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Monthly Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month
6 PM at the Shelter

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From the Office Manager

2012 closed on a high note here at HSMC; we are nicely settled into the new office and all the changes brought about by moving into this new space are working well. The kittens are enjoying the new kittery, with its sunny windows and fireplace. The old kittery will become the nursery for baby kittens and nursing moms when "kitten season" comes around this spring. That will make our intake and infirmary areas less crowded and more healthy.

We will soon be able to accept credit cards for adoptions and contributions which will make things easier for our sup-

porters. We are also engaged in on-going improvements to make the shelter more comfortable for the animals in our care.

Our 2012 adoptions were "rewardingly" high, almost 200 cats and kittens found homes including many cats that had been in residence for several years. And, dog adoptions were great as well; we took in 158 dogs during the year and adopted out 127 dogs. Fortunately, these adoptions also included dogs that had been at the shelter for some time.

Our volunteer force remains strong, but we are always in need of more volunteers. There can never be too many volunteers to

give the animals as much attention as they crave. My hat goes off to these dedicated people who come out to cuddle cats and walk the dogs in all kinds of weather.

We are looking forward to all of the events and projects we have planned for 2013. Our ongoing fund raising events are a lot of work, but they are a lot of fun as well and I am looking forward to being a part of them all. We are grateful for the tremendous dedication and support we receive.

Dee Koishor

Get Reddy for Spageddy!

The annual HSMC Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will take place April 27 at Barra of Mendocino in Redwood Valley. This is our first major fundraiser of the year and has become one of our most successful events. We are seeking donations for the SILENT AUCTION always a big part of the event. Antiques, gift certificates for goods and services, original art work, jewelry or resort certificates are attractive auction items. Check your closets for brand new "regiftable" items to donate, and keep checking your mailbox for the Spaghetti Dinner Flyer!



Angel's Story (aka Roomba)

An angelic looking two week old white kitten was surrendered to the shelter in early October, and very soon afterward it was discovered that she had problems with her feet and legs. Her hind feet had many extra toes and her front legs were quite deformed. One leg was far too short and the other was curved in such a way that when she started trying to walk she would walk on her wrist rather than her paw. Thinking perhaps the leg could be put in a splint, we consulted Dr. Chana Eisenstein at East Hill Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Chana then consulted with a specialist who urged that the kitten just be allowed to grow. She grew alright, right into Dr. Chana's heart. She called one day and said she "had to have that kitten". "I realize I love her, I have to have her", she said. She named her Roomba, or Roo for short. Then just



before Christmas we sent a little Siamese kitten to her to be neutered. He never came back; Roo needed a playmate. Roo doesn't seem to know she has physical differences. She zooms around, and when she isn't sleeping, she keeps her new buddy "Ko" in line. Roo's attitude (and she does have a "tude"), seems to be "so I have funny feet, so what?" And, we agree, so what?



Benji, Four Years Later

Linda Brown & Tom Tillotson adopted a very traumatized little "Benji" dog from HSIMC on Valentine's Day 2008. He was terrified of cameras, reflections, the sound of running water, people wearing "hoodies", bags, sticks or metal detectors. How all of his troubles came to be can only be guessed. Now named Benny, he has gotten over most of his fears except for "the camera thing". He is Linda and Tom's self appointed watch dog, as well as personal trainer, and he makes sure that they get walked at least three times a day. He has passed his Canine Good Citizenship class and they say he has "only brought joy to us". We suspect that even if he never makes friends with a camera, he will leave pictures on Tom and Linda's hearts forever.

Volunteer Corner

Meet Deirdre: In 2004, Deirdre Santaniello left New York City where she had lived for 50 years before moving west to Willits, California. Why? Grandchildren! Hoping to acclimate quickly to the northern California lifestyle, she attended every function, event and potluck available. In 2006, she checked out the Humane Society and found a niche. A new director had started and there was plenty to do. "I was impressed by the roomy pens for dogs and the way the cats were allowed to run free in the cattery. I could see this was a place that really cared about the animals." Deirdre has been volunteering in the office every week since then as well as checking in on and transporting kitties to and from Coast Hardware. "You'd be amazed at the difference only a couple of hours a week can make. Volunteering is an easy way to feel useful and meet new people. I highly recommend it."

