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**Supermodel
Jasmine Tookes**

uses her voice to help us

*See the Light
about Pet
Adoption*



*Read about the amazing
beagle rescue inside.*

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Hello! I am shy at first but it doesn't take long for my sweet and cuddly side to shine through. I like to lounge, but I also love my toys and can't wait to have a family to play with. Come visit me!



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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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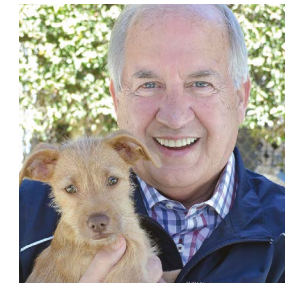
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Dear Friends of the Animals,

It has been an exciting summer in so many important ways from Spring Fling to Superheroes, Business of Saving Lives to Beagle Rescue, our 50th anniversary and Remember Me Thursday, we are bringing the plight of orphan pets to the forefront of the public's minds by sharing the amazing strength, resilience, and compassion found in each of these beautiful animals and why it is our responsibility to provide for their care and well-being. It is not an obligation to ensure their health and safety- it is a privilege. Although the tentative first steps of the beagles arriving from Virginia as they felt grass and sunshine for the first time broke our hearts, it also lifted our spirits knowing that these 43 dogs would have the life they deserved...the life that every animal in our care deserves in a loving forever home.

The Spring Fling and PAWMICON helped us raise valuable funds and awareness among our friends, supporters, and our community and we are so grateful for everyone that came out to support these lifesaving efforts. Everyone seemed ready to be back out at major events and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow animal lovers for a good cause.

Our Business of Saving Lives workshop in June brought friends from as far away as Estonia and Kazakhstan, as well as participants from around the country. Our friend, Hellika Landsmann, from Estonia came to share the incredible work going on in Ukraine as a result of our fundraising efforts here at the Center. We are honored to continue partnering with organizations in both Estonia and Poland to help with relief efforts for both individuals with pets and animal shelters in need. The war may have fallen off the front page but those in Ukraine continue to struggle to provide for the safety of the pets and people. Our colleague, Galina, from Kazakhstan brought the amazing news that our outreach, along with those in many other countries, to the President of her country resulted in long-awaited national animal cruelty laws. We are proud to play a small role in this pivotal change.

We are honored to have a supermodel Jasmine Tookes as this year's Remember Me Thursday spokesperson and we were delighted to host her and her family on a recent visit where we got to know her true heart for the animals. Her support and commitment to our work will bring attention to orphan pets around the globe and we couldn't be more thankful for her generosity.

As we celebrate 50 years of Helen Woodward Animal Center, I can only reflect with gratitude on the incredible staff, volunteers, and of course donors that make it all possible. Your Center never stops and rarely even slows down even in the "dog days" of summer...today I want to thank you for all we have accomplished and invite you to join us for the next 50 years for the "future of animal welfare."

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."

WHERE are they now?

How Cleo the Sphynx Found her Perfect Family

When Cleopatra first arrived at the Center, she was a malnourished and frail young kitten in desperate need of help. Staff members were bottle-feeding Cleo when they had the thoughtful idea to pair her with a cat named Bellarina, a new mom, and the plan worked out perfectly. Bellarina took Cleo in as



her own and helped our medical team nurture her back to health. The story took the social media world by storm, warming the hearts of readers from around the country, and world.

While Cleo made her recovery, Center staff knew that she would need an extra special family to adopt her - one that would be aware of the extra work it takes to care for a Sphynx cat and their delicate skin. Dozens of Sphynx-loving families applied, but there was one family that stuck out in particular.

Christina Dworsky and her family not only have experience with Sphynx cats, since they already have one named Biggie, but they also have extensive experience with all kinds of cats.



Throughout the years, the Dworsky's have fostered over 300 cats and kittens - including "bottle babies" who, like Cleo, once needed around-the-clock care. When they first met, it was love at first sight as Cleopatra melted into Christina's arms.

"We are just over the moon," said Christina Dworsky on adoption day. "We are so happy and so amazed that this all worked out, and we are just overjoyed. Everyone who has helped us here has been just really wonderful."

