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ADOPTION *Spotlight*

When Squid was brought as a stray to the Sacramento SPCA, staff noticed he had some congenital abnormalities that gave him slightly different facial features, goofy coordination, and a few other unique qualities. However, he was full of life and loved to constantly be around humans, which became apparent while he was getting big and strong in foster care! His favorite things were head scratches, sitting on shoulders, and yelling for food.



Squid was able to handle most of his abnormalities on his own, but his future adopters would need to provide some extra care in his forever home. A raised water bowl, shallow litter box, and regular baths were a few of the requirements for the special needs kitten. Well, Squid hit the jackpot! His new family had previously adopted from the Sacramento SPCA, so Squid became siblings to a 3-legged cat sister named Mija (9 yrs) and Boxer brother (6 yrs) named Chuay. He fits right in. He still loves getting baths, and purrs the whole time.



Squid and his new family

You can follow Squid's adorable story on Instagram @squid_thespacekitty

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ON THE COVER

Meet Rogelio, a happy-go-lucky senior Pekingese and one of the newest ambassadors of the Sacramento SPCA's Love on Loan pet therapy team.

Read the full story on page 4.



COMMUNITY STRONG

By Kenn Altine, Chief Executive Officer

I've been spending a fair amount of time these past few months at the state capitol, in city committee meetings and speaking before the county board of supervisors. I'm almost always advocating for more: more funding, more compassion, more engagement.

But, honestly, I am so fortunate to live and work in a community that cares so much about animals and has so many resources for helping them and the people who love them.

We have three major animal shelters and a two cat sanctuaries as well as a host of rescue groups and organizations committed to helping prevent animal suffering and addressing animal overpopulation.

We have a great relationship with the city shelter on Front Street and the county shelter on Bradshaw and work with them – as well as municipal shelters in Yolo and San Joaquin counties – to ease overcrowding and save more lives.

Sacramento SPCA CEO, Kenn Altine, enjoys a morning filled with coffee, cars and adoptable pups at the Cars & Coffee Sac event hosted at Sacramento Dodge (3610 Fulton Avenue) on Sept 7.

We have the ear of state Senators who understand the importance of microchipping animals to get strays dogs and cats home and not have them brought to shelters as well as the importance of tougher consequences for those who would harm an animal.

We have county supervisors – most notably Don Nottoli – who are committed to helping fund spay and neuter programs for feral and community cats as well as our hugely popular “We Pay to Spay” program for pit-bulls.

We have business partners who value the work we do and share our concern about what happens to animals whose humans can no longer care for them. Partners like Mark Drobný, whose estate planning seminars help people plan for their cherished pets as well as their legacy of animal philanthropy. The Drobný Law Offices is also our lead sponsor for this year's gala on October 26.

We have foundations like the River Cats that, along with Anthem United Homes have made it possible for us to nurture the next generation of animal protectors through our Camp Kindness summer programs; and individuals like Mark M. Glickman and The Friends of Jack Healy, who shine a bright spotlight on adult and senior cats by sponsoring their adoptions.

We have community partners like Cal Fit who understand the value of strengthening that human-animal bond and importance of humans and animals staying active by supporting our Doggy Dash and offering kitten yoga.

We have so much to celebrate about our community here in the Sacramento area and I am so thankful for all that each group, person, public servant and business does to help.

But, most of all, I am thankful that we have you.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Heartline and find a story that reaffirms your commitment to our mission. I also hope you will join us at the October 26 gala and auction, where we will raise funds to help more animals like those featured on the pages ahead.

Sincerely,

Kenn Altine
Chief Executive Officer



KAREN GOFF

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Keep current on the latest SPCA happenings. Sign up for eTales, our electronic newsletter, by visiting us at sspca.org

Visit sspca.org/events for additional event info!

