



# NORTH BAY PETS

*Saving lives in Sonoma County*

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*For each one adopted, another life is saved. Find out how it happens and how you can be a part of it.*



photo by Kate Nagle

## A home for the holidays?

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## The Cat Who Came Back to Life

THIS LITTLE KITTEN PRISCILLA had more than a rough start. She actually died on the surgery table (no heartbeat and blue) and was revived by Humane Society doctors with CPR. But, due to her loss of oxygen, Priscilla woke up blind. There was a chance she could regain her sight, but nothing was for certain.



Humane Society staff took turns taking Priscilla home at night until she regained her strength and all of her normal kitty functions. But Priscilla still had another hurdle ahead of her and that was finding a new home. One that was adequate for a blind kitten.

It wasn't too long before a volunteer, Karen Alary, spotted Priscilla in the hospital. "I wasn't even looking for a companion, but CeCe (short for Priscilla) spoke to me" says Karen. "I fell in love with her instantly, and it didn't matter that she was blind." After a few days, CeCe made her way around her new home with the help of the family cat, Allie, a 10 year old rescue, adopted from the Sonoma Humane Society a decade ago. She even managed the staircase, and it was soon discovered that slowly she was regaining her sight.

Today, CeCe has 99-100% of her eyesight back and enjoys playing with Allie as well as Karen's four year old son, who absolutely adores her. Although CeCe has used up one of her nine lives, she has plenty to live for a long, long time.

### HowlOween Pet Party

**October 31<sup>st</sup> 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Sonoma Humane Society**

5345 Hwy 12 W, Santa Rosa

dog costume contest • pet photos • K9 demos  
 • bobbing for hotdogs • pet psychic  
 • paws painting • prizes • face-painting  
 • wine tasting and much more!

Thank you Sponsors!

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**SR** Entertainment Center

**dogs on leash WELCOME!**

## Angels FUND

A donation to the  
 ANGELS FUND  
 helps save animals who need  
 special medical care, surgeries,  
 and treatment. Their lives are  
 depending on you. Please send  
 a check or donate online at  
 SonomaHumane.org.

## Friends for Life

SUSIE NEWLAND, A RESIDENT OF OAKMONT GARDENS, decided to add a companion to her one cat family over the summer. What better place to find that perfect companion than the Pet Adoption & Wellness Weekend event hosted by Airport Cinemas and the Sonoma Humane Society in an effort to place homeless animals into loving homes.

There Susie found Phoebe, a tiny little dog who was a special medical adoption due to an injury to her back legs. That didn't bother Susie one bit. At 85 years old, she too had her share of medical issues, and she never let them hold her back. Susie held Phoebe in her arms and the deal was sealed, Phoebe and Susie had an instant strong bond.



*Phoebe is obviously quite proud of her new mom and family at Oakmont Gardens. Nothing makes a girl sit up quite so tall as a good home and a loving friend for life.*

Today, Phoebe not only provides companionship to Susie, but is also a favorite with the many residents at Oakmont Gardens. She is always out and about jumping from one lap to the next, and she gets Susie to take her on four walks a day. "She's a total love" says Susie "and all of the residents are crazy about her. I feel so lucky to have her in my life." But Phoebe knows that she is also the lucky one having such a great mom as Susie.



### The Biggest Loser!

JUST LIKE THE TV SHOW, our KIKI shed pounds off her plump figure and has her nine lives back now. When she arrived things were not looking too good for KIKI. She had a fatty liver that needed some immediate attention due to her excess weight. Now that she's fit and healthy once again, she's more like a kitten than a 9 year old cat, and would love nothing more than to bounce right back into a home. KIKI, our biggest loser, is really a winner.

