

THE COMPANION

PEOPLE HELPING ANIMALS AND ANIMALS HELPING PEOPLE

*We're there every
step of the way...*

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FURIENDS available for adoption



DELBERT Doberman Pinscher Blend

Hi, I'm Delbert! I can be shy at first, but you will see my big smile when I am outdoors and running around a big yard chasing after balls or playing with other dogs. I am looking for active parents who can take me on long walks and hikes.

BELLE Domestic Long Hair Blend

I am the Belle of the ball and a true princess indeed! I am a very majestic 12-month-old Domestic Long Hair blend who loves to receive pets on my very soft fur. I am a bit shy at first, but once I can sense peaceful surroundings and get to know you more - I love to grab your full attention! How can you not fall in love with me?!

MELVIN Labrador Retriever Blend

I'm Melvin! I have become a confident, independent dog and am ready to find my forever family. I need a yard to roam in and a family to take me on long walks to explore. I could also thrive with a dog sibling! I would love a relaxing home where I can get lots of attention and love.

PEPPER Domestic Short Hair Blend

Hi, I'm Pepper! I am a beautiful 7-month-old Gray Tabby Domestic Short Hair blend that loves to hide in bed to stay warm and cozy. I am a bit shy, but once I warm up to my surroundings, I will seek your attention. My fur is very soft, and I love being petted and to be given all the cuddles and scratchies.

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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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Dear Friends of the Animals,

I hope your new year is off to a great start. It was an extremely busy end of the year for Helen Woodward Animal Center in a variety of ways, primarily with a focus on Adoptions and the number of animals that we were able to bring in from across the country and transition into loving forever homes. The need has never been greater and we were so pleased to be able to help with a large number of transfers and adoptions of both canines and felines at this time of year, including during our Animals for Armed Forces promotion for military families.

In addition, Helen Woodward Animal Center took an exciting step forward in advocating for animal welfare worldwide when I addressed the United Nation's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the first time since the Center was officially appointed special consultative status in August last year. Helen Woodward Animal Center was honored to take a seat at this table among the world's most influential non-governmental organizations. 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.

Already, the Center's work stretches far beyond our campus in Rancho Santa Fe. 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 and we look forward to next steps in our new role with the UN.

In addition to this important trip, Renée Resko, Vice President of Development, and I were asked to help a group called Pets and People Humane Society in Oklahoma at the beginning of December. This group was struggling with a number of issues related to staffing and leadership, as well as fundraising, and needed immediate assistance to get things back on track. Renée and I were happy to travel to them for an emergency assessment and board meeting, which resulted in a number of positive changes towards the creation of a sustainable organization for the benefit of the animals they serve. These types of visits always help us to remember how far Helen Woodward Animal Center has come in the last 23 years and how much we have to offer to other groups in need.

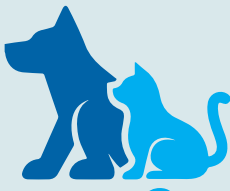
Thank you for your lifesaving support throughout 2022 – the year ahead is sure to be challenging, but also extremely rewarding, and we couldn't do it without you.

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 magazine 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?

Lucky

At just 3-months-old, Lucky was found alone on the street with an injury to his back leg. He had likely been hit by a car. Good Samaritans rushed him to the Center, where the Center's Development Specialist, Alicia Ayala, was outside at a check-in table for the 50th Anniversary event. Alicia jumped into action – running across the Center's campus to get him to Companion Animal Hospital.



Lucky before he had his back leg amputated to prevent future infections.

At the time, Lucky was flea-ridden and badly hurt. The doctors believed he had suffered serious nerve damage to his back leg, so he was given pain medication to help ease his discomfort.

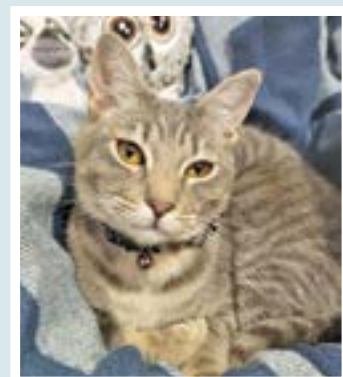


Lucky adjusted well to life with three legs!

After weeks of physical therapy, our medical team decided it would be best to amputate Lucky's leg. This would limit the risk of him dragging the limb and causing future infections. Even after having his leg removed, Lucky never slowed down or gave up.