Meet Kathi and Larry: Kathi and Larry Shipley have lived in the Willits area for the last 27 years. They moved to Willits from the Bay Area to get away from the crowds and traffic and live a slower pace of life. Kathi worked as a dental hygienist for many years before retiring in 2005, and Larry worked as an engineer for Bechtel Construction Company until 2006. Kathi and Larry said that they have always loved animals and have always had pets. They have had as many as six cats and one dog, but are now down to two cats and one dog. Now that they are both retired they thought it would be fun to give back to the community in a way they would both enjoy. "The time we spend with the dogs is something we both look forward to each week. The only challenge in working with the dogs is when they finally get adopted. We miss them even though we know that's what it's all about."

Meet Leslie: Leslie Dodds works full-time as an insurance agent in Santa Rosa. She has been volunteering in animal rescue for 7 years. Leslie started training with one dog, Lucy, who inspired her to go to school to become certified in canine behavior and ethology with special training for the "bully breeds". She currently teaches a class on Sundays at the Humane Society to help our shelter dogs learn good manners so that they can succeed in their new homes. She also runs the "Pit Crew" training program at the Ukiah Animal Shelter working with teens and pitbulls. She helps with kennel enrichment at both shelters by stuffing and delivering frozen kongs to the dogs a couple of times a week, providing them with something to do while they await their forever homes. She also serves on our Board of Directors.



Annual Wreath Project

The umpteenth holiday greenery and craft project got underway at the shelter in mid-November to prepare for the annual Artisan Faire at Barra of Mendocino in Redwood Valley and the annual Craft Fair in Laytonville. The project kept the "Wreath Elves" busy for 6 weeks making wreaths, swags, greenery baskets, kissing balls and table centerpieces, stopping just a few days before Christmas. For the 10th year in a row the "elves" produced the huge wreath for the main branch of Savings Bank of

Mendocino, which takes 2 elves a full day to produce. Many thanks to all who contributed to the project by donating greens, their help, and to those who ordered the products. Special thanks to Lisa of Scoops Deli & Frozen Yoghurt in Willits and Pawsarotti Pet Boutique in Santa Rosa for showcasing our products in their shops.

Show Your Care! Become a Member of the Humane Society

Becoming a Humane Society Member is the easiest way to show your support of the work done by the shelter. Being a member means, if you choose to, you can help with the decision-making process of the running of the shelter, including participating in our annual board member elections. Whether or not you choose to participate, your support of the Shelter through membership is vital to its continued efforts.

HSIMC Membership Form (Please return this form with the enclosed envelope)

Name: _____ Membership Levels: Business: \$75
Family: \$50, Individual: \$35
Address: _____ Student/Senior: \$20
City: _____ Zip: _____ Membership: \$ _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Donation: \$ _____
E-mail: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

I would like to receive notices and the newsletter by e-mail: YES _____ NO _____
Would you be willing to volunteer at the shelter or at special events? YES _____ NO _____

Donations Made in Memory of People

Holly Cratty by Nicole & Donald Willis.

Donations Made in Honor of People

Cheryl by Elaine Richard; Melissa Thornhill & Friends by Ann & Tommy Thornhill; Tim Thornhill by Jennifer Gulbrandsen, Janet Olson's 60th Birthday by Judi Ann Walsh.

Donations Made in Memory of Pets

Paprika (Prika) dearly loved Ridgeback Cross of Chris Forest; Aggi, beloved pet of Ann Kim & Jim Gable by Ann & Tommy Thornhill; the cat Jellybean by Sharon Bianchi; Aggi Kim-Gable by Ann and Jim.

Donations Made in Honor of Pets

Sam and Samantha by John & Evelyn Spear; Lily by Mark Turrell; Oliver by Alan and Christine Veach.