Nowadays, Cleopatra is loving life in her new home with her pet siblings, including a pug-mix named Belsy that snuggles with her. Our partners at Blue Buffalo and Naturally Fresh even sent Cleo care packages with food and toys to her new home. The Center is dedicated to orphan animals like Cleopatra and providing them the life-changing help they need to find their happily ever after.



DEVOTED TO DINO

Dog with Special Need Gets Special Care

It was February when Helen Woodward Animal Center got a call from a local shelter that needed help caring for a dog named Dino. The 11-month-old Shepherd blend suffered from a medical disorder which left him unable to swallow his food normally. While other dogs can eat from a dish, Dino required the time and patience of someone to hold him upright during and after his meals, in order for food to make it to his stomach.



Dino's condition is known as megaesophagus, a disorder in which the esophagus gets larger and loses the ability to swallow food. Common symptoms include vomiting and weight loss, which can be life-threatening. Thankfully, the Center's knowledgeable and caring staff had a plan to keep

Dino fed while purchasing special equipment that would make his life easier.

Everyday bright and early at breakfast, Dino would be placed upright along a counter to eat. Staff would hold him up for about 20 minutes to ensure he digested his food. To keep him standing, they would have toys and treats to keep him occupied. Though tedious, soon Dino would have his own special chair to help with the process.



Dino uses his chair for the first time.

Dino had his measurements taken and the Center ordered him a specially-made Bailey chair, which he could use during meals to support him eating in an upright position. The exciting day came this summer when Dino's Bailey chair arrived. He was a little nervous about using it at first, so staff members helped make the experience positive and comfortable by giving him lots of treats and love.

In the six months since his arrival, Dino made huge strides thanks to expert care. When the day came that he was prepared to go up for adoption, it did not take long for a couple to see his photo on the Center's website and fall in love. Dino's adopters were able to take him home along with his Bailey chair, and offered the time and willingness to keep up his routine. Dino was certainly a staff favorite and every minute they devoted to his needs helped shape his future into what it is now. 🐾



Spokesperson, Jasmine Tookes, brings her passion for animals to Remember Me Thursday®

Helen Woodward Animal Center is excited to announce that supermodel Jasmine Tookes is this year's Remember Me Thursday spokesperson. She has appeared in advertising campaigns for Bobbi Brown Cosmetics, Jimmy Choo, Calvin Klein, Lancôme, DKNY, Ralph Lauren, Kate Spade, Gap, Ugg, and Victoria's Secret. In 2015, she became a Victoria's Secret Angel. Tookes was selected to wear the Victoria's Secret Fashion

Show Fantasy Bra (worth \$3 million in 2016) at the 2016 show, which was held in Paris, France. Tookes is married to Juan David Borrero, director of the international markets of Snapchat Inc. and has over 6 million followers on social media. (Interview with Jasmine on page 8)

This year's Remember Me Thursday plans include over 150 human celebrity luminaries and close to 100 animal luminaries who will be sharing the message about rescue and pet adoption worldwide on September 22nd. Our live Zoom call will include groups from Estonia, Poland, Kazhakstan, North Carolina, New York, Puerto Rico and beyond who will join in to shed a light on global pet adoption. This year's partnership with TrustedHousesitters is adding tens of thousands of their members into the program from around the world including a special candle lighting event in Brighton, England.



Your help is needed to bring the world's attention to pet adoption on Remember Me Thursday®, September 22nd, 2022.

- Spread awareness via social media of Remember Me Thursday® and the importance of pet adoption on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. using messaging, selfies with your pets encouraging your followers to share their rescue pets, and utilizing the hashtag #RememberMeThursday & #SeetheLight
- Light a candle on Remember Me Thursday®, Thursday September 22nd, at remembermethursday.org in honor of those pets who left this world without the benefit of a loving home.
- Contact us if you would like to host or attend any of the Remember Me Thursday® events being held by animal welfare organizations, communities, and large venues around the world.



HAS YOUR CHILD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN WORKING WITH ANIMALS WHEN THEY GET OLDER? Have you been looking for a way to get them involved early in such rewarding careers? If so, then you'll enjoy two one-of-a-kind programs we offer:



September 18 • November 6
9:00 AM-3:00 PM
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This camp uses real case studies as a way for campers to learn about common veterinary medical practices, from phlebotomy to parasitology. They will also get several hands-on opportunities to practice their medical skills with activities such as practicing sutures on a banana and listening to the heart rate of a horse. Campers will get to spend time with one of Helen Woodward Animal Center's highly qualified veterinarians while also enjoying interactions with some of our amazing and adorable animal ambassadors.