Lucky is now loving life with his new forever family who happens

to be one of our very own Animal Care Technicians, Porcha Lombardi. Lucky's new name is Gino, and he has adapted so well to his new family. Gino has been kept entertained and loved by his two older cat siblings. Porcha couldn't help but fall in love with this sweet boy while she visited him every day when he was healing after surgery at the Center. "It's amazing to see animals who have been injured and they have these special needs be so resilient and full of life. It's a special part of my heart. He's super special. I hope that he lives the best life he can live and I can provide that for him."



Lucky, now Gino, enjoying his new loving home.



A Global Spotlight for Pets:

CEO Addresses Global Audience Calling for Compassion Across the Globe

Helen Woodward Animal Center's unique form of global outreach to shelters in need has been central in helping animal welfare organizations grow and become more efficient in an effort to save more lives. In addition to hosting special shelter staff guests from around the globe at bi-annual Business of Saving Lives conferences here in San Diego, the Center has hosted and participated in large scale animal conferences in Puerto Rico, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Prague, Poland, and in 2023 Scotland. Building this network also allowed the Center to become close to organizations providing relief to shelters in crisis most recently 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. Now with Helen Woodward Animal Center's new special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and 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. On December 13th, the Center addressed Non-Governmental Organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for the first time during a meeting in the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Center CEO Mike Arms, accompanied by Vice President of Development Renée Resko and Social Media and Technology Manager Jacqueline Kelleher, presented the Center's views and goals to the ECOSOC members. The hearing was broadcast online on United Nations Web TV at media.un.org/en/webtv. 🐾



Michael Arms seated and ready to represent the Center.

A written version of Arms' address follows:

"Thank you, Honorable Chairperson, for giving us the floor. Since 1972, Helen Woodward Animal Center, based in the United States, has been committed to the philosophy of people helping animals and animals helping people. The admittance of our organization to the Economic and Social Council is an indication of the importance of advocating for the humane treatment of animals and discovering ways to benefit the community through educational and therapeutic programs for people, while involving animals."

In its 50 years, the Center has had a direct impact in over 180 countries and its campaigns have helped to save the lives of over 19 million pets. Recently, the Center raised over \$300,000 to support animal rescue work in Ukraine. Center representatives have provided guidance to many countries that are working on legislation to protect animals and stray pets. The Center also hopes to break the cycle of human abuse which correlates with animal abuse. It is imperative that our children learn at a young age how to interact humanely with animals so that we can all continue to enjoy a diverse biosphere.

The aim of our organization here is to: share the importance of the animal-human bond; advocate for the humane treatment of animals; support people who are in need by connecting them to animals; and act as a resource to animal advocates, rescue organizations, animal caretakers, and other communities.

Helen Woodward Animal Center's passionate belief that animals help people and people help animals through trust, love, and respect creates a legacy of caring. Working with the Economic and Social Council and other groups we can inspire our youth. Teaching our youth to become more humane today can lead to a more humane world tomorrow."



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



Renée Resko, Michael Arms and Jackie Kelleher at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.



Healing Step by Step

Puppy Gets a Splash of Hope

Mason, an adorable Labrador Retriever blend, found safe haven at Helen Woodward Animal Center after being transferred from one of our Oklahoma partners along with his sister and 27 other puppies in late November.

We first noticed how sweet Mason is and then quickly realized he was limping on his front left leg. We brought him in for x-rays, but there were no obvious fractures found. A soft tissue injury was suspected, and Mason worked with an orthopedic specialist to find out what was causing his limp.

Mason wore a splint as he stayed with a loving foster family to rest and heal. At this point, it was a mystery as to what was causing Mason's lameness, but our medical team was determined to find out. They performed another round of x-rays and discovered a hard-to-notice compression fracture. At some point in his young life before arriving in our care, Mason had been injured. Thankfully, he had landed in just the right place to get help, every step of the way.

