

THE COMPANION

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AND ANIMALS HELPING PEOPLE

Special needs bonded pair
Nemo & Dory find their
happily ever after...

Read about how the Center gains
Special Consultative Status

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FURIENDS

available for adoption



YUMMY JR
Domestic Short
Hair Blend

Hi! Could I be what you are looking for to make your family complete? Right now, I do need to be the only kitty in my forever home! I am a little shy at first but I warm up quick and love cuddling! Please stop by soon!



EVA
Hound Blend

I am a beautiful dog with a sweet personality. I need a strong leader to help me be the best I can be. I would do best in a home with children no younger than 12. I am very active and have even been doing some agility training to help me burn my energy. Please come meet me and give me a chance to win your heart!



LAVERNE
Domestic Short
Hair Blend

Hi! I'm the very best kitten. I love to chase balls and play with pipe cleaners and run around. I can't wait to go to your home and have you be my new friend.



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Border Collie-
Shepherd Blend

I'm Chance! I'm an energetic and loving dog that will steal your heart the moment you meet me! I'll make for an absolutely amazing companion. I'll need some training from an experienced and patient owner to help me overcome my fears. I'll thrive in adult households. Since my heart deserves the entirety of your care, I'll need to be the only pet in your home. Please come meet me!

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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.

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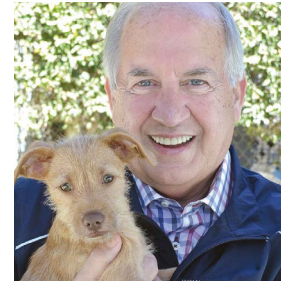
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Dear Friends of the Animals,

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy Fall here at Helen Woodward Animal Center with a lot of exciting events and developments to share with you. Hopefully, many of you were able to join us at Surf Dog this year and see those amazing canines hanging 20. What a wonderful celebration of the human-animal bond and there's nothing better than seeing

thousands of fans on the beach enjoying the day with their pup. Only a few days later we were commemorating Remember Me Thursday® here at the Center and around the globe with an international Zoom that brought in friends from around the globe and our official spokesperson, supermodel Jasmine Tookes, who used her voice to raise awareness about pet adoption. Other good friends like Board member Diane Keaton and Beth Stern used their platforms to raise awareness, as well as close to 200 organizations from as far away as New Zealand and right here in San Diego. I thank each of you who shared a story, lit a candle, or just shared the message about rescue and pet adoption on your own social media platforms. Every voice counts!

Now that we are moving into a post-pandemic world the demand for our Business of Saving Lives workshops are through the roof. We were in Jupiter, Florida at the end of August and Tulsa, Oklahoma at the end of September with plans to travel to Johnstown, Pennsylvania in early November and South Dakota in Spring 2023, as well as four additional cities in 2023. The need is greater than ever for these animal welfare groups around the country faced with a record number of animals and limited resources to care for them. They are hungry for information about how to increase traffic, raise funds, build a constituency, and stop the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets and we are happy to meet those needs. Whether we are providing a 3-day workshop on our campus as we did the first week of October or traveling to various cities across the United States and around the world, we know that our efforts are saving thousands of lives because each person we train is sharing our programs with their entire team.

Helen Woodward Animal Center's truly global role has now officially been recognized in a most meaningful way as we have received the honor of "Organization in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council since 2022" for the United Nations. We will be appearing before the Council in December and look forward to the opportunity to share our international efforts to improve the quality of animal welfare and learn how we might impact organizations around the world.

As always, none of this important work would be possible without you, our friends and supporters, and we thank you for your steadfast commitment to our lifesaving programs.

For a more humane world,

Michael M. Arms

President and CEO

Don't miss a single issue...