- 10 16 19** **OCT 16 | 5 P.M.**
Foster Parent Orientation
 Sacramento SPCA
- 10 26 19** **OCT 26 | 6 P.M. - 10 P.M.**
Disco InFURno Fall Gala
 Sacramento SPCA
- 10 30 19** **OCT 30 | 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.**
Howl-O-Ween Yappy Hour
 Track 7 Natomas
- 11 4 19** **NOV 4 | 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.**
New Volunteer Orientation
 Sacramento SPCA
- 11 9 19** **NOV 9-17**
Book Sale
 Sunrise Mall
- 11 21 19** **NOV 21 | 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.**
Paws-Giving Yappy Hour
 Fountainhead Brewing Co.
- 11 23 19** **NOV 23 | 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.**
Estate Planning Seminar
 Sacramento SPCA
- 12 3 19** **DEC 3 | 12 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.**
Giving Tuesday
sspca.org/donate
- 12 4 19** **DEC 4 - 11 | 11 A.M. - 6 P.M.**
Taylor Morrison Adoption Event
 Sacramento SPCA
- 12 14 19** **DEC 14 | 12 P.M. - 4 P.M.**
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- Pup Crawl T-shirt
- Jingle Bells & Stocking
- Photos with Santa Paws
- Drink & food specials
- Commemorative giveaway!





Rogelio adopted 2019

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BREATHING EASY

By Dawn Foster, Director of Marketing & Communications

When people first meet Rogelio, a happy-go-lucky senior Pekingese and one of the newest ambassadors of the Sacramento SPCA's Love on Loan pet therapy team, it's difficult to imagine that the road to his beautiful life was paved with many challenges.

Rogelio (formerly named Wicket due to his likeness of the *Return of the Jedi* Ewok character), found himself in the arms of the Sacramento SPCA at age nine when his owner became homeless. In addition to being heavily-matted, he arrived with hernias, severe dental disease, and most challenging of all, a birth defect involving an elongated soft palate and small nostrils that made it difficult for him to breathe and swallow.

The staff at the Sacramento SPCA knew they could help this sweet old man live a better life, so he was immediately groomed and placed into a loving foster home while the shelter medicine team, led by Dr. Laurie Siperstein-Cook, jumped into action to tackle his medical issues.



SARAH VARANINI

During a four-hour procedure, surgeons performed Rogelio's neuter, hernia repairs and a lengthy dental, extracting all but two teeth. They also explored his soft palate and nostrils while under anesthesia and determined he would require specialized surgery.

Knowing that the Sacramento SPCA needed support from an outside veterinarian to repair these birth defects, we reached out to our partners at the VCA Sacramento Referral Center for assistance. They provided an estimate of \$2,500 and we turned to our supporters on social media with a plea to help us make it possible for Rogelio to receive the much-needed procedure. **The response was overwhelming - and in just two days, Sacramento SPCA supporters on Facebook raised \$1,825 to help pay for his surgery.**

On June 10th, Rogelio's big day arrived. **Because of the generosity of our donors and our Paws for Health fund, surgeons at VCA were able to successfully repair his soft pallet and tiny nostrils – and Rogelio was able to breathe normally for the first time in his nine-year life!**

Throughout his two-month journey towards breathing easy, Rogelio was supported by the unconditional love of his foster family, which included two humans, several dogs and multiple cats. He traveled to work with his foster mom, attended SPCA events and interacted with many new friends, both two and four-legged. Through all of these new experiences, Rogelio remained a happy and content companion, the perfect candidate for the Sacramento SPCA's Love on Loan pet therapy program.

So when it was time to find Rogelio his forever family, the Sacramento SPCA once again turned to social media for help. One supporter in particular kept a close eye on updates throughout his journey and the day we announced he was ready for his home, we received Beatriz' adoption application. **She started off her email with, "I have room in my life and heart for all the little, old weird dogs."**

Beatriz, who adopted the Sacramento SPCA's first terminally ill Pawspice dog, Harry, two years earlier and also long-time resident, Walter (aka Dash), was ready to add another member to her pack. She had recently lost her dog, Alfons, and was ready to fill her heart with the love of another special pup.

Rogelio was the perfect addition to the family.



KAREN GOFF

Today Rogelio is not only breathing easy, he's also giving back to others as a certified Love on Loan therapy pet where he visits senior and special care facilities in our community.

You can follow Rogelio's journey on Instagram at @rogelios_beautiful_day. To learn more about the Love on Loan program, visit sspca.org/loveonloan



CATS, CATS, CATS

More cats at the Sacramento SPCA are finding new homes in 2019

It might be the Chinese Year of the Pig, but 2019 has proven to be the Year of the Cat at the Sacramento SPCA. Not only have more cats found homes year-to-date, more cat-loving fans than ever before have stepped forward to help our feline friends through sponsored adoptions.