While Mason wasn't a candidate for surgery, our veterinarians could now recommend water therapy to aid his healing. With time and support, Mason's symptoms are expected to subside. This was great news for all of us, including the family who came to the Center and fell in love with him in January. They agreed to take him swimming often and to be patient as he slowly improves, and we are all excited for the long and happy life he has ahead of him. 🐾



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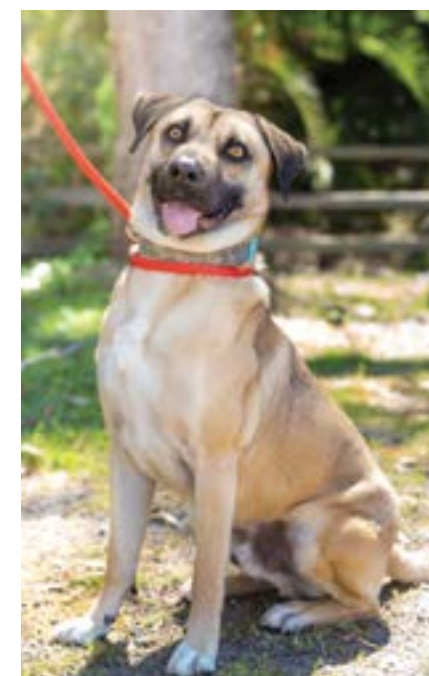
- may be scared or hide
- feels overwhelmed
- may not eat or drink

3 WEEKS

- starts to settle in
- lets guard down
- learns your routine

3 MONTHS

- sets into routine
- begins to build trust
- feels comfortable



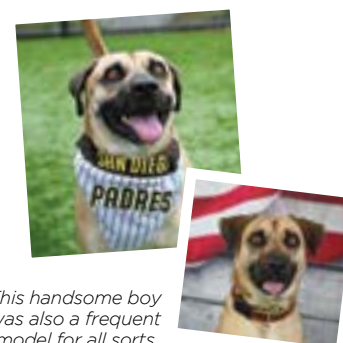
King of Hearts

Shy Shepherd-blend Blooms with Help from Center Staff

Sometimes a special dog comes into the Center's care that needs extra love and time to find their forever home. Luckily, the Center is well-equipped to help, no matter how long it takes. That was the case for a 9-month-old Shepherd blend named King Julian, who spent over a year working with our trainers before finding his perfect family. When King Julian first arrived at the Center from a rescue partner in Calixico, he was very scared. Our trainers worked closely with him to overcome his fears. By slowly introducing him to other dogs during walks, along with crate training, King Julian's confidence began to build. Months later, King Julian was going on doggy playdates and finally opening up. On December 22, 2022 King Julian was adopted by a wonderful couple from Carlsbad. As he got ready to go home with his new family, tears of joy filled the eyes of the couple and staff members. Another testament to the Center's mission, King Julian proved that with patience, support, and love, a life can be forever changed. 🐾



King Julian posing with his date for Puppy Prom.



This handsome boy was also a frequent model for all sorts of photoshoots!

Home 4 the Holidays® Contest Winners

During Home 4 the Holidays® (October 1, 2022, to January 2, 2023) when you adopted from partner organizations, tagged newly adopted pet photos or video with the hashtag #IChoseToRescue and tagged @hwac and @bluebuffalo on Twitter or Instagram, that you were entered to win a year's supply of Blue Buffalo pet food for your pet and a \$1,000 donation to the organization you adopted from. We wanted to show the world why pet adoption is both beautiful and life-changing! What better way to do it than to share your amazing adoption stories on social media.



Here are our 2022 winners:



October Winner: Owen from Sanilac County Humane Society

"I've had a lot of changes in my life recently and was feeling lost. A friend happened to mention a kitten at the shelter and how playful he was. It was love at first sight. He's the missing piece for my heart and in just a couple days I no longer feel anxious. When he snuggles up to me I can feel my worries melt away a bit..."



November Winner: Autumn from Midwest Dog Rescue Network

"To be honest, I didn't think I'd find a friend like Baxter ever again. His sudden death broke my heart. Almost a year later I started looking at adopting another dog. I missed the tap taps of nails on the hardwood floors. The cuddles. The 'YOU'RE HERE!' that only a dog greets you with when you return home... even if you've only been away for five minutes. When I saw Autumn's face online, my heart healed a little. Her soulful eyes got me and I knew she was the one. She's a completely different dog than Baxter, but makes me feel loved just like he did. We're both learning and settling in. I give her nighttime snuggles, socks to steal

and Blue Buffalo puppy food three times a day. With every kiss and snuggle she's not only mending my heart, but giving it a new reason to beat. Thank you to the Midwest Dog Rescue Network who fostered her until we found each other!"



December Winner: Mr. Darcy from Pets & People Humane Society, Inc.

