great to see some of our alumni pets and programs at Helen Woodward Animal Center.”

Pawticipants at City Cruises’ Pet Day on the Bay supporting Helen Woodward Animal Center.

Helen Woodward Animal Center Therapy Animals Spreading Smiles to Sharp Memorial Hospital Nurses and Doctors
They have dedicated the last two years to healing our community; now they’re getting some healing of their own. Helen Woodward Animal Center’s therapy animals are helping to put smiles on the faces of Sharp Healthcare medical staff. Volunteers from the Center’s Pet Encounter Therapy (PET) program recently paid several visits to Sharp Memorial Hospital, where nurses and doctors got the chance to relieve some stress by staring into furry faces.

Helen Woodward Animal Center’s Pet Encounter Therapy is, in essence, “cuddle therapy.” The program normally brings the unconditional love and tactile benefits of animals to patients inside skilled nursing facilities, children’s shelters, hospitals, psychiatric units and many more. The basis of the important therapy stems from studies showing that holding and caressing an animal provides benefits such as relaxation, lower blood pressure, improved long- and short-term memory, and sensory stimuli.

Now, PET animals are providing that invaluable cuddle therapy to our local healthcare heroes. The daily stresses and emotional job fatigue experienced by hospital staff have been compounded with the hardships of working through the COVID-19 pandemic and it is more important than ever to provide them with the incomparable compassion found in the eyes of a furry friend.

“Hank is doing awesome. He loves his new family. He’s very affectionate and has a unique personality. His confidence on the agility course is improving all around when the Hackenberg’s are around! Finally, this February happy tears were flowing all around when the Hackenberg’s very special family who could match his energy personality and size meant that he was ready to be matched!” said Adoption Coordinator, Lisa bikini. “Adoption staff knew that Nash needed a unique personality. He was lucky to have the support of Center staff and Rob Kuty and his team at San Diego Pet Training. Once rambunctious, staff watched Nash mature in his obedience training and grow his confidence on the agility course. As a staff favorite, Nash’s adoption was exciting and emotional! This big boy spent a good while at the Center between 2020 and 2022. His high energy personality and size meant that he needed a lot of time and attention during his lengthy search for a forever home. He was lucky to have the support of Center staff and Rob Kuty and his team at San Diego Pet Training. He was lucky to have the support of Center staff and Rob Kuty and his team at San Diego Pet Training.

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They recently sent us this adoption update: “Hank is doing awesome. He loves his bones and toys! This guy gets a super reinforced chew toy and runs right through it! We refer to him as a demolition artist.”

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MEMORIAL GIFTS
We have a beautiful program called “I Remember You” to memorialize pets on-line, by “lighting a candle” and sharing a story and photo. If you have any questions please call the Center, x350 or visit the site to light a candle. old.animalcenter.org/irememberyou/

MONETARY DONATIONS
Helen Woodward Animal Center relies heavily on private donations to fund our programs. BECOME A ‘PAW PAL’ Monthly donors support our work throughout the year with recurring gifts. Join “Paw Pals” and receive a commemorative pin, exclusive content and advanced invitations to Center events as our thanks to you.

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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 wish list of specific needs.

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Give the gift that saves lives! A gift to help the animals is a great way to celebrate a birthday, graduation, or the upcoming holidays. We will send a personalized card notifying the recipient of your gift.

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Including Helen Woodward Animal Center in your will or trust will create a lasting legacy to help pets and people in need for years to come. Make provisions to ensure your pets will be cared for in the event of your passing. Contact Renee Resko: 858-756-4117 x347 or email ReneeR@animalcenter.org.

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Get your company involved to raise funds for the animals by sponsoring an event, running your own fundraiser, or participating in our HOPE Telethon. Contact Barry Siegel: 858-756-4117 x312 or email BarryS@animalcenter.org.

VOLUNTEER
Our work depends entirely on the support of our dedicated volunteers. Many opportunities are available for youth, adults, and groups in our various programs and events. Contact Megan McCarthy: 858-756-4117 x305; email MeganM@animalcenter.org or sign up at animalcenter.org.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
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