As of early September, 83 adult and senior cats had found loving homes through sponsored adoption fees thanks to Mark M. Glickman and the Friends of Jack Healy - helping us place more than 100 additional cats in homes this year.

We are incredibly thankful to Mark M. Glickman, the Friends of Jack Healy and all the loving fans who have chosen to sponsor an animal's adoption fee at the Sacramento SPCA this year. If you would like to sponsor the adoption of an animal at the Sacramento SPCA, please contact our Adoption Supervisor at sullivan@sspca.org. Together, we can help more animals find new homes.



TRANSFERRING HOPE

By Dawn Foster, Director of Marketing & Communications

Anticipation builds following a morning Facebook post featuring some of the new adoptable faces that followers will see later that morning during Wednesday's 10:30 a.m. live video. As a result, the shelter's social media pages and website are buzzing.

What's so special about Wednesday, you ask?

Wednesday is the first day of the week the Sacramento SPCA is open for adoptions; social media followers and potential adopters look forward to seeing which animals are newly available.

While many of animals that come to the Sacramento SPCA are surrendered by their previous owner or strays from Folsom or Rancho Cordova, about ten percent of the population is transferred in from other shelters in our region. Transferring not only allows overburdened shelters to relieve space in their kennels for incoming animals, but gives overlooked pets the opportunity to find loving homes in a new environment.

Since 2016, the Sacramento SPCA has transferred more than 1,500 animals from other shelters in Northern California to our location at 6201 Florin Perkins Road.

This year alone, the Sacramento SPCA has transferred in 436 animals from 13 counties, with close to 50% from weekly visits to our neighbors at Sacramento City Animal Control on Front Street.



For animals like Brewer, one of fifteen dogs transferred to the Sacramento SPCA last fall from shelters affected by Hurricane Michael, relocating to the Sacramento SPCA gave him a new lease on life.

At the Sacramento SPCA, not only did he have a safe place to lay his head, Brewer could also receive the much-needed medical attention he deserved. Like many of the dogs that were transferred from the Florida Panhandle area, he arrived to the Sacramento SPCA heartworm positive, which required a five-month treatment plan; including a heartworm preventive, antibiotics, steroids, a series of injections and periods of kennel rest.

The Sacramento SPCA was not only committed to Brewer's treatment, but also to finding him the right home, one that would support his journey toward a full recovery and beyond.

Fortunately, the perfect family finally came along and opened their hearts to Brewer. With continued treatments and supportive care provided by the Sacramento SPCA, Brewer is now living his best life, enjoying hikes and tennis ball fun with his best dog buddy, Charlotte.

“When we went to the shelter, we definitely weren't expecting to fall in love with Brewer and didn't know the first thing about caring for a dog with heartworm. But with all the information and support we received from you and your wonderful team, I'm happy to say that Brewer is now thriving and enjoying life.”
- Brewer's Mom



FROM LEARNING TO SERVICE



By Erika Fiske-Sanders, Humane Education & Outreach Coordinator

It's 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning and an unusual level of zen permeates the animal rooms inside the Sacramento SPCA adoption center. In the lobby, there is the noisy buzz of our weekly low-cost vaccine clinic, but inside the dog rooms, not a single bark.

No, the kennels aren't empty. In fact, the room is more crowded than usual. In front of each occupied kennel, a child sits on a carpet square, softly reading to a furry friend inside. The child will keep their eye on this animal for the rest of the camp week, noticing when they are out for a walk, selected as pet of the week, or adopted. Looks of concern turn into beaming smiles when campers hear that the animal THEY read to isn't in its kennel because it has found a home. **This human-animal bond and heightened level of awareness for the well-being of others (both animals and humans) is what Camp Kindness is all about.**

Sometimes this bond results in an animal being adopted by the family of a camp participant. Over half a dozen animals found their fur-ever homes with Camp Kindness attendees. Campers help promote their favorite shelter animals through art projects: pet portraits, adopt-me books, and bios informing potential adopters what makes a particular animal special. **Thanks to the support of the Sacramento River Cats Foundation, campers had access to paints, brushes, paper, and other craft supplies to make these art projects possible.**

