

# All Things Pawsible



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## Soupee Steals the Spotlight

How do you find the world's most deserving basset hound a home? You start with two shelters working together. Bring in a wonderful foster parent willing to open their home and heart to ferry the dog back and forth to medical appointments. Add the support of local news media that cares about animals. Then sit back and watch what happens.

Soupee faced a lot of obstacles in her path — and got a lot of support to see her through them. The senior basset hound was found limping through the streets with a mass on her chest and teeth so bad that eating was painful. The crowded city shelter that took her in knew this dog deserved a second chance, but needed more care than they could offer.

They reached out to us. And thanks to the support of friends like you, we were able to care for Soupee. While our medical team cared for her, we

found Soupee a loving foster home. Meanwhile, Adoptions and Marketing were busy trying to find this outgoing girl the forever home she deserved.

Luckily, more hands were there to help. The local ABC7 affiliate in San Francisco cares about homeless pets and partners with shelters to feature them. On a warm September morning, Soupee met anchorman Mike Nicco and charmed all of San Francisco! Numerous calls and emails from potential adopters who had seen her poured in.

Almost two months to the day Soupee was found sick and sad, a healthy, happy Soupee walked out of our Animal Community Center with her new mom. While it's impossible to quantify the amount of love, cooperation and support that helped her along this journey, the value of that collaboration can be summed up in the wag of her tail as she left for a new life you helped her find!



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# From the President

If this issue had a mascot, it would be Clifford. Clifford is friendly, gorgeous, and calm with kids and other cats.

While Clifford was a perfect cat, he wasn't perfectly adoptable in a traditional sense. He only has three legs. He has Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). He also had a terrible head cold. With his medical issues, a county shelter wasn't able to place him and reached out to us.

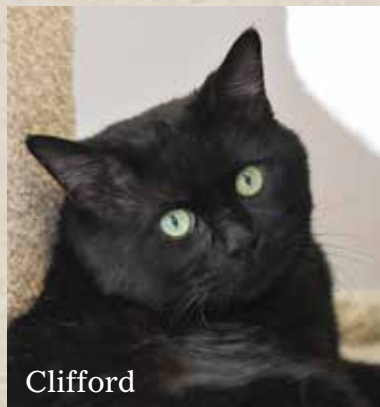
It was that reaching out that makes Clifford the perfect mascot. All of the stories in this issue share a common theme: collaboration. From our work with Pets In Need to bring spay/neuter to the community, to media partnerships that find great pets like Soupee new homes, it's all about working together.

Together, we are creating innovative solutions through these impactful partnerships.

By collaborating with other shelters, media, local corporations and agencies, and most importantly wonderful friends like you, we're changing an entire community. Thanks to you, we are building a new model of community cooperation! And it's working!

Thank you.

*Carol Novello*  
Carol Novello, President



Clifford

We invite you to learn more about our shelter statistics using the Asilomar Accord Guidelines, at [hssv.org/asilomar](http://hssv.org/asilomar).

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## One Little Angel

Sometimes the people that need our help most are the ones least able to get to us.

When a kindhearted gentleman found a thin, scared stray, he decided, “Angel’s brought us together,” and spoiled the pup he named Angel in every way he could. But with his limited resources, vet care and transportation were difficult to afford.

Which is where our Chihuahua Project and collaboration with Pets In Need were able to help.

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When we launched our groundbreaking Chihuahua Project, the goal was simple: offer free service to the people and animals that need us most. Since a huge percentage of homeless pets in Santa Clara County were Chihuahuas coming in from five specific ZIP codes, it was obvious the animals and people in those ZIP codes needed help. While this realization was interesting, it didn’t make the trip to our Animal Community Center in Milpitas any easier for those without transportation.

Enter Pets In Need and their mobile surgery clinic. By partnering with them, we’re able to bring life saving spay/neuter surgeries directly to local neighborhoods and businesses like the Home Depot parking lot in San Jose, where we met Angel.

Angel also had a large abscess on his neck. When our Chief of Shelter Medicine, Dr. Cristie Kamiya, neutered the beloved dog, she cleaned the abscess and sent him home with antibiotics and pain relief. Three hours after dropping him off for his surgery, Angel’s person was back to bring him home with tears of gratitude in his eyes.

Thanks to your generosity, over 175 animals like Angel have been helped through the mobile clinic since June of last year!

## Pet Guardianship



Planning for the future of your precious pet’s next home is something every pet owner should consider. Enrolling your pet in our Pet Guardianship Program gives you peace of mind and saves your family members or friends from dealing with what can be a painful pet surrender process.

Learn more at [hssv.org/guardianship](https://hssv.org/guardianship)  
or contact  
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# A New Life for Roo



The initial medical exam card stated, “Male intact. Eye injury. Fleas.” When our Staff Vet, Dr. Carol Campbell, examined four-week-old kitten Roo, she determined he needed care before he was ready for adoption.

Cats are seasonal breeders, and the warm weather brings a tsunami of kittens into Humane Society Silicon Valley. During peak months, it’s not unusual to see as many as 30 to 40 kittens brought in daily — both by Good Samaritans who find orphans and by overtaxed county shelters with limited resources.

How do we find them all homes? It’s all about collaboration. Partnering with local pet supply stores to create Neighborhood Adoption Centers (NACs) allows not only extra room, but also extra potential adopters. We can bring the fuzz balls directly to people who are most likely to adopt them: pet lovers.

After a few weeks in foster care to recover from his eye injury, Roo went to our NAC at PETCO Sunnyvale. He was in the right place at the right time to meet Kristy, an experienced cat owner looking for a companion for her resident cats.

Your support helped Roo and Kristy find love at first sight. Thanks to you, Roo has a new life and a new family.

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.



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