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Hope starts here.

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DEBBIE

Domestic Short Hair blend

I'm a little shy and need an experienced, cat-savvy home to give me time to warm up to you. I would 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 I 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'm looking for a home with owners experienced in vocal, working breeds. I love to play and with a little training I'm sure to be a wonderful, fun-loving addition to your family!



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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 snuggled! So are you looking for love? Won'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!

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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. 🐾

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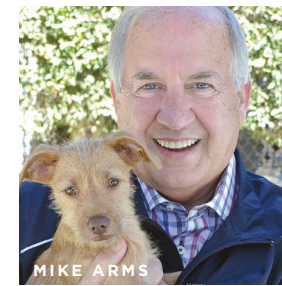
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Dear Friends of the Animals,

As the world continues to be a tumultuous place with the conflict in Ukraine, Helen Woodward Animal Center stands ready to provide support to organizations around the world who are helping pets in need. I am so proud of our community and the incredible support that poured in for our friends in Ukraine, in fact to date we have now raised over \$300,000 for animal welfare relief in Ukraine! Working closely with our friends in both Estonia and Poland we are making sure that the funds get to the places where they are needed and can do the most good. In fact, recently we were able to provide two grants to Happy Paws, an animal organization inside Ukraine, for a new van to transport animals, and to Ukraine Red Cross to help displaced individuals and families to purchase the food and supplies they need for their pets during this difficult time. It was our pleasure to host our Estonia contact, Hellika Landsmann, for our recent Business of Saving Lives conference where we hosted organizations from around the country and the world, including a special representative from Kazakhstan, Galina Weinkam, who requested our support a few years ago to lobby her government to pass animal cruelty laws. Galina was so pleased to announce that with our support and many others around the globe, animal cruelty laws have been passed for the first time in their country! Your animal center is making change possible around the world, but we couldn't do it without you.

Here at the Center we are experiencing our busiest summer in a long time with hundreds of campers on a waiting lists for Critter Camp which sold out weeks ago, Pet Encounter Therapy visiting close to 40 facilities monthly, AniMeals serving close to 800 homebound seniors and veterans, and hundreds of orphan pets finding their forever homes each month, as well extremely busy times for the hospitals and our resale shop. Kitten season has begun and over 150 foster kittens are receiving round the clock care as they wait to return to Helen Woodward Animal Center for adoption and we are continuing to transfer in animals from Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Hawaii and throughout the United States. None of this life-saving work would be possible without your support and in a time when so much of what we see is cruel and disheartening I would like to thank you for caring, thank you for your compassion, and tell you how much we value your generous support.

For a more humane world,

Michael M. Arms

President and CEO

Don't miss a single issue...

Every issue of Helen Woodward Animal Center's The Companion newsletter is filled with stories about the relationship between humans and the animals that we love. Four times each year The Companion keeps you informed about how you are helping us fulfill our mission of "people helping animals and animals helping people."



ANIMAL SHELTERS ACROSS THE GLOBE RECEIVE THANKS

Helen Woodward Animal Center Unites with One Voice Children's Choir to Share Message of Gratitude...

Just over two years ago, the world (as it had been) made a notable shift. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent global shutdowns, daily routines could no longer be relied upon and the words "essential worker" took on a new importance. In particular, those most helpless - shelter pets - faced a possible tragic finality that could only be remedied by individuals who refused to "shelter in place" and cared enough to risk exposure. Now as the Russo-Ukrainian War fills our newsfeed, once again animal welfare workers across the world are proving their dedication to those without a voice. Helen Woodward Animal Center partnered with One Voice Children's Choir to thank shelter workers, near and far. Although our team may not know their names, our parallel missions indicate that we certainly share hearts.

Helen Woodward Animal Center shares this video as a message of thanks to those who continue to give of themselves in the ongoing battle to save the lives of orphan pets.



(Images from Helen Woodward Animal Center's "Thank You" Video, featuring One Voice Children's Choir, rescue pets from Utah Humane Society and Helen Woodward Animal Center, and the song "Thank You" by Celine Dion.)

SCAN CODE TO WATCH





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



Holding on to Hope

A Journey of Recovery and Resilience

It was mid-January when Hope, a 2-year-old terrier blend, was discovered wandering outside a dollar store near the border begging for food from people outside. Luckily, a kind stranger brought Hope to a nearby animal shelter, but unfortunately, they didn't have the resources to take her. It turned out that Hope wasn't just hungry, she was pregnant. Thankfully, staff at the shelter knew who to call. They picked up the phone and called Helen Woodward Animal Center.