"Mr. Darcy was a breeder cast off because he had a herniated umbilical cord and the breeder had not been able to sell him for top dollar. From the first night, he snuggled up to my husband that has terminal cancer. Mr. Darcy has become such an integral part of our lives. He provides the love and most importantly the laughs that we need as our family fights this cancer battle together. Our 9-year-old son said, 'I think that Mr. Darcy was sent just to help Daddy.' After fostering him for a few months, we knew that though we had fostered over 200 dogs in the past 5 years, Mr. Darcy had chosen us as his forever family. On December 11, we made it official and adopted him. For his adoption pics, he took his pic with Santa. He kissed Santa and thanked him for his forever family before Christmas." 🐾



Cozy Critters

Keeping Pets Warm This Winter

As the temperatures dip each winter, Helen Woodward Animal Center's Cozy Critters Donation Drive brings warmth and wellness to homeless families and their pets by taking them new dog sweaters, dog jackets, cozy blankets, pet supplies, and pet food.



"Pets are often a true lifeline, providing unconditional love and friendship" stated Helen Woodward Animal Center VP of Development Renee Resko. "Being able to gift something warm and cuddly to these beloved furry babies does something for both the pets and their owners."

This year, Helen Woodward Animal Center's Cozy Critters event was at Father Joe's Day Center on February 17, for our annual cozy gift distribution for both people and pups. In addition to bringing warmth this season, the Center's mobile pet health and wellness unit was onsite to provide health checks, microchipping, preventative medical care, important vaccinations, flea and tick medication, spay/neuters, and pet food. Launched six years ago with the support and kindness of Pat and Stephanie Kilkenny and the Lucky Duck Foundation, Helen Woodward Animal Center's Pets Without Walls program has been honored to join efforts to assist homeless families by keeping their furry companions fed and healthy. 🐾



Dogs of all sizes enjoyed their new sweaters and blankets.



Pets Without Walls Mobile Unit Update

Helping Homeless Pets and People

Starting in 2017, the Pets Without Walls program's mobile veterinary unit began to help those experiencing homelessness in San Diego County by keeping their four-legged companions fed and healthy. The bond between people experiencing hardship and their pets is strong, and in doing our part to support the health of these pets, we help keep them with their beloved owners through times of financial struggle and homelessness.



The mobile unit has made it possible to help many more people and pets in need.


In 2022, we were able to expand these services to include low income seniors. This was made possible thanks to funding from the Alex and Elisabeth Lewyt Charitable Trust. The Lewyt Mobile Pet Health + Wellness Unit each week visits one of our partners like Father Joe's Day Center, Alpha Project, Interfaith, Meals on Wheels and newly added PATH San Diego to provide free health checks, microchipping, spays and neuters, vaccines, and flea and tick medications. Through the Center's AniMeals program, Pets Without Walls is also able to provide pet food. The Lewyt Mobile Pet Health + Wellness Unit saw a total of 478 pets in 2022. 377 dogs and 97 cats received free wellness check-ups, 52 spay/neuter surgeries were completed, 630 vaccines were administered, and over 756 monthly doses of flea and tick medication was distributed. We also added a part-time RVT to the program and look forward to adding new partner sites in 2023.




Our team is here to help!

For more information visit our website at animalcenter.org/programs-services/pets-without-walls/ 🐾

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AniMeals Food Drive

Filling hearts and bellies

Our good friends at Kahoots pet supply stores continued their tremendous support of Helen Woodward Animal Center with a holiday food drive for the month of December for our AniMeals program that provides pet food to homebound and low-income seniors in need throughout San Diego County. All of their stores across the county participated, including a holiday Santa photo shoot event at the Escondido location for shoppers who wanted to share their fur babies special holiday moment with friends and family. In addition, we were thrilled to receive the extra support of our friends at Soapy Joe's that encouraged the public to participate with a free car wash for those who donated to the Kahoot's food drive. In all, we raised close to over 10,000 pounds of pet food to ensure that seniors can keep their best friends even in these trying financial times. Special thanks to both Kahoots and Soapy Joe's for their ongoing support of the Center. 🐾



