

All Things Pawsible



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Krypto, the Tough Guy

Forget the stereotype you've heard that tough guys don't like commitment . . . beefcake Krypto needed to know that we would be there for him — no matter what.

A hefty bull terrier with boundless energy, Krypto found himself on the losing end of a battle with a moving car. The accident left him with a complicated break in his leg. He came to us in desperate need of medical care and a safe place to heal.

We knew that Krypto needed a lot of help, and there was no quick fix for his injuries. But the faith that friends like you have in Humane Society Silicon Valley allows us to have faith in pets like him. It allows us to commit to pets that need extended medical care or behavioral help. Pets like Krypto.

During a painstaking surgery, staff veterinarian Dr. Andrea Moore inserted pins in Krypto's muscular

leg to re-align the broken bone. Weeks of ongoing checkups and bed rest followed — a monumental task with such an active dog. Then, a second surgery was performed to remove the pins after the bone had healed. Through it all, we were there to make sure the big dog was healthy, comfortable and on the right path to a forever home.

And not just any forever home would do. Krypto needed someone who could provide him with the exercise he needed. After all, he was the canine bodybuilder with an unquenchable thirst for physical activity who had no awareness of his own frailties. Someone that could keep him occupied — while keeping him from reinjuring himself.

Someone like Anthony and his laid-back German Shepherd. After four months in our care, an adoption counselor introduced Krypto to these two, and it was a perfect match. Your generosity allowed us to commit to Krypto and see him through to his happy ending!



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From the President

Dear Friends,

Faith. It's the heart of everything we do and how we achieve the impossible. Faith that we can change a community by transforming the lives of animals and the people who love them. This issue of *All Things Pawsible* is a celebration of that faith.

In 2006 we helped Tinny, a fluffy tortoiseshell kitten, find a wonderful home. That's what your support does. You help make matches that enrich the lives of animals *and* people.

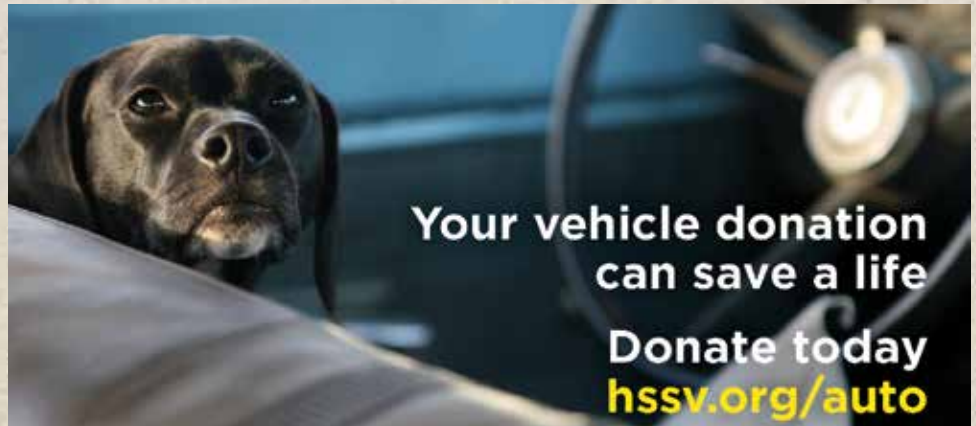
But our commitment to Tinny didn't end when she went home or during the decade she spent with her family. Nor did it end when Tinny's owner passed. Why? Because we were faithful to Tinny and her late owner.

So when Tinny was grieving and alone, we welcomed the senior cat with open arms. And within weeks, we found her another home with a new person to love her. Your faith in us makes all the happy endings in this newsletter possible! Thank you.



Thank you.

Carol Novello
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From No-Pants to a New Home

Staff veterinarian Dr. Andrea Moore believes in taking her work home with her. This skilled and versatile vet has extensive experience in orthopedics, which is how the absurdly affectionate tabby cat wound up on her exam table.

“I knew he was special right away,” she remembers. “He couldn’t even stand up and his back leg muscles were just wasted away, but he was still loving on everyone.”

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As our go-to vet for these types of injuries, she performed a complicated surgery to repair the cat’s two fractured hips. Shaved from the waist down for the surgery, she started calling him No-Pants. After the surgery, No-Pants needed weeks of recovery.

Dr. Moore’s dedication to animals is extraordinary. Knowing this difficult surgery required delicate supervision she could provide, she agreed to foster the cat in her home.

From the start, No-Pants seamlessly fit in with her husband, two teenage sons and dog, Rosie. Instead of running from Rosie — an ardent cat chaser — No-Pants cuddled her. As No-Pants healed and his hair grew in, he became just “Pants” to this family.

“Every time I would tell my family it was time for him to go back, they would say ‘No, he needs a

little longer,’” she says.

Dr. Moore’s youngest son, Drew, was particularly close to the cat. They finally decided to adopt him.

Pain-free and fully mobile, Pants still has a few limitations. He can’t jump or climb, but he walks, runs and enjoys sunbathing. And he deeply loves his family, including the doctor whose dedication and skills saved his life.



Want to help more animals like Pants?

The Mountain View Neighborhood Adoption Center in PetSmart was made possible by a matching grant from the Coyote Foundation. A \$1 million gift from the Foundation offers matching funds to prospective donors wishing to help Humane Society Silicon Valley expand our capacity to help more animals.

To learn more, contact Amy Winkleblack at 408-262-2133, ext. 144.

Chip Gets Cuddly

Even the most loyal dog lover would have been hard-pressed to offer Chip a cuddle when we first met him. Crusted with dirt and matted hair, all you could see was one alert little button eye winking out. The other eye was sunken and inflamed. Exactly what kind of dog was he?

He was, we would discover, a sweet, perky Lhasa Apso-mix who needed a lot of help. His preliminary vet exam indicated a list of procedures needed to return the 7-year-old dog to health. Eye surgery. Dental surgery. Foxtail removal. A full shave. Abscess treatment.

Chip hadn't gotten into this condition overnight,

and he certainly wasn't going to come out of it immediately. But we were in it for the long haul. Thanks to the ongoing donations of monthly supporters in our *Faithful Friends* program, there was never any doubt we would commit to his care.

After three weeks of intensive medical care at our Milpitas Animal Community Center, we found Chip a loving foster home to finish the recuperation process. Four months later, a fluffy, healthy Chip met Delilah and her family — and today, loves his new home. Surely you'll agree his transformation was worth every penny and second of care!



Before

Photo by Elizabeth



After

Photo by Elizabeth

We love animals. Every. Single. Day.

As someone who cares deeply about animals, you know that food, safe shelter and medical treatment are just some of the basic services we provide — and that they are costly. Knowing a dedicated group of *Faithful Friends* will always be there to support our work every month helps us commit to every animal that needs love and care.

Faithful Friends are the heart of what we do at Humane Society Silicon Valley. By setting up an automatic gift each month, you ensure there are resources to help care for every homeless animal who comes through our doors.



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