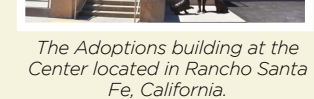
Every issue of Helen Woodward Animal Center's The Companion newsletter is filled with stories about the relationship between humans and the animals that we love. Four times each year The Companion keeps you informed about how you are helping us fulfill our mission of "people helping animals and animals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



A Voice for Animal Welfare Worldwide:

Center Gains Special Consultative Status

Expanding as an advocate for animal welfare internationally, Helen Woodward Animal Center now has a seat at the table among the world's most influential non-governmental organizations with new consultative status to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Founded in 1945, the mission of the United Nation's ECOSOC is to promote sustainable economic, social and environmental development by bringing together the globe's leading experts and organizations to foster innovative thinking and achieve internationally supported goals.



The Adoptions building at the Center located in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

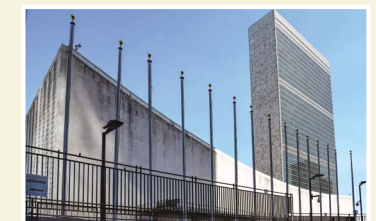
Already, the Center's work stretches far beyond its campus in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. Having hosted The Business of Saving Lives conferences internationally, including in Australia and Estonia, and with another coming up in Scotland in 2023, it has always been important to the Center, and to Woodward herself, to empower others through education. This unique form of outreach has been central in helping animal welfare organizations grow and become more efficient in an effort to save more lives. Building this network also allowed the Center to become close to organizations providing relief to shelters in crisis amid the war in Ukraine, with the Center collecting more than \$350,000 in donations to support their rescue efforts. Already, the Center has been acting as protector of the planet and its animals.



The Center worked hard to gather donations and supplies for those affected in the war in Ukraine.

Now with an audience of world leaders, the Center has a unique and rare opportunity to use this prestigious platform to impart wisdom upon policymakers, parliamentarians, academics, foundations, and businesses, and in doing so, inspiring a more compassionate world.

People everywhere can tune in as the Center addresses the ECOSOC for the first time during a hearing in the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Center CEO Mike Arms will travel with Vice President of Development Renee Resko and Social Media and Technology Manager Jacqueline Kelleher, where Arms will address ECOSOC members and present the Center's views and goals.



United Nations Headquarters in New York City

The hearing will be broadcasted online on United Nations Web TV at media.un.org/en/webtv on December 6, 2022 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

WHERE are they now?

Rescued Virginia Beagles

Helen Woodward Animal Center was part of the largest dog rescue mission in the US. The Center rescued 43 of the over 4,000 beagles saved from a mass-breeding facility in Virginia on July 21st. We were honored to be able to rescue some of the precious beagles to begin their move to a brighter future. We are lucky to still be in contact with some beagle adopters and hear about their growth. We love a happy ending and are delighted to share with you a few updates!

The Peaky Beagles

The Peaky Beagles, Tommy and Arthur, formerly known as Coventry and Birmingham; are doing well with each other and thriving in their new lives. Tommy loves to play and run around, but best of all he enjoys his outdoor sunbathing time. Arthur is a bit more introverted than Tommy but is enjoying his morning walks and sleeping on the bed, preferably on his owner's head. Both boys are still struggling with a decent bathroom routine, Arthur seems to hold everything in for hours, but the walks have helped him start to change that behavior. Tommy has gotten better but still holds things in a little too long, but they both will get better as time goes on.



Arthur also met a fellow rescued Virginia beagle named Kiwi on one of his walks, who just happens to live

right up the street. Kiwi's owner was very happy to relate and hear that they both are having much better lives after such a difficult past.

Priya

Formerly known as Leicester, Priya is developing quite the personality! She loves to go on her walks and greet everyone, including her fellow neighborhood dogs. She has found her voice, barking at her reflection in any glass window. Sweet, sweet Priya is enjoying her life!



Home 4 the Holidays

Blue Buffalo provides urgently needed pet food to shelters on both coasts.