Purrs & Tailwags To

The individuals or groups listed in this column have made life easier for shelter dogs and cats with various donations; so purrs and wags to the following:

Nancy Sato and Synthia Sato Mirov; John and Evelyn Spear; Christine M. Erkkila; Ester Pokriots; Kacy Knudsen; Roberta Frasier; Karen Schrage; Madlem Construction; James Farber; Peter Poggeto; The Gomez Family; Toy Gong; Rhea Brown; Lois Cook; all the people who designate the Humane Society when they use their SHARES cards at Lucky and Food-Maxx; Drea & Frank Braverman; Rick & Natalie Perry; James Mitchell; Danielle Derby; William and Lynn Hoomalu; Ben and Jan Mercado for their holiday donation to the animals; Nancy Davis; Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tiemann; Jillian Vickers; Lillian Kimmel; Ben and Jan Mucado; Debra Wold; Gaye Hartlip; Stacy Dennett; John Radnich; Marcia Sandler; The Barkery; all the employees of Savings Bank of Mendocino County who designated HSIMC as the recipient of their "Casual for a Cause - Denim Days"; Lilly Phoenix; Linda Abella; Kacy Knudsen; Shauna Heiselt; Kenneth Taglio; Bryan Crutcher; A. Ostoya Daniel; Charlotte Oeding; Sharon Callahan; Marisha Lieberman; Martin and Joyce Kleiber; Myrna Hurst; William Mannion; Patti Black; Candace Horsley; Laytonville Lioness Club; Ray Blumenthal; and Vic, Rudy and Mike.

Critter Comfort

Mary and Robert Gustafson of Ukiah organized the first annual "Critter Comfort Towel Drive" for the Shelter animals of Mendocino County. Individuals were encouraged to take lightly used and old towels to the Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op on October 17th. All donors were issued a chance to win a "critter friendly" gift basket. The real winners were animals at all of the shelters in the area who will be a lot more comfortable through the winter. Many thanks from the animals and staff to the Gustafsons and to the Co-op for their efforts.

Little Things Add Up!

For several years HSIMC has been encouraging people to participate in the Goodsearch and Goodshop program. Every time a person uses Goodsearch or Goodshop it generates money for a charity. We ask people to make Goodsearch.com their first choice as a search engine. All one has to do is go to that website and register designating HSIMC as the charity of choice. After that, every time you use Goodsearch HSIMC receives a penny. When you shop through Goodshop a percentage of your purchase will also be credited to the shelter. In the past year we have received over \$100 through the program. If more people register more pennies from heaven will come our way.

Angels for the Animals

Our Angels for the Animals includes those individuals or businesses who have made substantial donations to the Humane Society or have gone "above and beyond" in their volunteer efforts.

Heather Rose; Neil and Barbara Shooter; John Reber; Ronald C. Wong; Terry Mayes; Elizabeth Weeks; Carol L. Stevens, CPA; Joseph and Rhonda Hurlbut; Theresa Lackey; Margaret North; Bill Barksdale; Evelyn Spear; Brian Churm; Ardzrooni Vineyard Management, LLC; Jim Mayfield and Celebrity Sammy; Bicoastal Media; Pawsarotti Pet Boutique; Erica Seelig; Jack and Linda Gardner; L.D. Reber Medical Billing; New Trend Cellular and New Trend Electronics.



Pumpkin & Her Puppies

On the day after Thanksgiving a small female Yellow Lab cross was found lying beside the road in Redwood Valley. She was in great distress, very pregnant, and not far from trying to deliver her puppies. Surrendered to HSIMC, she was taken to Yokayo Veterinary Center in Ukiah. She was found to be infected with heartworm and Lyme's disease, was anemic, and had fluid in her lungs. It was decided that the only chance this little dog had was to deliver her puppies ASAP so her medical issues could be addressed. Yokayo veterinarian Dr. Otrubova performed the C-section and brought 11 puppies into the world. Leslie Dodds, HSIMC volunteer dog trainer, had sent out the word that foster parents were desperately needed. The Ramos family from Willits took the little dog, now named "Pumpkin", into foster care and took some of her puppies as well. The puppies had to be bottle fed, but Pumpkin was able to mother them in other ways. Angela Miller, Rosemary Lechnowsky and Stephanie Stainbrook also became foster parents. Despite the heroic efforts of the foster parents, not all of the puppies survived, but those that did are now thriving. There are many people who deserve thanks for giving Pumpkin and her puppies a chance. In addition to the foster parents, special thanks are in order to Kelly Boesel and Blue Ribbon Pets, Mendocino County Farm Supply, Mary McClintock and Rainbow Ag. And, for the high quality food for Pumpkin and all the nursing bottles for the pups: Brian Churm, John and Kathy Prince, Shirley Hipes, the Bardwell Family and many others who made financial contributions to help this little canine family. While the puppies will be put up for adoption, Pumpkin is not going anywhere, the Ramos family is keeping her. And, the expensive Heartworm and Lyme's disease treatment for Pumpkin is underway.