We rushed to her side and took her in. Within 24 hours of arriving at the Center, Hope gave birth to a healthy litter of puppies.

She had finally found her safe haven – but her journey to healing had just begun.

It was during a routine screening that Helen Woodward Animal Center's medical staff noticed that Hope had a tumor. More tests confirmed that the tumor was cancerous and life-threatening. Thankfully, she now had a team behind her ready to guide her through specialized treatment.

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

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.

With her health now restored, Hope was finally put up for adoption. Soon after that, she won the heart of a Rancho Santa Fe woman. Hope found her happily ever after and is living her life to the fullest in a loving home. She truly embodies the meaning of hope. 🐾



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A Better Life for Betty

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.

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. 🐾



Helen Woodward Animal Center medical staff monitor Betty's recovery progress after her surgery.

Helen Woodward Animal Center's
SUMMER Critter CAMP
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Voted San Diego's best animal camp for kids Preschool-8th grade, Summer Critter Camp is an unforgettable experience focused on getting kids up close and personal with a variety of awesome animal ambassadors each day! Campers get to explore a different daily theme and interact with mammals, birds, reptiles, and invertebrates with hands-on adventures. They'll also put their skills to the test with different games and activities, unleash their creative side with several crafts, and most of all, discover new friendships! Summer Critter Camp is sure to make some unforgettable memories and inspire compassion for all living things.

Summer Critter Camp has two themes that alternate each week including "Amazing Animal Athletes" and "Technology Gone Wild", come to both or just one, either way you're bound to have fun! We also offer a 7th-8th grade camp on select weeks that focuses on careers with animals. Daily sign ups available, plus extended care hours, discounts, and scholarships.

Visit animalcenter.org/education for full details and online registration.

Questions? Call us at (858) 756-4117 x318 or e-mail education@animalcenter.org.

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THE POWER OF MOMS

The Babies are Blooming

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.



Lyon nurses her kittens.

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.

It takes an army of volunteer foster families to meet the mighty demand. While typically we have weeks to prepare for the arrival of kittens from a pregnant momma cat, sometimes, time is not in our favor.

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 her 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



Bethany is a great mom.



Minky grooming her baby.

brought to safety. At Helen Woodward Animal Center, momma Bethany was able to care for her young and see them off to adoption.

Love Grows

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.

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! 🐾



One of the puppies from Minky's litter.



Cleo the sphynx kitten, fostered by Bellarina.

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 a pet-friendly boat tour around the San Diego Bay. The adorable event supported the pets and programs at Helen Woodward Animal Center and participants were encouraged to bring towels and blanket



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



donations for Center pets.

For two decades, City Cruises and Events 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 with our furry companions," explained Special Events Manager, Eva Lagudi-Devereux. "It's so great to see some of our alumni out enjoying their new lives with their forever families." 🐾



Sharp HealthCare staff meet Helen Woodward Animal Center PET animals during a recent therapy visit.

Healing OUR HEALTHCARE HEROES

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.



"These incredible healthcare professionals have worked so hard over the last two years while being faced with incredible challenges in the battle against COVID-19," expressed PET Manager Robin Cohen. "Seeing these amazing nurses and doctors finally take a deep breath, sit down and run their fingers through the fur of our therapy animals and smile, is incredible and I'm thrilled that more staff will be able to

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WHERE are they now?

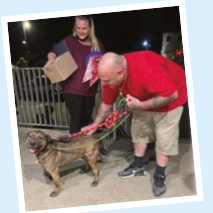


Hank Formerly Nash, February 2022

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 Kutty 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.

Adoption staff knew that Nash needed a very special family who could match his unique personality.

Finally, this February happy tears were flowing all around when the Hackenberg's happily welcomed Nash (now Hank) into their family.

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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experience that.”
During one recent PET visit to Sharp Memorial Hospital, staff told PET volunteers that the visit made their day and reenergized them.

“We can’t thank the Helen Woodward Animal Center and the volunteers enough for gifting us with a pet

therapy day,” said Emergency Department nurse Jese B. “At this point in the pandemic, we’re all feeling emotional and physical fatigue. Spending even a brief moment with the dogs really makes your heart smile!”

More recently, a group of nurses from Sharp Memorial Hospital who have spent the last two years solely working in COVID units visited the Center where they were able to meet more animals including Humane Education alpacas, reptiles and mini horses, adoptable puppies and kittens and Therapeutic Riding horses. 🐾

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VOLUNTEER

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