Helen Woodward Animal Center is honored by our special partnership with Blue Buffalo and thankful for their incredible generosity. Blue Buffalo Home 4 The Holidays Campaign is a joint program that started at the Center in 1999 to raise awareness about pet adoption and to help every pet find their forever home before the end of the year, so that they could spend the holidays in a cozy bed by a fire instead of behind bars. Since the program began we have found homes for over 19,000,000 orphan pets across 20 countries through 4,000 organizations! As a special aspect of the program that brings animal organizations together from around the world, Blue Buffalo has generously offered to donate close to 40,000 pounds of food on BOTH coasts for distribution to animal groups in need. Naturally Fresh also generously provided pallets of cat litter to Home 4 the Holidays groups throughout San Diego County. On October 12th Helen Woodward Animal Center and Paws Crossed in New York received these amazing shipments and organized animal welfare groups from the area to pick up the food throughout the day. Both in California and New York the groups have been anxiously waiting for this exciting event when they will receive a windfall of quality Blue Buffalo cat and dog food. They wait for it all year long! Special thanks to Blue Buffalo for making this incredible donation possible – it will help so many during challenging times. 🐾



Cars were loaded to the brim with pet supplies!



KUSI came to the Center to cover the exciting event.



Helen Woodward Animal Center staff and volunteers help carry hundreds of bags of pet food and cat litter into cars of recipients.



17TH ANNUAL SURF DOG SURF-A-THON

Makes a Splash!

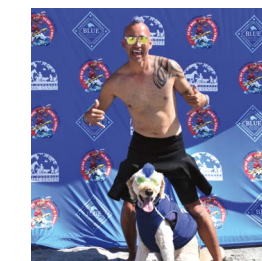


Gidget and her owner celebrating a surf heat with a paw-five.

Helen Woodward Animal Center held its signature beach event, the 17th Annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon Sunday, September 18th. The Center and presenting sponsor Blue Buffalo welcomed an enthusiastic crowd of thousands of human and canine spectators to beautiful Del Mar Dog Beach for the special event which featured surfing dogs, an adorable canine costume contest, a creative "freestyle surf" competition, as well as interactive booths, with all of the proceeds benefiting the pets and programs at the Center.

"Dogs love the beach, but more than that, dogs absolutely love spending time with their favorite human friend," said Helen Woodward Animal Services Manager Katrina Cauzza. "This event is a beautiful way to witness the incredible bond between pups and pawrents while also enjoying the gorgeous sights San Diego has to offer."

More than 50 dogs competed this year and "extra-small" competitor Petey returned to claim his title for the second time as head-of-the-pack of phenomenal surfing-



Derby and his owner are one of the many regulars of Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon.

Fidos with a "first overall," followed by Faith, a rescued Pitbull, in second place, and Barney Bear in third.

"Petey is 4-years-old and he's been surfing since he was 6-months-old. It's so exciting. He loves it. He is fearless and he surfs with wild abandon! Petey is a rescue himself," said Petey's pet parent Kay Deloach, "Helen Woodward does excellent work."

In addition to the joy and amazing athleticism of the event, Helen Woodward Animal Center's Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon is the only one of its kind with 100% of the proceeds going towards supporting it's orphan pets and programs. Thousands of dollars were raised by the surFURs, and prizes went to the top fundraisers.

"We created a team on Instagram and got donations. She has around 33,000 followers, so we got people from all over the US to help," said Yamia Benhaim, referring to her Surf Dog Crush "She loves the water. She was definitely a character out there surfing backwards! We love contributing and being a part of Helen Woodward."

To watch highlights and interviews from the 17th Annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon, visit the Center's YouTube page or the Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon Facebook page. For more information on the Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon visit www.animalcenter.org 🐾



Rusty and his owner making waves.



First place "Overall" Winner, (right) Petey, and the second place winner, Faith (top left). Third place Best in Surf went to Barney Bear (left).