**Come check her out!**

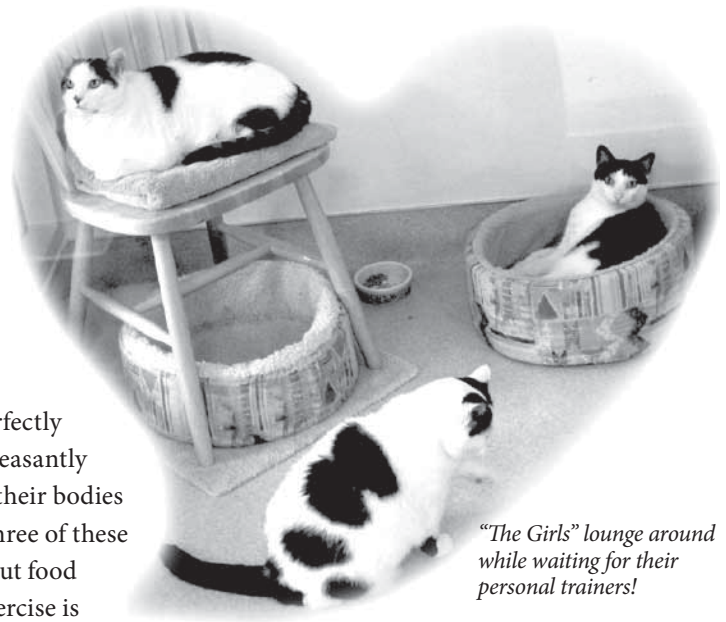
# MORE TO LOVE?

JUST AS WEIGHT IS AN ISSUE for adults and children, it also affects the family pets. Too often animals arrive at the shelter with more than a few extra pounds, like our three hefty felines pictured here. Studies estimate that one out of every 3 adult cats and dogs are overweight. One extra pound on a cat is like 10 lbs. on a person. Overweight pets, like people, are more prone to medical issues such as heart disease, diabetes, skin and joint problems, fatty liver, and osteoarthritis, to name a few.

Our fat, but fabulous, felines **Angie, Hooper & Nellie** are *purrfectly* content lounging around with pleasantly plump figures while we help get their bodies to a more balanced weight. All three of these kitties are on a special lite diet, but food alone won't shed the pounds. Exercise is equally important, and volunteers and staff provide routine playtime using interactive toys to get those kitties movin'.

As with any weight management plan, it's always important to consult with your veterinarian. Just like humans, it can be very dangerous for pets to lose weight too rapidly.

What each of these kitties really would like (even more than a tuna sandwich) is a loving home they can count on. Having a big cat around the house is an experience not to be missed. If you'd like to adopt, please visit [SonomaHumane.org](http://SonomaHumane.org) or visit us at the shelter on Hwy 12, open every day from noon to six p.m.



*"The Girls" lounge around while waiting for their personal trainers!*

## 2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STARTS NOW

*Time to Join or Renew Your Membership*

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE Sonoma Humane Society today and help us get a head start on 2010. Be an invaluable part of our life-saving work and give our animals the second chances they so deserve. The Sonoma Humane Society does not receive any government assistance or funding from national organizations (unlike other shelters). We, and the animals we rescue, depend on the caring generosity of people like you. *Take a look at your membership options and see how far we can make a dollar stretch in support of animals in need.*

### \$50 Friend

Provides food and shelter for a homeless animal.

### \$100 Supporter

Provides a home for an orphaned animal.

### \$250 Associate

Provides transport, meals, care and rescue of an animal from an overcrowded shelter.

### \$500 Sponsor

Provides a full week of care for a litter of kittens with special medical needs.

### \$1,000 + Founder's Society

Provides the crucial funding needed to help solve the problems of overpopulation and reduce animal suffering.

*A Second Chance Saves Lives*



*Together, your support and our work will save animals' lives in 2010. Join now and keep the good work going!*

## Dog Abuse: It happens here, too

IT WAS ONE OF THOSE SCORCHING HOT DAYS at a local park, when a Good Samaritan witnessed a man dragging his lethargic Pit Bull mix across the pavement and cursing at it. She immediately stepped in, asking the man to stop. The man responded saying "Do you want this dog? Because I don't." With that she took the dog away from the abuser, who fled the scene.

The woman immediately brought the frightened and overheated dog to the Sonoma Humane Society. Our staff reported it to Animal Care & Control, and we brought the dog in for examination in our veterinary hospital. Other than being scared, this sweet girl was okay medically and just needed some love and attention, which our volunteers and staff were happy to give.

We named her **Buffy**, for her beautiful buff and white coat. Since her arrival, Buffy has been wonderful. With positive reinforcement and lots of treats, she has learned that people are kind and gentle and that she doesn't have to be afraid. Unfortunately, because of the bad reputation her breed undeservedly has, we know it may be a while before **Buffy** finds her forever home. Not to worry though, **Buffy** will have as long as she needs to find a truly loving family to give her the good life she's never had.



