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A Compassionate Care Shelter*

SUMMER 2017

SINCE
1932!

**Annual
Report**

**Kennel
Campaign**

**Building
Community
Connections**

**Birthday Bash
& Open House**

**Celebrating 85 Years
of Service!**

**Saturday, June 10th
From 10-3:00**

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all of our donors and volunteers. With your support, we are able to continue the vital services that we offer to the public. Besides providing a safe haven for homeless animals at our Compassionate Care Shelter, we also offer Humane Education in schools, Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic, investigations of animal abuse & neglect, and Pet Therapy programs.

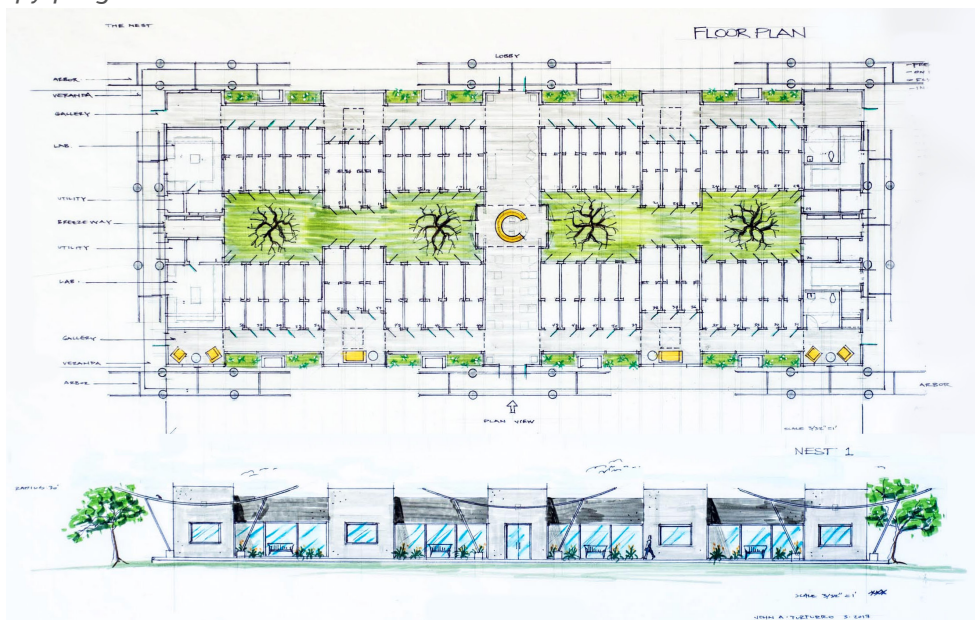
This year we are in our first phase of design for a state of the art kennel. We are excited to kick off our capital campaign to raise the funds to build a kennel that would benefit not only the animals, but the staff, volunteers and public. We look forward to building a kennel that will be energy efficient and provide a safe and enriching environment for our animals. Modernizing the kennel will provide soundproofing, larger kennels, improved ventilation system, grooming facility, education room, kitchen, and more!

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This new design will provide indoor and outdoor access for the public to view the animals. We are also adding a reception area that will help us better assist the public. We will go green with a solar and water reclamation unit and utilize natural light. This is not just our dream but a great endeavor that will need your help to accomplish!

I am honored to say that I have served the shelter for the past 35 years and look forward to working with our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and supporters to make this dream a reality.

**-Jolene Hoffman
SHELTER DIRECTOR**



Design and floor plan created by Architectural Designer John Turturro.

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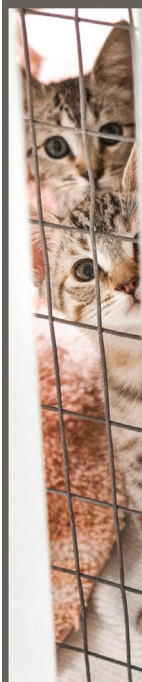
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First & third Saturday of
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HUMANE SOCIETY OF VENTURA COUNTY

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Serving the Animals and People of Ventura County Since 1932



Nestled in the rolling hills of the picturesque Ojai Valley, lies a 4.4 acre hidden treasure for wayward animals. Founded in 1932, the Humane Society of Ventura County, has been servicing not just the animals of the Ojai area, but all of Ventura County.

Whether it is through donations, adoptions, or the multitude of people who volunteer their time, the shelter exists solely by the generosity and kindness of its supporters.

Traditionally, an animal shelter is thought of as solely a place for animals to seek refuge until a permanent home can be found. While here at the Humane Society of Ventura County we provide this safe refuge, we also

strive to remedy the greater problem of animal overpopulation, abuse and neglect.

Since May of 1982, the Humane Society of Ventura County has called its nearly 4.4 acres outside of downtown Ojai, home. Originally organized by a group of dedicated animal lovers, the Shelter and Adoption Center has continued to develop alongside the needs of its growing community.

Over the last 85 years, the shelter has helped tens of thousands of animals through the many services and programs available to the public. While most are familiar with the Shelter and Adoption Center, we also offer a Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic, Humane Officers who investigate cases of neglect and abuse, Pet Therapy program, Pet Food Bank, and the Humane Education programs that focus on responsible pet ownership. These services are made possible by the support of the very community it serves. Whether it is through donations, adoptions, or the multitude of people who volunteer their time, the shelter exists solely because of the generosity and kindness of its supporters.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Birthday Bash & Open House



We invite you to come celebrate 85 years of service to Ventura County at our upcoming Open House! Get a behind the scenes peek at the facility, interact with animals, tour the kennels and clinic, meet the staff, and learn about our different volunteer opportunities.