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Tune in for adorable animals
& heartwarming stories on
**December 11th from
11:00am to 3:00pm on KUSI**



Nemo

Dory

Many people are not aware that 95% of Helen Woodward Animal Center's adoption population is made up of dogs and cats that are transferred to us from overcrowded facilities around the country. Two such beautiful cats, Nemo and Dory, came to the Center as a bonded pair with significant health issues. They were found with their mother near the Los Angeles River and unfortunately their rescuer believed it was best for them to stay with their mother until they were 8 weeks so as a result their health issues went untreated during that time. Both kittens were suffering with ringworm and one had a severely injured right leg. They are Snowshoes with unique coloring and beautiful eyes and their playful personalities and love for one another quickly stole our hearts. After an internal contest we named the two littermates Nemo and Dory after the beloved characters from Finding Nemo, one with a "weak fin" that required some adaptation, as well. After several weeks it became apparent that Nemo's "fin" was going to have to be amputated. We did everything we could to keep the leg until it was clear that it was causing pain and discomfort for Nemo. In addition to surgery for the leg, the pair were being treated for ringworm over several weeks in order to ensure that the felines were parasite-free. During this treatment they were able to enjoy a loving foster home where they could be socialized and become more

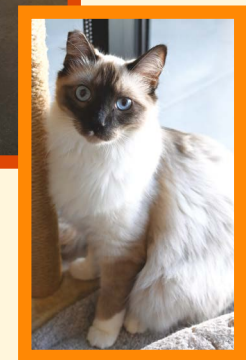
A rough beginning brought this bonded pair to safe haven at the Center and a forever home together.



Nemo and Dory had a special larger room during their short stay at the Center.



Staff and volunteers at the Center work hard to gain an animal's trust to make them feel more comfortable during their stay.



accustomed to people. We were concerned that a bonded pair with a tripod would be a tough "sell" for adoption but in just a few days a lovely mother and daughter came in and absolutely melted when they met our dynamic duo. Nemo and Dory are truly living their best lives because as animals do they just "kept swimming" and adjusted to their new circumstances in a loving supportive home. 🐾



Rob Kutty of SDPT working with one of our special dogs, Peaches.

Every pet gets a chance.
The Center ensures every pet gets the care and training needed.

Here at Helen Woodward Animal Center we are extremely proud of the efforts we make to help pets that come to us with significant health issues get the medical intervention they need to live their life fully in their forever home, whether it is treatment for heart worm or an amputation like Nemo. However, many people don't realize that another significant challenge facing pets arriving from overcrowded shelters are behavior issues.

Whether they are timid or fearful due to a trauma or overly attached to food or toys due to a lack of resources, the Center is here to provide the specialized training they need to become the type of dog that is a great fit for a family. Rob Kutty, of San Diego Pet Training, heads up our behavior assessment and training program and he and his team are found on our campus daily spending time with each of our dogs finding out who needs extra support and how we can best meet their needs and prepare them for their new life.

Sometimes socializing with other dogs in play groups can make all the difference and other times it is one on one training time with Rob and his team to work on a specific issue of fear or anxiety. Special dogs like Tyson, a senior boxer whose dad was forced to surrender him due to health issues, struggles with dog reactivity and gets daily support from our training team to help him adjust to being around other dogs so that he presents better when walking through the kennels and meeting prospective families. Sometimes it can take months of training for a dog to be adoptable and we work hard to ensure that every pet gets their best opportunity for success in their new family. 🐾



Tyson is adjusting well to his new forever home.

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Holiday GIFT GUIDE

give a gift that will save a life!



This holiday season, you can give a gift that saves lives. With 14 unique programs at Helen Woodward Animal Center all supporting the mission of "people helping animals and animal helping people," there's something to spark joy in everyone!

These gifts that save lives plus more available at animalcenter.org/2022holidaygiftguide or scan qr code.



VETERINARY CAMP EXPERIENCE

This holiday season, give the gift of an awesome experience with animals! Kids will have a blast at animal camps, which offer a rare opportunity to practice veterinary skills, interact with animals and gain experience with animal equipment. Contact Humane Education at 858-756-4117 ext. 318



2023 CALENDAR

The San Diego's Finest & Furiest Calendar makes a great gift for any pet lover in your life. Featuring a PAWSOME adorable pet for every month of year, the calendar also supports the orphan pets at Helen Woodward Animal Center.



