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you, Olivia
was able
to help her
family heal.
Read her
story inside.

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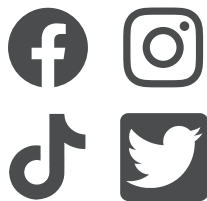
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from the korner kennel

how pets arrive in our care

We've experienced a substantial uptick in pet abandonment at our shelter in recent months. Although distressing, we remain focused on the outcomes of each cat & dog in our care.

Sometimes abandoned pets are latched to our front gates. Other times, it takes a team to lay hands on a loose dog running frightened around our Campus.

From there the journey begins. Journeys like Huckleberry's.

We, like shelters nationwide, have faced a spike in pets experiencing elevated Fear, Anxiety & Stress (FAS) levels upon arrival. Since FAS often leads to illness, we are using more calming supplements & medications than usual, allowing us to discover a pet's personality and needs — and have breakthroughs in behavior training faster. Our approaches aid placement, the ultimate goal, so that our precious pets find and thrive in new homes as soon as possible. Pets like Rosemary.

Often we don't know what each



day will bring, but I am beyond grateful that Animal Humane may rely on your support to care for pets that arrive under a variety of circumstances. **Because of you**, they'll be home for the holidays or help someone ring in the New Year!

**May the same happiness you bring
homeless pets find you & yours in 2023,**

Donna M. Stumpf

A five-year-old Hound, **Huckleberry** was initially fearful after being abandoned at our shelter. With the use of anxiety medications and a week of Behavior Modification Training,



he made progress acclimating to the shelter environment, meeting new people & learning leash skills. Although he preferred slow introductions, Huckleberry's desire for affection, cheese, shredded chicken and playing fetch in our dog park helped him build the confidence to meet potential adopters. His delightful personality won over his new family & he was adopted after 33 days in our care!

After being surrendered, **Rosemary**, a 2½-year-old beauty, was enrolled in Behavior Modification for defensive manners that arose when overstimulated and while making introductions. While in Behavior Modification, she learned how to disengage on her own and make positive associations with approaching hands. Churu (a hard to resist treat for any feline) & our Team's patience played a vital role in helping Rosemary alter her behavior & acclimate to our shelter environment. She was adopted after 70 days in our care!



Envy begins again...



In early August, a beautiful Labrador Retriever cross and her five puppies were surrendered to Animal Humane. **At only three months old, the puppies were especially shy and showed signs of compromised health.** Many of the puppies tested positive for giardiasis, a highly contagious gastrointestinal parasite. The giardia parasite can cause severe weight loss and dehydration if not treated. **Without immediate veterinary care, the sick puppies were in serious danger.** On top of their potentially deadly health issues, several of the puppies also appeared to have eye abnormalities impacting their sight. It is safe to say these sweet pups did not have the best start to life. **Thankfully, because of you, we were able to help them start over!**



While the puppies were being treated for parasites, our Veterinary Team further assessed their eye abnormalities. Fortunately, the irregularities turned out to be congenital ocular defects. While there was no correcting the issues, the fact that they were congenital meant we didn't have to further tax the small pups' already vulnerable bodily systems with additional medications.

For one puppy in particular, Envy, these abnormalities were quite severe. Only a very small amount of her iris and pupil were visible. **When repeated testing revealed Envy's visual response to stimuli was slow or lacking, we realized that**

this darling canine was almost completely blind.

Despite the obstacles Envy would have to face throughout her life, your love and generosity helped her keep going. After her spay surgery, Envy was cleared for adoption, and it wasn't long before her story captured the heart of her new mom.

"From the moment I met her, I knew she was the one!" shares Alexis.

Envy has adjusted very well to life with her mom and adopted canine brother. Alexis reports that Envy has come out of her shell and shows more of her goofy side every day.

"My favorite moment was when Envy learned how to go up and down the stairs, on and off the bed, and even learned how to use the doggy door," said Alexis. **"Because she is almost fully blind, these skills are more difficult and much scarier for her. When she learned how to do them, I was a proud momma."**

Not only did you give Envy a fresh start, but you also provided her littermates and her mom with one, too. **Perfect matches and success stories like Envy's are only possible because of the love and dedication you have shown over the course of this year.** On behalf of the thousands of pets you have helped save, we thank you!