September 17 •
October 8 • November 5
9:00 AM-3:00 PM
AGES 9-16 | \$205/child



This camp is a wonderful way to introduce children to the field of animal husbandry. Whether they are interested in reptiles, birds, small mammals, or large mammals, this camp exposes them to the many facets of animal care. During this day camp, campers will learn all about what it takes to keep our animals happy and healthy through training, enrichment, diet preparation, and more. Some of the hands-on activities include taking our sheep for a walk, grooming a miniature horse, and assisting with training a guinea pig!

Visit animalcenter.org/education for full details and online registration for both programs. QUESTIONS? Call us at (858)756-4117 x318 or email education@animalcenter.org

Anyone could manage our family Trust but he earned our family's trust.

Scout always made Pop Pop smile and smiles were hard to come by at the end. We wanted him to be happy but the hospital said, "Absolutely no dogs allowed." I don't know what Tim said or did, but he arranged for us to bring Scout in before Pop Pop passed. I've never seen him happier and more at peace than when he was sitting with his beloved dog. Tim could make us millions of dollars managing our portfolio, and he has, but he'll never give us anything more valuable than that moment because true worth is in the little things.

— David, Santa Barbara



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A HISTORIC BEAGLE RESCUE

One of 43 beagles arriving at the Center to begin their journey for a new life.

HELEN WOODWARD ANIMAL CENTER PART OF LARGEST DOG RESCUE MISSION IN U.S.

Over 4,000 beagles at a Virginia mass-breeding facility, which were intended to be sold for lab testing, are getting a chance at freedom and a full life in part thanks to Helen Woodward Animal Center. An undercover investigation at the breeding facility revealed inhumane animal treatment, such as inadequate veterinary care and insufficient food. On July 21, as the Department of Justice began the process of shutting the facility down, the first 432 beagles were removed with some making their way to the West Coast. Helen Woodward Animal Center was honored to assist as 43 of these beagles arrived at the Center for medical checks before heading to foster homes in preparation for adoption.

This rescue mission is part of the Humane Society of the United States' 'largest operation ever.' A seventh month investigation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture found over 70 Animal Welfare Act violations at the Virginia facility named Envigo. The disturbing conditions included dogs being kept in unsafe temperatures and unnecessarily euthanized, some without anesthesia.



Earl Grey receiving her initial medical exam before heading to her foster home.



Some beagles were able to relax and enjoy walking around.

Animal rescue organizations from California, Wyoming, and Texas were among the first to open their doors to the 4,000 canines. Helen Woodward Animal Center was one of just two California organizations to be a part of the first stage of this incredible life-saving mission.

"This has been a challenging year for many shelters and we know that trying to find organizations that have the room for such a large number of canines is tough" stated Helen Woodward Animal Center acting Adoption Services Director LaBeth Thompson. "We are grateful to have such an extraordinary group of foster families that can help us save these lives. These dogs really need love and human kindness to show them all of the wonderful things a normal dog's life should provide."

Because of the huge intake, the Center was in need of many supplies to send off with foster families including x-pens, toys, bowls, and leashes. A call for help went out to the community, and the community stepped up in a huge way by purchasing hundreds of items from the Center's Amazon Wish List and by raising nearly \$40,000 to help with the beagle rescue.

News of their story touched the hearts of animal-lovers across the globe. If there is a light at the end of this dark tunnel, it is the overwhelming love that poured into Helen Woodward Animal Center via emails, phone calls, donations, and adoption inquiries. As these deserving dogs began to heal and discover life beyond a kennel, messages came in from across the United States, and even from far-off locations such as Canada and Australia.

"We are amazed and so touched by the response and the donations," stated Helen Woodward Animal Center VP of Development Renee Resko. "These beagles are just some of many animals we've been honored to help this year. I think the sheer number of these beagles has really been eye-opening to so many people and has helped remind the public how many lives are in need of rescue."