One Safe Place

Providing the comfort of pets

Helen Woodward Animal Center was excited to kick off our new partnership with One Safe Place in December with a very special holiday Pet Encounter Therapy visit from some of our most adorable ambassadors and their pet parents. One Safe Place was started by Center supporter and friend, DA Summer Stephan, and provides free support services all under one roof to anyone who has experienced child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, hate crimes, elder abuse, human trafficking, violent loss, family violence or other abuse or victimization. This holiday event was offered for the families served in 2022 and brought out about 70 adults and children as young as 9-months-old to enjoy some holiday cheer, with some furry fun provided by Helen Woodward Animal Center's Pet Encounter Therapy dogs and volunteers. We look forward to following up with a Valentine visit in February! 🐾

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CENTER PUPS COMPETE IN ANIMAL PLANET'S PUPPY BOWL XIX

Millions of viewers tune in as Carlos and Crocket represent "Team Fluff"

Football players weren't the only stars of the screen this Super Bowl Sunday. Puppy Bowl XIX preceded the big playoff, and among this year's small and fuzzy players, were two special Helen Woodward Animal Center pups who made it to the big time. Carlos and Crocket, Dachshund-blend brothers, were selected to compete on Team Fluff, and delighted viewers across the country. To celebrate the puppies' big game and cheer on Carlos and Crocket, McGregor's Grill hosted a Puppy Bowl XIX Watch Party with 10% of all food and drink supporting the pets and programs at Helen Woodward Animal Center. The event, held on the dog-friendly patio, offered canine-themed menu items, including a special dish for attending pooches. Helen Woodward Animal Center orphan pups were on-site in a tiny football stadium, and this year's comPETitors were in attendance to pass out licks and PAWtographs! Helen Woodward Animal Center first became a part of the world's cutest game in 2019 when a tiny Center orphan terrier named Flo made the trip to the east coast to compete. In 2020, another Center cutie, a miniature chocolate poodle-blend named Bobby, showed so much spunk he became a featured player and a finalist for that year's MVP (Most Valuable Puppy). In 2021, despite the pandemic restrictions, Animal Planet provided coast-to-coast exposure for orphan pets with an "Adoptable Pup" segment which featured an energetic 3-month-old Center cattle dog-blend named Bandit. Last year, Helen Woodward Animal Center



Carlos and Crocket having a ball during 'pre-season training' at their foster home.

had three comPETitors in the big game - Spangles, Fireworks and Marcus - each selected for their star-quality and playful-nature. Best of all, shortly after filming, both Carlos and Crocket were adopted into loving homes. While they didn't take the home Lombarky Trophy, they did gain something even greater - a family to give and receive unconditional love. 🐾



ANIMAL CAREER FOCUSED DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS!

It's not uncommon for young animal lovers to have an interest in pursuing that passion as a career. Why not give them an opportunity to explore that interest with one of our most popular day camps for kids ages 9-16?



Campers can explore the field of animal husbandry with Animal Care Camp and get to go behind the scenes of our animal care facility and see what it takes to take care of our over 70 animal ambassadors! Campers will learn about



common animal husbandry practices, such as diet preparation, animal enrichment, training, and more. This is a great opportunity for kids interested in careers such as zookeeping, grooming, animal training, and more!



At You Can Be A Veterinarian Camp, campers get an intimate look at what a typical day looks like for a veterinarian. Campers will get to practice skills such as suturing, injections, and



even listening to the heart rate of a horse! You Can Be A Veterinarian Camp allows campers to utilize animal case studies and real life veterinary equipment in order to be fully immersed in the veterinary field.

For more information on Humane Education, please visit:
animalcenter.org /programs-services/education/



Beagle Reunion

Beagles Rescued from Lab-Testing Breeding Facility Reunite on HOPE Telethon

Beagles were being under-fed and lacked basic medical care. They had never felt grass, seen the sun, or experienced human kindness. When it was announced the facility was being shut down, the Center was among the very first organizations to volunteer to help and to accept adult beagles who needed placement. The day they first arrived at the Center, their intake was unlike most. Usually when a transport arrives, the dogs are excited and barking, but that was not the case. It was completely silent. Having been traumatized, the beagles didn't know what they were in for next – but fortunately, they would soon get to experience endless love from our staff and foster families – as all 43 beagles got a medical checkup and went straight into foster homes that very day. Seeing the beagles get to be “real dogs” for the first time was eye-opening. They had to learn everything about the world outside of confinement – from how to walk on a leash, how to play with a toy, and how to be comfortable around humans. With a lot of patience and love, they slowly started to gain the confidence they needed to be prepared for their forever