Adopt a Kennel or Condo

We continue to seek donors who will sponsor a dog kennel or a cat condo on an annual basis.

For \$250 per year a professionally designed sign naming the sponsor or their business will be placed on the kennel or condo. These funds will be used to keep up on repairs and improvements. It is a great way to advertise to the community that you and your business support your Humane Society.

CONTINUING SPONSORS OF DOG KENNELS: Paul & Linda Shimmin; Beatrice Scanton; Gravier's Tire & Auto.

NEW SPONSORS OF CAT CONDOS: In memory of Hidey & Frank by Joanne Cavallari; M.C. Colston; In memory of Michael Charles Reed.



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OUR MISSION

Provide a safe haven for displaced companion animals.

Enhance the physical and mental well-being of the animals in our care while seeking suitable homes.

Actively assist in reducing pet over-population through education and spay/neuter programs.

Develop awareness and promote responsible and humane treatment of all animals.

Shelter Hours & Information

Wednesday thru Friday, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday thru Sunday, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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HSIMC Programs

• Short-term Foster • Buddy • Mobile Adoption

Our Wish List . . . Can You Help?

We are always in need of brand new items that can be used as a silent auction prize or as an item in a quarter auction or raffle.

For the Animals:

Good quality canned cat & dog food, large Natural Balance rolls, Kongs, gentle leaders and Halties. Cash is always needed.

VOLUNTEERS to walk dogs and cuddle cats.

For the Shelter:

Unscented liquid laundry detergent, unscented dryer sheets, bleach, window cleaner, toilet paper, plastic garbage bags, a 100 ft. heavy extension cord, a ride on lawn mower.

VOLUNTEERS to put all of these things to work.

For the Office:

Laminating sheets, HP ink cartridges 901 & 61, standard manilla file folders, 1ST class postage stamps, cash of any denomination. *VOLUNTEERS.*

WINE, KIBBLES & BIDS

The second annual Wine, Kibbles and Bids tri-tip dinner in early November was a great success. Proceeds from the dinner, silent auction and quarter auction were even better than the 2011 event. The dinner, hosted by the Kiwanis Club was prepared by Si Ramos of Si's Grill, Carol Schallert of North State Café, Schat's Bakery and Mary Miller (our dessert chef). Music was provided by Majide. Event sponsors were Forks Ranch Market, Savings Bank of Mendocino, G&C AutoBody and Rotary of South Ukiah. Members of Boy Scout Troop 353 bussed tables and then ran around collecting quarters during the quarter auction that was conducted by Paul Kemp. In a surprise move, Sheriff Tom Allman conducted a live auction for a dinner he would provide at the County Jail. Two high bidders tied and Allman neatly doubled the size of the dinner so both parties could attend, thus doubling the benefit to the animals. Thanks to an aggressive advertising campaign by area radio stations, The Hometown Shopper, Jim Mayfield, Printing Plus, Copycats and Crawford Signs, attendance was high. Tickets were on sale at Ron's Old Beauty Shop in Willits and at the Mendocino Barkery and Jay Epstein State Farm Insurance in Ukiah.

DOG DAY AFTERNOON

Boomer's Saloon in Laytonville hosted a quarter auction run by Anna Steeley, a silent auction, and a live auction by Sheriff Tom Allman. Boomer's owners, Kaye and Troy, provided a buffet lunch, including auction paddle, which was included in the "cover charge". The event was highly successful, raising much needed funds for the shelter animals. Dog Day Afternoon may well become an annual event.

LAYTONVILLE ART WALK

Members of the AP Art Class of Laytonville High School painted pictures of HSMC cats and dogs and put them on display at "Hair of the Dog" dog grooming salon during the annual Laytonville Art Walk. Proceeds of the sale at the shop were given to the shelter. On the day of the event, Jim Yoshida and Sandie Kinchen from San Francisco donated a handsome sum to purchase the paintings which they then donated back to the shop to be on permanent display. In real life, the cat on which the painting of Queenie is based, now resides in her forever home in Redwood Valley, while Forever Friends of HSMC, Jim and Sandie, are enjoying Queenie's picture back in San Francisco.