### Save a Life... Report Abuse

Animal abuse is a crime. Call your local police department or Animal Care & Control if you witness or suspect animal neglect and abuse. *Be very careful about taking action by yourself.* Often, people who abuse animals also abuse humans, so you could be putting yourself in danger. Dial 911 instead.



Give the Gift that Gives Back



*Holidays can be hardest on the homeless cats and dogs who are given up, lost or injured. Please help a homeless animal this holiday season with your most generous gift.*

The holidays can be stressful, especially for the many homeless animals who don't have a family to spend the holidays with. That's why the **Sonoma Humane Society** makes gift giving easy.

- **Give a Gift in Honor of a Special Person or Pet** through a donation to the Sonoma Humane Society. Call us or go online and we'll take care of everything, including a special card mailed to the recipient.
- **Add us to your Holiday List.** Instead of getting another pair of socks this year, why not ask for support of an organization close to your heart (we hope that's us)? We make it easy for your relatives and friends to give online, by mail or by phone. Better yet, send them to the shelter, maybe they'll take home a new companion too.
- **Donate an item from our Wish List.** No need to wrap, our animal friends don't know the difference. New or gently used items are always appreciated.

Winter Whiskers  
& Wine Event ❄️

❄️  
December 5th  
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Join us for hot cocoa,  
bubbly and holiday  
cheer! ❄️ ❄️



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THE HUMANE SOCIETY IS ALWAYS CARING for elderly residents here at the shelter. Currently we have over a dozen cats and dogs who may have a touch of grey on their fur, but still manage to show their spirit and spunk in bursts at any given moment.

We wanted to showcase a few of them here in *North Bay Pets* in the hopes that someone out there would take a chance on an older pet.

### Why Adopt an Older Pet?

Most people tend to think that older pets are slow and have medical problems, but this is not usually the case. Yes, maybe they take one extra nap a day, but older dogs would still much prefer a long walk or run with you, and older cats just need to know the touch of a loving hand and a warm lap.

Many of the older animals at

## SILVER WHISKERED, BUT YOUNG AT HEART



*Eleanor, (L) and Scully, (R) are charter members of the Silver Whisker Club! These two represent many dogs and cats that are senior in age, yet healthy, active, and available for adoption.*



our shelter never got the kind of love and attention that most of us shower our pets with. The greatest gift you can give them is the love you already have in your heart. Can you imagine a dog that's never had a dog bed to sleep on or a cat that's never been lovingly held? Some of our residents are longing for the affection that

they never received as young puppies and kittens. Yet they are still able to give and show affection to everyone they meet. **Scully** loves to just lean on you, knowing you're there beside her, and **Eleanor** will run circles around your ankles asking for a chin rub.

So the next time you are looking at that puppy or kitten

in the window, look a little further at the window where no one else is looking. You might be surprised to find out who is waiting there just for you.

*Do you have a soft spot in your heart for older pets? Donate today to help rescue and re-home Silver Whiskered animals.*



## Why Won't Anyone Adopt this Dog?

EVERY DAY WE WATCH CLINT in the Adoption Center and cross our fingers that someone will see all that we see in this wonderful little dog. But as each day ends and matches are made, **Clint** sits alone in his habitat. Head down, letting out a deep sigh as he spends another lonely night in the shelter. So why won't anyone adopt this dog?

We've taken **Clint** to events, we've given him roommates (all of which have been adopted), we've taken him on outings and still no takers. We scratch our heads in complete confusion as to why this dog is still in the shelter after six months.

So now, we put **Clint** on the cover of *North Bay Pets*. Could one of our readers possibly be the lucky one to take this guy home? Visit **Clint** today, and witness what we have seen all along—a very special dog.



*Clint's been working on his wishbone, but his wish for a new home hasn't come true yet.*

*What are you missing by NOT having Clint in your life?*

- Hours of entertainment as he wrestles with his bone and his squeaky toys;
- The *Omigosh I'm so happy to see you* kisses, which he gives out ALL THE TIME;
- Spirit, spunk and more personality than you would think can fit into his tiny frame;
- The perfect candidate for agility games—Clint can run circles around those purebreds;
- A dog that is ready to wind down after a long day and be content to just snooze on your lap.