Today, beagles under the Center's care are slowly but surely being matched with their perfect forever families. Before becoming available for adoption, the Center ensures that all of their medical needs are met. Each of the 43 beagles needed a spay or neuter surgery, and due to the large number of litters many of the females had, recovery time took longer than normal. Plus, all of the beagles needed dental treatment

due to the unhealthy diets they had survived on over the last many years. Fortunately, while preparing for adoption, they each received TLC in their foster homes.

To reduce stress caused by being exposed to crowds, the Center took a gentle approach to adoption meet-and-greets. Instead of being inundated by hundreds of people hoping to meet them, potential adopters were asked to request an appointment and fill out a special application to determine their compatibility with a rescue beagle.

One by one, each beagle is moving onto bigger and brighter futures with their forever families. Before coming to the Center, they had never been on grass or even been given a toy. Today, with thanks to the Center and all who support us, they are learning the meaning of love. 🐾



Volunteers help carry the beagles to begin the intake process.



JASMINE TOOKES

Shares her connection to animals and her thoughts about

REMEMBER ME THURSDAY®

Jasmine Tookes is an American fashion model and businesswoman. Aside from her professional career, Jasmine is a passionate animal lover and advocate. She grew up surrounded by animals including cats, rats & turtles just to name a few! In 2016, Jasmine joined forces with best friend and fellow model, Josephine to create JOJA - a community where the two share their workouts, health routines, and active lifestyles and just recently this year began selling their own line of activewear under the same name.



We asked Jasmine to spend some time sharing her insights about the important role that animals play in our lives and why she supports Remember Me Thursday through a brief interview...

Have you always been an animal lover?

Yes! Ever since I can remember I was always drawn to animals. I grew up with so many different pets from dogs and cats to turtles and rats. So it makes sense that animals have always played such an important role in my life.

What was your first pet?

My first pet was a cat named Neko, who definitely made my love for animals grow indefinitely.

What pets does your family currently have?

We currently have two! Rogue is a little frenchie, and Rajah is a german shepherd husky mix. Rogue was my first dog I got on my own around ten years ago and she has been by my side ever since. Rajah was rescued when she was a puppy almost two years ago and now we couldn't imagine life without her.

How do you feel that animals have impacted your life or the lives of your children?

Animals have 100% impacted my life for the better. Not only do they teach you so many valuable life lessons, but they also just provide you with so much love and happiness. I spend so much time with my animals and really value the relationship we have with one another.

What drew you to Helen Woodward Animal Center?

My mom actually told me about the Center. She had nothing but shining reviews and I knew I was going to have to experience it for myself. Almost immediately we planned a trip for all of us to go. It was such an amazing experience- the Center is beautiful and the staff was incredible and extremely informative, not to mention all the cute animals we got to see! I had the best day and I can't wait till my next trip back.

Why do you think Remember Me Thursday provides an important message?

Pet adoption is something that is near and dear to my heart, but a lot of people may not have the knowledge or information on pet adoption. Remember Me Thursday provides the perfect opportunity to learn and open and hopefully change people's minds who were once never open to the idea of adoption.

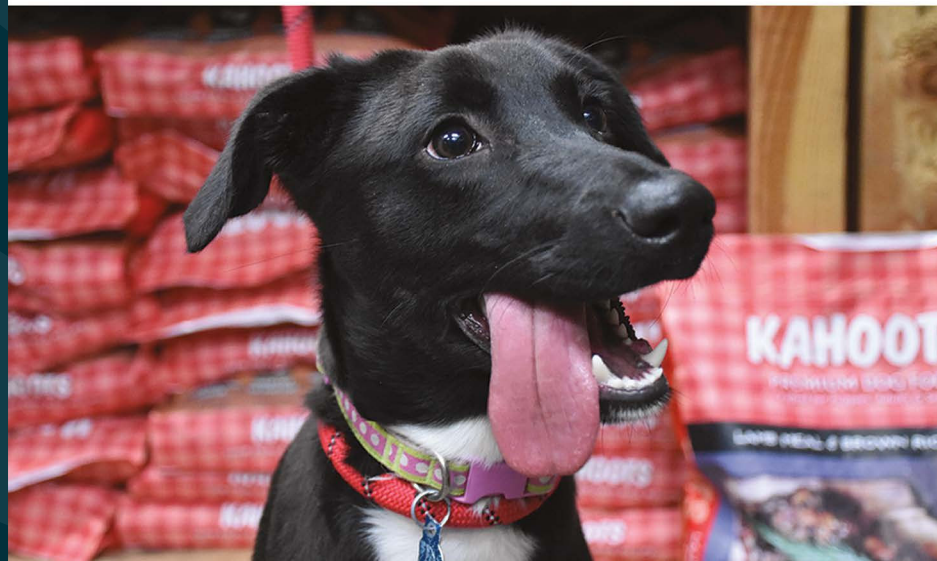
What do you plan to do to get the word out about Remember Me Thursday?