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cover story

When Olivia, a three-month-old domestic shorthair kitten, arrived at Animal Humane we knew right away that she would be a perfect candidate for our Cats Around Town program. Created to help highlight adoptable cats in various partner businesses, rather than in a typical shelter environment, Cats Around Town (CAT) has helped over 2,500 cats find their forever homes since its inception in January 2009. It was your support of this program that helped the snuggly feline Olivia find her new home in only three days!

Sandra, Olivia's soon-to-be mom, was grieving the loss of her beloved cat, Kate. A beautiful Maine Coon, Kate had recently passed away after being diagnosed with aggressive liver cancer. In the midst of her grief and loneliness, Sandra felt an urge to look at Animal Humane's website. To her surprise, Olivia immediately caught her eye.

"It had only been a week since Kate passed. My husband and I had no intention of adopting another cat, but I think it was Kate that called me over to [CAT partner] Jack and Rascals, where Olivia was waiting," Sandra explained. **"Kate knew I needed Olivia."**

As Sandra turned the corner toward the kennels at Jack and Rascal's, Olivia rushed to the front of her kennel. As soon as she was in Sandra's arms, Olivia melted and started purring. As Olivia rumbled contentedly in her arms, Sandra began to think of Kate. **"Kate had such a loud motor and would purr in my arms, just like Olivia was doing."**

Still unsure about adopting another cat so soon after Kate's passing, Sandra placed Olivia back in her

Olivia
helps her
family

Heal

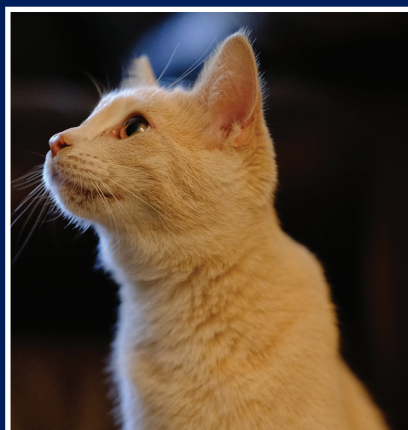


kennel and turned to walk away. **"Olivia cried so loudly, everyone in the store could hear her.** One of the employees said, 'I think you have a cat.' The rest, as they say, is history."

Once Olivia came home, she settled right in, acting as if she had been there all her life. Sandra's two older cats accepted her instantly, and she fit right in as one of the family!

The dedication that you continue to show pets like Olivia not only gave this fine feline a second chance, it also allowed Olivia to use her second chance to help her new family heal.

When she isn't collecting plastic straws and hiding them under



the throw rug, wrestling with her stuffed Piglet, or napping with her new sister, Molly, Olivia can be found curling up next to her new mom and dad, healing their hearts. **"She has lifted me out of my grief and brings us laughter every day."**

PUPDATES & CATCH-UPS



Bob has been loving spending time on the beach and on the water at his new home in sunny San Diego.



Lady Marmalade loves to go everywhere with her mom, including out on the kayak!

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"We return to the Dawdle year after year because it benefits both our dogs and dogs at Animal Humane in need of a home."

— Apollo's person, Angela

Each year since 1982, thousands of pets and people gather to support homeless pets at Doggie Dash & Dawdle. This year, our 40th annual event, was no exception! **As everyone was dashing, dawdling, and even bobbing for cheese, Apollo, a 16 ½ year old chihuahua was soaking up every second of his 7th Doggie Dash!**

"We return to the Dawdle year after year because it benefits both our dogs and dogs at Animal Humane in need of a home. **It's so fulfilling watching Apollo have fun**

with carnival games while knowing that it will help other dogs, too." said Angela, Apollo's person.

Because of Apollo, his family, and the thousands of other attendees, we were able to exceed our fundraising goal by raising over \$200,000! Those funds went right to work supporting the life-saving care for the homeless pets we love. Also, five pets were adopted as a result of Dash's Rent-A-Dog booth! **Thank you to all who attended Doggie Dash and to those who donated.** We will see you next year!



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Marzipan's SUCCESS at The Center

Marzipan, a 6-year-old Bulldog mix, had her first interview for Doggie Day Care at The Center at Animal Humane in late October of 2021. Marzi was shy and timid. During her interview Marzipan showed clear signs that she did not want to be left alone at Day Play, so The Center Team determined it was not quite the right fit...at least not yet.