**3,054**  
SPAYS & NEUTERS  
performed in our  
clinic to prevent  
overpopulation

**42**

Permanent **RESIDENT THERAPY ANIMALS** at  
our Forget Me Not Farm sanctuary, helping  
children at-risk

**52,191**  
VACCINES given to animals

**How We Help  
Animals &  
How Animals  
Help People**

**1,412** **DOGS TRAINED** and  
rehabilitated through our  
behavior & training department

**9,113**  
ANIMALS receiving  
medical care at  
our non-profit  
Veterinary  
Hospital

**4,380**  
LOADS of LAUNDRY  
washed, dried & folded

**3,960**

ELDERLY, children &  
adults visited by Pet  
Assisted Therapy dogs

**3,095**  
TENNIS BALLS fetched  
in our exercise yards

**4,716**

CHILDREN educated with  
animal abuse prevention  
at the Humane Society &  
FORGET ME NOT FARM

**20,531**  
HOURS volunteered (equivalent to 10 full-time employees)

July 2008 — June 2009  
Every number tells a story

## Have you Hugged a Rooster Today? Betcha Haven't!



Jacob & Henry hugging it out!

ONE DOESN'T GENERALLY THINK of a rooster as particularly huggable. But **Henry**, our incredible gentle feathered friend, is no ordinary guy. He, along with his 11 lady hens, were rescued when a rancher was moving and had no room to take them. Our FORGET ME NOT FARM stepped in and offered a home for **Henry** and his lovely lady friends. These Heritage breeds, which are known for their gentle demeanor, are part of the slow food movement, dedicated to moving away from the cruel and barbaric factory farms that produce most consumer poultry.

Now, **Henry** and the hens are living the good life in the sunlight at FORGET ME NOT FARM where abused and at-risk children come to feed and care for the animals.

*"The therapeutic benefits are felt both by the children and by the animals, who are able to heal and grow with one another."*

—Carol Rathmann,  
Farm Director

*Don't forget to donate to help farm animals receive the care they need and for the children who learn to love them.*

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## Maddie's Fund Helps Numbers Add Up

A grant from this organization helps the Sonoma Humane Society reach our adoption goals for the animals.

### Animal Statistics for Sonoma Humane Society

Jan 2008 - Dec 2008

	Dog	Cat	Total
<b>A Beginning Shelter Count (date) 1/1/08</b>	28	99	127
<b>Intake (Live Dogs &amp; Cats) from the Public</b>			
Healthy	352	839	1191
Treatable-Rehabilitatable	27	59	86
Treatable-Manageable	26	27	53
Unhealthy&Untreatable	3	18	21
<b>B Subtotal Intake From the Public</b>	408	943	1351
<b>Incoming Transfers from Organizations w/in Community/Coalition</b>			
Healthy	19	19	38
Treatable-Rehabilitatable	6	4	10
Treatable-Manageable	1	2	3
Unhealthy&Untreatable		1	1
<b>C Subtotal Intake from Incoming Tranfers from Orgs. within Community/Coalition</b>	26	26	52
<b>Incoming Transfers from Orgs. outside Community/Coalition</b>			
Healthy	242	16	258
Treatable-Rehabilitatable	11		11
Treatable-Manageable	16		16
Unhealthy&Untreatable			
<b>D Subtotal Intake from Incoming Tranfers from Orgs. outside Community/Coalition</b>	269	16	285
<b>E Intake from Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia</b>	0	0	0
<b>F Total Intake [B + C + D + E]</b>	703	985	1688
<b>Adoptions (only dogs and cats adopted by the public)</b>			
Healthy	436	996	1432
Treatable-Rehabilitatable	36	57	93
Treatable-Manageable	21	19	40
Unhealthy&Untreatable	3		3
<b>I Total Adoptions</b>	496	1072	1568
<b>K Total Outgoing Transfers to Other Organizations</b>	0	0	0
<b>L Return of Lost Pets To Owner Guardian</b>	39	16	55
<b>Dogs &amp; Cats Euthanized</b>			
<b>M Healthy</b>	0	0	0
<b>N Treatable-Rehabilitatable</b>	0	0	0
<b>O Treatable-Manageable</b>	13	23	36
<b>P Unhealthy&amp;Untreatable</b>	13	22	35
<b>R Owner Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy/Untreatable only)</b>	0	0	0
<b>S Total Euthanasia</b>	26	45	71
<b>T Total Outcomes (Adoptions + Return To Owner + Euthanasia)</b>	561	1133	1694
<b>U Died or Lost in Shelter Care</b>	0	0	0
<b>W Ending Shelter Count (12/31/08)</b>	44	77	121