I am so excited to be able to use my voice and platform to spread the word about this campaign. I read that since starting in 2013, Remember Me Thursday has made more than 2 billion impressions on social media- that's incredible! I loved learning about it and I really hope that I can help continue to spread the word to others who do not know about Remember Me Thursday and encourage them to adopt for their next family member!

How do you think that a campaign like Remember Me Thursday can impact pet adoption?

A campaign like Remember Me Thursday can impact pet adoption tremendously. Knowledge is power and a campaign like this provides valuable information to people on the realities and benefits of adoption. 🐾

KAHOOTS Proud to be PAWtners with HELEN WOODWARD ANIMAL CENTER



Animal-loving Fling goes celebrate the "Golden Age of Hollywood"

The star-studded evening began with Helen Woodward Animal Center's guests being greeted by Charlie Chaplin and Marilyn Monroe while a champagne girl provided entertainment and bubbles. Once inside the guests enjoyed puppy kisses by some of the Center's most eligible adoptables along with delicious appetizers and a complimentary full bar and ice luge with signature drinks. The silent and live auctions ranged from jeweled treasures to exotic trips and culminated with special donation drives to support Adoptions, both emergency medical and transfer trips to save the lives of pets in overcrowded shelters around the country. Special thanks to Jamie Carr and Mary Cuzens for chairing this



year's gala and to Jim Hooker and Portia Metras of Coldwell Banker for being our presenting sponsor. We would also like to thank Whittier Trust and our incredibly generous paddle raise matchers – Wendy McWethy, Rose Thiessen, Rise Johnson, Brenda and Dave Rickey, and Katie and Ken Shull. Along with over 300 guests and the incredible local restaurants that donated every delicious bite, you helped us to raise over \$460,000 for pets in need. 🐾



Superheroes Rescue... and have a great time with Cosplay for a Cause at PAWMICON!

This year was our first year back in person with PAWMICON after COVID and we were so happy to be at Town and Country Resort where over 200 animal lovers from all over San Diego joined us with their furry friends in their "cosplay" best to support pet adoption and raise awareness about being a hero for rescued pets. There were 5 categories for the costume contest that included "Dynamic Duos", "Pop Culture" and others with the winners including characters from Little Mermaid, The Princess and the Frog, Halo, and Wonder Woman to name a few. The trivia contests put everyone's "Comic Con"



culture knowledge to the test and a good time was enjoyed by everyone. A virtual scavenger hunt rounded out the day's unique activities. Special thanks to sponsors, Blue Buffalo and Fetch by the Dodo. 🐾



18th Annual Therapeutic Riding Horse Show

The annual Therapeutic Riding show took place on June 25. Riders participated with our 7 horses. The adventure began with crossing the bridge at a life size mural of a safari Jeep, weaving through cheetahs, circling a rhino, trotting with zebras, stopping at the watering hole with flamingoes, and finally monkeying around with some chimpanzees. Each rider received a t-shirt, a ribbon, a medal, and no celebration is

complete without a little treat so our riders also received some safari themed candy. As usual, Jagger and Kristi emceed the event and were able to add lively commentary and encouraging words to each of our participants. This special day could not be possible without the generous support of all of our sponsors. We are especially grateful to Evergate Stables who graciously provided the ribbons and medals. 🐾



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50th Anniversary

On Saturday, August 6th, Helen Woodward Animal Center celebrated 50 amazing years of people helping animals and animals helping people. The day was made even more special with the appearance of those closest to Helen who shared their unique insights about her vision and the incredible success of the Center. Win Rhodes, Helen's daughter, shared that her mother's buttons would be "bursting" if she could see the Center today and her grandson, Bryce Rhodes, who is also our Chairman of the Board shared his personal reflections on his grandmother's vision as they began construction on this one of a kind facility. Board Members including Toni Nickell, Arlo Sorensen, Steve Anderson, Katie Shull, Andrew Wasa, Dave Vigil, Chuck Bieler and Jim Hooker shared this momentous occasion along with local dignitaries DA Summer Stephan and Lori Brown from Senator Brian Jones' office. The event culminated with a video highlighting three of the Center's 30+ year employees sharing their unique experiences.