The Summer of 2019 saw more first-time Camp Kindness attendees than ever before. This exciting change is due in part to an expansion of our scholarship program. **Thanks to a generous grant from Anthem United Homes, we awarded 12 scholarships, 10 to first-time attendees, for spring and summer sessions of Camp Kindness.**

Building on momentum from last summer, we increased our summer program to 8 weeks of Camp Kindness. In addition, we launched a brand-new Teen Service-Learning program. This new program not only benefits the animals in our care through increased in-kennel enrichment, it also builds an important bridge for youth who have "aged out" of the traditional Camp Kindness programs but aren't quite old enough to volunteer as camp counselors. Keeping these passionate young people engaged with the Sacramento SPCA cultivates tomorrow's shelter supporters and animal advocates. **As one parent shared, "She attended Teen Camp: July 1-3 and had an incredible time. She came home everyday talking nonstop about the animals, all she did and all she learned."** Based on the success of our 3-day pilot, we are looking forward to offering an expanded Teen Service-Learning Camp during summer 2020.

For 3 days, teens ages 13-15 had the opportunity to volunteer at Sacramento SPCA while learning from experts in the animal welfare field. Topics included pet first aid, positive behavior training, and shelter veterinary medicine.



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“ I think animals need our help and our love. I want to help animals in need because if I was an animal, I would want the same thing. - 2019 Camp Kindness Scholarship Recipient, Age 9 ”

A transformation occurs throughout the week, for both the kids and the animals with whom they interact. Campers who may be nervous about dogs gradually become more comfortable, undersocialized kittens learn that people can be trustworthy and students who kept to themselves on the first day find the courage to speak up during group activities. **As one camper put it, "What I take away from Camp Kindness is that I can help the animals in my community." Imagine a world where everyone shared those sentiments.**

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"Cats are connoisseurs of comfort."—JAMES HERRIOT | 7

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CALIFORNIA FAMILY FITNESS: Partner Spotlight

By Kristi Maryman, Special Events Manager

The Sacramento SPCA is proud to partner with local businesses throughout the Sacramento region who share a common mission to keep our communities healthy and thriving for both people and their pets. California Family Fitness (Cal Fit) is one of the top fitness centers in the region so we were thrilled when the opportunity to partner came to life in early 2019.



CHARLES MCDONALD

California Family Fitness generously sponsored the Doggy Dash Kids Zone for the first time at the Bark in the Park Festival this year. One of Cal Fit's goals is to support community programs and events that promote physical activity and wellness for all ages. The Doggy Dash is a 2k/5k walk for the entire family, including your furry family members – so it was a perfect event to partner up with Cal Fit and a great way to get your daily steps in (both humans and canines) while supporting animals in need.

In 2019, we also launched the first ever kitten yoga series at several Cal Fit locations throughout the spring and summer months. Collectively we've hosted 10 rounds of kitten yoga at four Cal Fit locations to date. Not only is kitten yoga adorable, the classes have raised more than \$3,000 for the shelter; supply drives were coordinated at all participating locations; and several of the shelter kitten "yogis" were adopted by class attendees.

We are so thankful for California Family Fitness's dedication to our community, both humans and animals alike. Stay tuned for more yoga partnerships in the future!

To learn more about Cal Fit, visit them at: californiafamilyfitness.com



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HEARTBEATS celebrates Sacramento SPCA alums!

To have your companion considered for our next issue, submit a high-resolution, close-up photo of your SPCA alum to www.sspca.org/happy-tale. Please include his/her name, age and adoption date. You can even include a little blurb about how much you love your pet! We'll feature some top photos, based on quality, in Heartbeats and/or on our social media pages.



Anoush adopted 2019



Princess adopted 2019



Stella Rainbow adopted 2019



Kima adopted 2019



Arya adopted 2019



Mike adopted 2019



Atlas adopted 2019

"Thank you SPCA family for loving our sweet new pup while we searched for the perfect fur baby into our family. It was an emotional moment for me personally to see the love that all of you have for Kima and the rest of the animals there at the shelter. We are blessed to have found Kima and promise to love her the best way we can. I'm positive she will get more love than she will know what to do with. I'm also happy to report that she is loving her new bed, enjoying her new grassy backyard and sleeping A LOT!"

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SPCA ALUMNI WHO CROSSED OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE...



Romeo



Meeko



Bailee



Toby



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