For information on Maddie's Fund statistics and category definitions, please visit [asilomaraccords.org](http://asilomaraccords.org)



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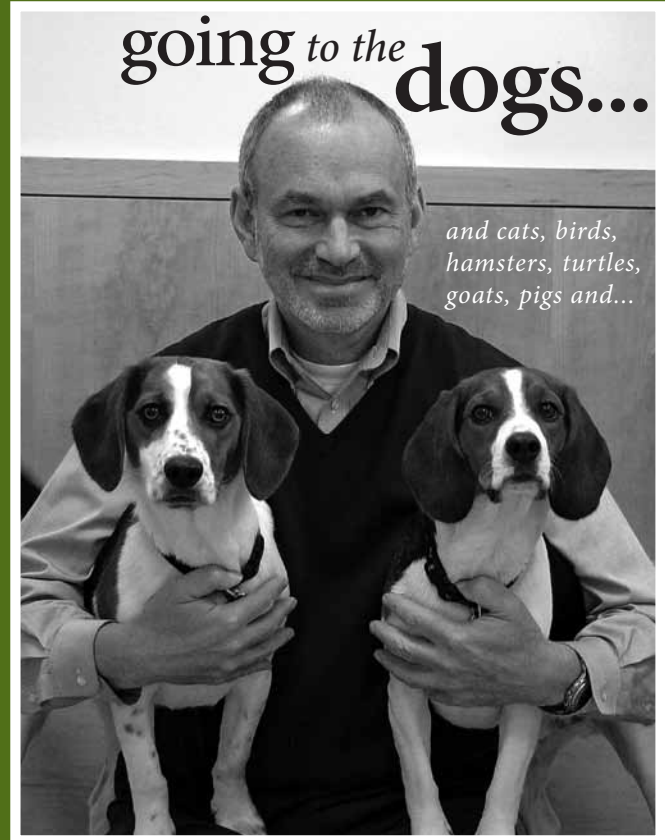
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event & Location
Oct 17	Eco-Tour Dog Hike Kunde Winery 9:00 AM \$45 includes wine tasting & lunch
Oct 17 & 31	Read to a Dog Central Library in Santa Rosa 11:00 AM
Oct 17	FAPP Vegan Potluck Humane Society Classroom; 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Oct 24	No Fleas Flea Market Fit 'n' Furry in Petaluma, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Oct 24	Pet First Aid & CPR Class Classroom; 1:00 – 5:00 PM, \$50 fee
Oct 31	HowlOween Pet Party Sonoma Humane Society; 1:00 – 4:00 PM (details p.2)
Nov 14	Read to a Dog Central Library in Santa Rosa 11:00 AM
Nov 21	FAPP Vegan Potluck Humane Society Classroom; 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Dec 5	Winter Whiskers & Wine Event Sonoma Humane Soc. Adoption Center; 12:00 – 5:00 PM
Dec 19	FAPP Vegan Potluck Humane Society Classroom; 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Dec 19	Pet First Aid & CPR Class Classroom; 1:00 – 5:00 PM, \$50 fee
Dec 21-23	<b>NEW!</b> Winter Day Camp for Kids Humane Society; 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, more info online
Dec 28-30	
Ongoing	Bunny Dating Playground Every Sunday; 2:00 – 4:00 PM
	Vaccine & Microchip Clinic Every Thursday; 2:00 – 3:00 PM, Clinic
	Dog & Puppy Training Classes Check schedule online at SonomaHumane.org

For a complete listing of events, please visit our website  
at [SonomaHumane.org](http://SonomaHumane.org)

Lately, Mark's commissions have been



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