SIT. STAY. & RELAX. AT CLUB PET

Club Pet is the place your pet wants to be when they can't be with you! This holiday season, gift a stay at our boarding facility or a doggie daycare experience to a loving pet owner in your life! A variety of bundles are available to make sure all pets have the time of their lives. Call the Club Pet front desk directly to purchase your gift at 858-756-4117 ext. 2



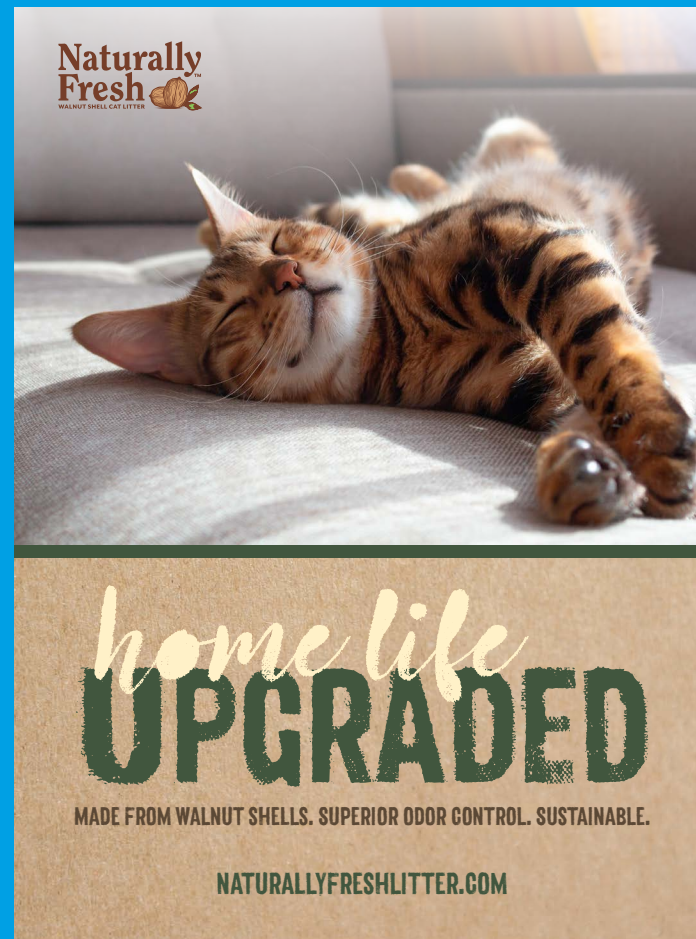
ORPHANED OBJECTS GIFT CARD

This holiday season, a \$25 gift card to Orphaned Objects Designer Resale sparks joy and helps orphan pets! Shop designer styles and home furnishings at a great price! All sales benefit the orphan pets and programs at Helen Woodward Animal Center.



RESCUE T-SHIRTS

If you're looking for a gift for a special someone with a heart for rescue animals, these t-shirts are worth a wag! Part of Helen Woodward Animal Center's official merchandise, these fashionable tees come in a variety of colors, styles and sizes for under \$30! Check them out.



Remember Me Thursday®

Tributes Light Up the World for Orphan Pets

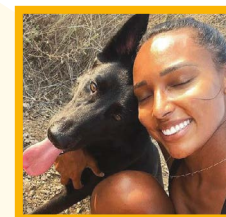
On Thursday, September 22, animal-lovers across the world united their voices for orphan pets as part of Remember Me Thursday® (RMT). Founded in 2013 by Helen Woodward Animal Center President Mike Arms, the day shines a spotlight on orphan pets and honors those who never found their forever home. With over one million pets losing their lives in the US each year, the campaign's mission is to inspire the life-saving choice to adopt.