The Center opened its doors to its neighbors that afternoon with crafts, games and animal encounters for the community, as well as a tour of the facilities. We were proud to see over 100 guests join us to celebrate our role serving the people and pets of San Diego. 🐾

Board members in front of the Helen Woodward Animal Center's Adoptions Building.



Win Rhodes, Bryce Rhodes, and Mike Arms

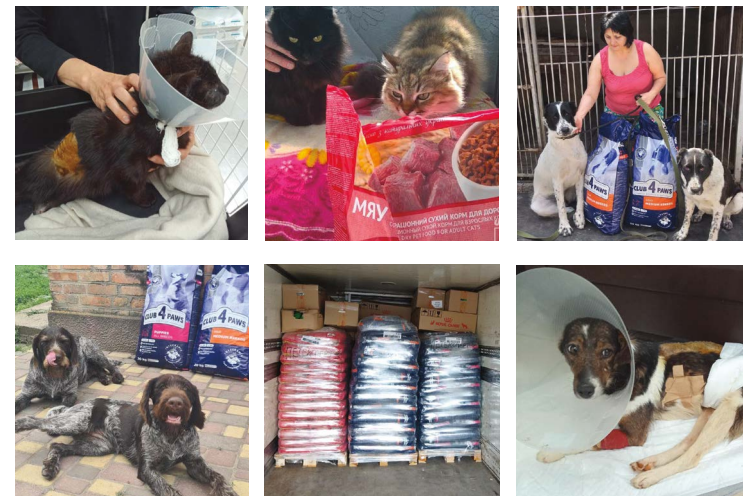


Defending the Defenseless How Center Funds are Helping Ukraine

In the months since Russia launched a full-scale attack in Ukraine on February 24, 2022, at least 12 million Ukrainians have fled their homes to escape the violence. Some made it out alive with their beloved pets, while others were separated during the chaos, and still many shelter animals are in desperate need of saving.

By banding together with international animal welfare partners, and with the help of our local community, Helen Woodward Animal Center has been able to send over \$370,000 in aid to rescue and rehabilitate Ukrainian pets in crisis. Together with UAnimals, Estonian Society for Animal Welfare, and the Polish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Center is making a difference for defenseless animals by funding care for those who are homeless and critically hurt.

Amid the destruction, our partners in Ukraine have not turned away, but have rushed in to save the lives of stranded and injured pets. It is because of the bravery of people like Karina Daniszewska Sroka with the Polish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that this is possible. Backed by the Center, she travels tirelessly into Ukraine to bring food and medicine to animals, and on her way back she transports injured and starved animals to safety. During one of her most



recent trips, she rescued a cat named Lucky who had been found with a gunshot wound and broken spine. Funds raised by the Center helped Lucky receive life-saving surgery to remove the bullet and heal her spine. A dog named Hope was also found with a broken spine, and received an operation and special wheelchair to help him walk again.

Meanwhile, desperately-needed shipments of food and medical supplies are being distributed by UAnimals to hard-hit areas in Ukraine where animals are being cared for as their guardians serve in the army or are being treated for injuries themselves. On July 5, a five-ton shipment of food and supplies was delivered to a shelter in Kryvyi Rih for distribution among shelters in low-supply across the region. It included veterinary medicine which arrived just in time, because on the same day three kittens arrived needing treatment.

Center funds are now being used to buy a new transport van for Happy Paws in Ukraine, a partner of the Estonian Society for the Protection of Animals. It will be used to deliver humanitarian aid to more than 60 shelters in war zones and to evacuate suffering animals in need of veterinary attention. It is because of your help, and that of our brave partners in Ukraine, that we are able to take action and save innocent lives. 🐾



HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are so many things you can do to help animals and people in need in our community.

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

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.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

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.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT CARDS

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.