homes. They each received thorough medical care, including much-needed dental work. Their teeth were in bad shape, likely from a poor diet at the lab-testing breeding facility. Finally, after receiving all their vaccines, spay and neuter surgeries, the beagles were ready to find their forever homes. Each was lovingly matched with families based off of applications to make sure they were a perfect fit for each other, which was just the case for Laurie Wilson and her rescue beagle Bailey. “She didn't know how to play with toys. She had never had a toy before. One of her favorites now is her little lamb. We found out right away that any noises would be very upsetting to her. We just let her show us what she needed,” said Laurie while petting Bailey at their home on the couch. “It's amazing that these little guys can come out of this as well as they have. There are so many puppies out there that need homes. I hope that others can learn from seeing the beagle rescue that they would rather bring a rescue in than go to a breeding facility.” The journey of these beagles is more proof that animals can be our teachers. They are willing to forgive, grow and heal – and we are honored to see them thriving in this new chapter of their lives – made possible by the kindness of Center supporters. During the HOPE Telethon, viewers and community partners donated a grand total of \$1,001,672 to go towards saving more pets in need like them, and making the world a better place for animals. 🐾



Mel Rose's rescue beagle snuggles with his toys in a cozy dog bed.



(above) Beagle adopter Laurie Wilson and rescue Bailey cuddle on the couch.



Bailey the beagle lovingly brings her favorite toy on a stroll.



Steven Crabb's rescue beagle Oliver loves San Diego's beautiful beaches.

Adopters and Center staff celebrate the beagles' newfound freedom while raising life-saving funds.

We see a lot of different types of rescues at Helen Woodward Animal Center that change our hearts and help us grow and learn. One of the most impactful rescues that we've ever seen happened in July, when the Center stepped up to help in the rescue of 4,000 beagles from a lab-testing breeding facility in Virginia after inhumane treatment was discovered. 43 of those traumatized beagles made their way to the Center, where they were rehabilitated with help from loving staff and fosters. They have since all found their forever homes, and this December, a dozen of the Center's rescue beagle alums gathered once more for a special reunion on live television during the HOPE Telethon – one of the Center's largest annual fundraisers. Together with their new families, each displayed tremendous growth in the months since their lives changed from confinement to freedom. The conditions these beagles were in at the lab-testing breeding facility was simply heart-breaking. An investigation of the facility uncovered over 70 animal welfare violations.



Beagles, some in sweaters, stop and sniff new acquaintances



Lucky poses with his pet parents.



Jersey smiles bright at the HOPE Telethon.

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Animals were very important to John and Mary Leigh throughout their married life together. They were married in March of 1964 after meeting in Auburn, Alabama. John was a Major in the Marine Corps and traveled often supporting general ordinance or as John said "the Big Guns".



They were stationed in Japan for a time and Mary Leigh often reflected on the wonderful time they had stationed in Okinawa. Mary Leigh managed the family home and in later years the family farm. During John's travels, Mary Leigh counted on her dogs for comfort and companionship. They fell in love with Schnauzers and had quite a few during their lives from Heidi, Gretchen, Williamina, and several Emily's. They were a staple to the home and always a part of the family.

Mary Leigh told her family that when they worked on their estate plans, they unanimously

agreed that they wanted to support the Helen Woodward Animal Center due to the tremendous work that the Center does to support animals in the community and in payback for the lifetime of love she and John received from their Schnauzers.

Biographical information provided by Robert Ware, Mary Leigh's godson. 🐾



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MARCH

- 1-26** Spring Tails *(by appointment)*
- 9** Estate Planning Lunch
- 11** Animal Care Camp
- 11** Volunteer Orientation
- 12** You Can Be A Veterinarian Camp *(full day)*
- 18** Semi-Annual Tack Sale
- 18-19** Spring Tails Family Fun Day
- 18-19** Orphaned Objects Spring Donation Drive
- 25** Nature Neighbors
- 25-26** Orphaned Objects Spring Season Sale
- 27-31** Spring Critter Camp

APRIL

- 3-14** Spring Critter Camp
- 15-16** Spring Tails Family Fun Day
- 15-30** Spring Tails *(by appointment)*
- 21-23** Orphaned Objects Earth Day Sale
- 22** Animal Care Camp
- 23** You Can Be A Veterinarian Camp *(half day)*

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