"I need you all to join us and bring awareness," said Arms. "These beautiful pets just want a chance. They just want a chance to show you how they can give you unconditional love."



Candles were lit to honor pets that never found a forever home.

In addition to candle-lighting ceremonies, people everywhere are encouraged to share their rescue story on social media using the hashtags #RememberMeThursday and #SeeTheLight. Since its inception, the campaign has made over two billion social media impressions, with sentiments shared in over 190 countries. This year, inspiring stories of rescue filled social media feeds worldwide — spanning from Korea, Japan, Zimbabwe, Denmark, Canada, Panama, the UK, and beyond.



This year's RMT Official Spokesperson, Jasmine Tookes and her dog, Raja.

As the 2022 RMT Official Spokesperson, Jasmine Tookes, international supermodel and former Victoria's Secret Angel, used her platform of over 6 million followers to advocate for pet adoption.

"We want to use the pawitive power of social media to show the importance of spreading awareness for rescue pets and giving them a chance at finding loving homes, because unfortunately so many don't get that opportunity," Tookes wrote on social media along with photos of her rescue dog Rajah.



Social media posts around the world encouraged others to choose adoption.



In San Diego, tributes took place by the water, with an RMT ceremony kicking off Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon, and on the water, with SUP Pups hosting a paddle out and bonfire vigil with proceeds benefitting rescue work.

From sunrise to sunset, the day was filled with love for rescue animals, and hope. To join the Remember Me Thursday® movement, go to www.remembermethursday.org.



Attendees gather around as a Remember Me Thursday® ceremony kicks off Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon.



Panama shines a light on pet adoption.



Michiana Humane Society, in Michigan City, Indiana, hosts a Remember Me Thursday® memorial.



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2023 Calendar

Our San Diego's Finest & Furriest 2023 Pet Photo Calendar is available for pre-order! Contestants submitted adorable photos of their pets and fundraised over \$28,000 through online votes. Each month features a furry friend and highlights an attraction in San Diego. 100% of all sales go back to support the pets and programs at Helen Woodward Animal Center. The calendar would make a great gift for an animal lover in your life, especially with the new year approaching! Congratulations to our top 3 fundraisers Stoli, Charlie and Jessie. Thank you to all of our participants! 🐾

Scan the QR code to Pre-Order your 2023 Calendar today!



(Left to right) First place winner, Stoli, second place, Charlie and third place, Jessie.

Charity in Harmony: Students Serenade Education Animals & Present Donation

A unique performance took place at Helen Woodward Animal Center as an ensemble of orchestra students serenaded the Center's barnyard education animals. The concert was a capstone to their charitable efforts – Aria Chan, Natalie Yu, Olivia Lee and Connor Su performed at Poway Farmers Market for weeks and raised \$700 in donations to support the life-saving pet adoption programs at the Center.



Center education animals are guests of honor as local music students perform classical and modern arrangements.



Aria Chan, Natalie Yu, Olivia Lee and Connor Su with Olivia's mom Emily Fang pose for a photo alongside Claire Andrews, Assistant Manager of Instruction, and alpacas Kuzco and Kronk.

up I want to be a veterinarian who works with the animals at Helen Woodward because I really like them," said 5th grader Olivia Lee.

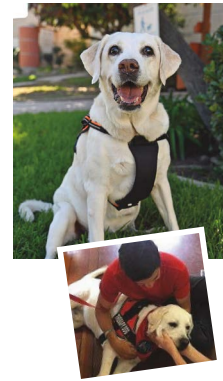
Their contribution is proof you are never too young to be philanthropic. To learn more about the Center's Education programs, which are open to all school-aged children and instill compassion for animals, visit animalcenter.org/education. To watch their performance, visit the Center's YouTube channel. 🐾



Students present their donation to Kendall Schulz, Adoption Services Director, and Katrina Cauzza, Animal Services Manager.