VEHICLE DONATIONS

Take the hassle out of selling your old car, truck, motorcycle, or other vehicle — donate it to Helen Woodward Animal Center! Our simple, hassle-free program will take care of all the paperwork, pick up your vehicle, and send you the documents needed for a tax deduction, while providing valuable funds to help the animals! Call 844-854 PAWS to donate.

PLANNED GIFTS & PET BEQUESTS

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Center holds a variety of exciting fundraising events throughout the year from our Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon to our Fling Gala. Visit animalcenter.org for more information.

CORPORATE AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

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 McCarty: 858-756-4117 x305, email MeganM@animalcenter.org or sign up at animalcenter.org.



FOREVER FRIENDS: June Ash

Here at Helen Woodward Animal Center we have the honor of meeting many wonderful supporters, but some truly touch our hearts and one of those very special people was our dear friend, June Ash. Not only was she a dedicated animal lover and an incredibly generous benefactor, but June was someone who enjoyed opening her home and heart to those who shared her passions. June was also a pet parent to two very special Helen Woodward Animal Center alumni, Checkers and Phoebe. The day June met Checkers he literally jumped into her lap and announced his decision that she would be taking him home — one smart pup indeed! Phoebe came to her after the loss of her dear German Shepherd, Richardo, when she called and asked if she could adopt "the oldest cat we had" which happened to be a calico Persian named Phoebe whose ill owner had been unable to care for her. It was a match made in Heaven and no animals were ever more loved than Phoebe and Checkers. They were truly June's world and were always by her side, especially in her final days.



The community knew June as a devoted philanthropist and leader we knew her as an extraordinary animal lover who touched our hearts with her kindness, compassion and pure love for our animal friends. I can only imagine how many of her four-legged friends were waiting for June on the other side of "Rainbow Bridge." Her final gesture of generosity was to leave a substantial gift to Helen Woodward Animal Center in her estate which will help us to save the lives of thousands of pets in need. We will make sure to continue your legacy of love, June, today and far into the future. 🐾



PLANNED GIVING

- I would like to know more about the Center's pet bequest policy.
- I would like to know more about including the Center in my will.
- I would like to be invited to an informational bequest luncheon.
- I have already included the Center in my estate plans.

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For more information, please detach and return completed form in the provided remit envelope.





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event calendar

September

- 17**
Animal Care Camp
- 18**
You Can Be a Vet Camp
- 18**
Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon
- 22**
Remember Me Thursday®
- 23-25**
Orphaned Objects Seasonal Change Over Sale
- 24**
SnakeSmart
- October**
Home 4 the Holidays (all month)
- 10/1-11/11**
Howl-O-Ween Harvest Tours (appointment only)

- 8**
Animal Care Camp
- 9**
SnakeSmart
- 12**
Paws & Pages
- 15 • 22 • 29 • 30**
Howl-O-Ween Harvest Family Festival
- 15**
Semiannual Tack Sale
- 21-28**
Fall Critter Camp
- 21-23**
Semiannual Tack Sale

November

- Home 4 the Holidays (all month)
- 29**
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A Legacy of Love and Healing of Former Therapy Dog Inducted into California Animal Hall of Fame

A former Helen Woodward Animal Center therapy dog was inducted into the California Animal Hall of Fame this year. Balonee spent thousands of hours comforting hospital patients, veterans, homeless families and more during his time in the Center's Pet Encounter Therapy program. Center staff first met Balonee when he was abandoned in the parking lot back in 2016. He was 11-years-old, had been neglected and needed a lot of care.

At the time, he was being fostered by our Pet Encounter Therapy Manager Robin Cohen - who ended up adopting him. Robin saw his potential to be an incredible therapy dog - and that he was. From April 2016 to March 2020, Balonee took part in 795 Pet Encounter Therapy visits across San Diego County - bringing comfort to people of all ages. Even during the pandemic, Balonee continued to spread joy through Zoom, window visits and Pen Pal letters with help from Robin. He spent the final years of his life helping thousands of people overcome their hardships by offering up his unconditional love before passing at the age of 16.

"Although Balonee passed away at the end of 2020, the countless hours he spent nurturing thousands of clients encapsulates the healing power and beauty of the human-animal bond," said Nicole Campos of the California Veterinary Medical Foundation.

Balonee leaves behind a legacy of love, loyalty and healing and we want to thank the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) for honoring him.