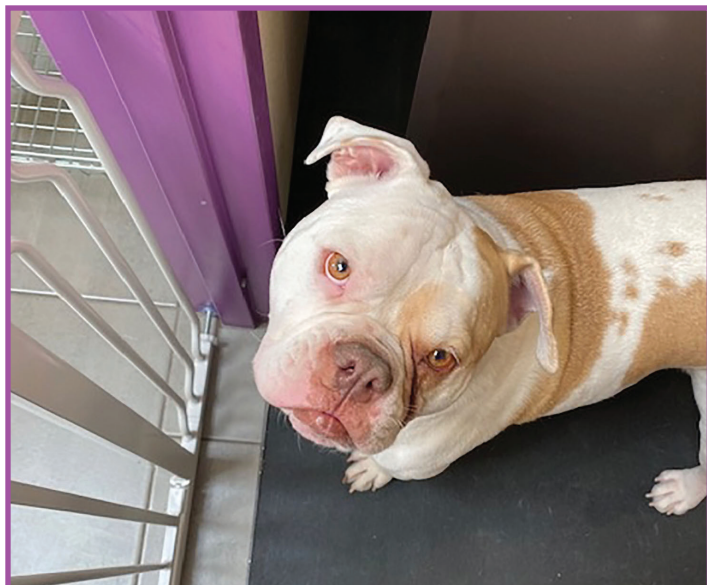
Thankfully, Marzipan and her family had options! The Center Team recommended Mellow Pup; a 2-hour play session specifically designed for shy, less confident pups. Marzi attended Mellow Pup for a few months, and we enjoyed watching her become increasingly sure of herself.

Finally, in January of 2022, Marzi graduated to Mellow Pup II! This 2-hour play session focuses more on positive and safe dog-dog interactions. Dogs in Mellow Pup II typically like to play with other dogs but prefer a smaller group than what is usually found in our Day Play sessions. **This class allowed Marzi to continue to grow in confidence around other dogs and introduced her to the concept of play.**

As her time in Mellow Pup II continued, it was clear Marzipan wasn't afraid. But she still didn't seem to be enjoying playful interactions with other dogs.

Then one blustery spring day, Marzi surprised our Team by play-bowing to a mate.

She shuffled right, then left and then spun around, inviting the other pup to frolic with her. When these playful behaviors continued, we knew this sweet lady



Classes at The Center

Did you know that new classes are posted on The Center's website on the 10th of every month?

We offer a wide variety of classes, such as Puppy Hour, which helps puppies receive necessary socialization, or Perfect Pub Pet, which teaches the basics of having a patio-friendly pup.

We also offer Reactive Rover, a human-only seminar helping pet parents with reactive dogs improve their handling skills! Check out the Center's website at TrainPlayStay.org to find the perfect class for you and your canine companion!

was ready for regular Day Play! Since Marzi began attending our Small Dog Yard has not been the same. It was here that she met her bestie Ruffus the Pug.

If your pup needs some additional support surrounding positive interactions with other dogs, Mellow Pup classes may be a good fit!

Learn more at TrainPlayStay.org or give our Team at The Center a call at 505.255.7529.

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Ex-Purrrt Advice



Helping our pets cope when company comes!

Parties and gatherings bring joy and stress to all members of a household, pets included. Jessica Harder Leeson, Shelter Behavior Manager, shares simple ways to keep your beloved pet safe and happy when company comes over.

1. Anticipate your pet's needs: Even the most social pet can feel overwhelmed surrounded by people or in a new environment. Create a safe space where your pet can retreat — a cozy crate or a bedroom away from the festivities is a great option.

2. Practice active supervision: Will your pet be meeting new children? Perhaps a family member is bringing their pet to visit? Slow, careful introductions are a great way to ensure everyone is comfortable. Whenever children and pets are together, ensure an adult is actively supervising.

3. Beware of toxins: Different plants, medication and even food are potential dangers to cats and dogs. Limit your pet's access to spaces where these items might be found. Ensure suitcases are closed tight because you never know what an ingenious canine or feline might find.

4. Let your pets decide: Our dogs and cats are pros at telling us what they're comfortable with and what (or who) they'd rather avoid. If your pet is not comfortable with a guest, situation or another pet, don't force them to interact. Allowing your pet to exit or retreat to their safe space will be less stressful for everyone.

We thank you for being your pets' greatest advocate by being their first line of defense and wish you and your pets a happy New Year!

2022

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2,844 Adoptions

90

Pets Received
Behavior
support

2,300 Total
Surgeries
including
Spay/Neuter

456

Pets in
Foster Care

Numbers reflect 2022 statistics through November 2022.



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