Club Pet: Lucy the Service Dog

Helen Woodward Animal Center is not only an Adoption Center; we offer an array of programs such as Therapeutic Riding, AniMeals, and Pet Boarding. At Club Pet, our mission is to make pets feel at home while you are away. The staff works hard to ensure your pet has a nurturing environment and receives attentive care. You can customize your dog's day by selecting services from a variety of individual or group play options. All of the accommodations for each pet are spacious and comfortable. Club Pet also provides boarding for cats, and small animals and pet training and grooming services. All proceeds support the orphan pets at Helen Woodward Animal Center!



Lucy has had an incredible career as a drug dog for MIPD and as a service dog, comforting burn victims.

Sometimes the Club Pet staff learns about a pet's incredible background that is worth sharing with you all! One of these pets is Lucy, a 14-year-old yellow Labrador. Lucy was unique from birth as she was the only yellow lab among her 12 siblings. She has been an excellent service dog throughout her years and had the opportunity to travel to Washington to help childhood burn victims by easing their pain and providing pure love. Camp Eyabsut is a free annual week-long summer camp for young burn survivors ages 5-17, put on by the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters Burn Foundation. In addition, Lucy was a drug dog for MIPD for four years and helped humans keep drugs out of homes and away from children. Lucy is such a sweetheart and we are always honored to take care of her at Club Pet! 🐾



Lucy and her proud owner, Carter Harrington.



**MAY EVERY PET
FIND A PLACE TO
SPARKLE & SHINE**



From Dick & Jan Hunter
and their pets Java, Banjo,
Fergie, Frankie, Bodie and Carter

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. A gift from you can help support the pets and programs at the Center. Please consider making a gift today on our website at www.animalcenter.org.

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, hold your own AniMeals pet food drive 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: Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRA's

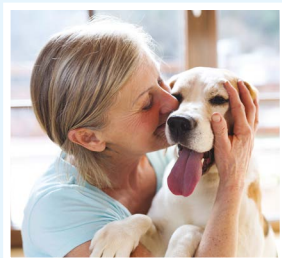
If you've reached the age where you need to take required minimum distributions from your traditional IRAs, you can avoid paying taxes on them by donating that money to a 501(c)(3) organization like Helen Woodward Animal Center.

A distribution from a traditional IRA normally incurs taxes since the account holder didn't pay taxes on the money when they made the contribution, but account holders aged 70½ or older who make a contribution directly from a traditional IRA to a qualified charity can donate up to \$100,000 without it being considered a taxable distribution. The deduction effectively lowers the donor's adjusted gross income (AGI).

Donors must follow the IRS rules for qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) to avoid paying taxes on the donation. These are called charitable IRA rollovers.

If you would like more information on how your IRA can help pets in need, please call Renee Resko at 858-756-4117 X 347.

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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.





Get ready to have some festive holiday fun with the family at Wild Winter and Wild Winter Nocturnal! Our animal ambassadors are eager to spread some holiday cheer alongside a backdrop of decorated Christmas trees and Christmas lights in our little winter wonderland.

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Great for toddlers through elementary ages, Wild Winter offers a jolly good time for the whole family with a one hour excursion with one of our cheerful crew members where you will meet some adorable animal ambassadors and learn how animals respond to the change in season. Your journey wouldn't be complete without creating a cute craft for you to keep (or gift!) and some personal time with Santa himself. Enjoy more crafts, games, and other fun activities before and after your joyful journey.

WILD WINTER NOCTURNAL
DECEMBER 2 • 9 • 16 | 5:00 PM-7:15 PM

While children are sleeping, Santa and his animal ambassadors will play at Wild Winter Nocturnal! This nighttime, one hour program offers a unique glimpse into what our animal ambassadors do during the longer nights of this special season and how that might bring about changes in the eating, habitat, and social patterns of our cozy critters. This program is guaranteed to be educational, but still full of Christmas cheer with cookie decorating time, a fun craft to make, and group story time with Santa.



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