A variety of local artists and crafts people will have one of a kind items available for sale. Bring the whole family to enjoy refreshments, participate in our scavenger hunt and learn more about how YOU can make a dif-

ference in the lives of animals in need!

Humane Educator, Dawn Reily, will have her assortment of critters, and our Humane Officers will be on hand to give you a look at the responsibilities and duties of protecting animals throughout the county.

Firefly Ceramics will have a booth and for a \$25 donation to benefit our new kennels, you can design your own tile to later become a permanent part of the structure.

What would a visit to a shelter be without the main attraction—the animals! We have a full house of animals available for adoption; you never know when you are going to meet your new best friend!

WHERE

402 Bryant St. Ojai, CA 93023

WHEN

Saturday, June 10th 10-3:00

NEW BEGINNINGS CHANCE



If there was just one simple thing you could do to give an innocent and defenseless animal a second chance, wouldn't you want to do it?

That was the case with Chance, a 5 year old Lhasa Apso mix who was brought to the shelter back in April of 2016 as a stray. When we saw him for the first time we knew it was going to take a lot of love to get Chance well again. His fur was covered in mats, he had fox tails in his ears, and what we soon learned, was nerve damage in his spine. Sweet Chance was in need of some serious care.

It was hard to imagine all that Chance had endured as his upbeat personality and friendly demeanor made him a joy to be around. Our dedicated volunteers and staff took him under their wings and made sure that he enjoyed all the same opportunities as the other dogs in our care; regular walks, basic training, play groups, and more. While the previous damage can never be undone, Chance still had a bright future ahead of him.

It took nearly one year for Chance to find a permanent home. He was adopted twice before finding the perfect family. The Rogers and their two dogs welcomed Chance into their home this past March.

Here at the Humane Society of Ventura County, we believe that every animal deserves a second chance. Special needs animals will stay in our care until we find a permanent home, foster, or hospice situation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Building Community Connections

For more than 25 years as a volunteer photographer and most currently Director of Community Outreach of the Humane County of Ventura County, I have seen a lot of changes. The foot print on the HSVC property hasn't changed much but our needs have.



There has been a tremendous increase in need for the services we offer. In 2011, we opened a new Visitor's Center, expanded the Spay and Neuter Clinic, and then remodeled the old

administration building a year later. These changes have been challenging considering our limited budget. We have large projects in mind for the long-term but right now we need to maintain what we currently have. This is where you come in! Since the majority of our funding comes from donations, your support is crucial. Our website offers a simple program to donate but there are other ways to help.

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I may be new to the position but I'm not new to the community. It is exciting for me to start working with our community connections to bring in the needed funds to help with our short and long-term goals.

As Director of Community Outreach my position has two main responsibilities; first to bring an awareness to our county in the services our Shelter has to offer and then to cultivate donors. In any case, I see my job is to build community connections in any capacity. If you are a business looking to support us, have a fundraising idea, want to make a donation, or speak with somebody about supporting us in any way, please let me know. GregC@HSVC.org (805)646-6505 x112.

GIVE A GIFT, CHANGE A LIFE!

Donate Today!

Your small gift will make a **BIG** difference! The Humane Society of Ventura County has now made it easier than ever to support animals in need. In 3 easy steps you can now sign up on our website for ongoing donations.

Just visit www.HSVC.org/support or click on the *Donate Monthly* option under the *Support the Animals* tab to sign up and make a monetary donation of your chosen amount to the shelter.

As a private, non-profit 501c3 organization, we do not receive any federal, state or local tax dollars to operate. We rely entirely on the generosity of our supporters to keep our doors open!

There are a variety of areas at the shelter to donate; under Suggested Uses for Donations you can choose between Spay & Neuter, Rebuild Ken-

nels, Medical Fund, Rescue & Investigations, or General Use. Each of these areas are an integral part to giving hope to at-risk animals right here in Ventura county.

Animals throughout the area are counting on YOU! No amount is too small to make a big difference in the lives of animals in need!



KENNEL CAMPAIGN

The Humane Society of Ventura County needs your help! Each day we get closer and closer to making our dream of building a new state of the art kennel a reality.

The 35 year old kennels we currently have are more than just a place to shelter homeless and at risk dogs. The kennels work as temporary homes where the dogs sleep, eat their meals, raise their families, recover from illnesses, make new friends, all while waiting for a permanent home.

Imagine the possibilities that the construction of a new state-of-the-art facility will create!

Ventura County is filled with animal lovers who want to be a part of this monumental endeavor. In partnership with Architectural Designer John Turturro, the shelter recently unveiled its initial site design (see page 2) to the delight of staff, volunteers, and our supporters.

The shelter is currently in the fundraising stage of this large-scale project. The current estimate for new kennels is upwards of 2 million dollars and fundraising has begun at all levels.

We encourage everyone to make a donation today and be a part of animal rescue in their community. Please visit our website at www.HSVC.org or call the shelter at 805-646-6505 for details!

HUMANE EDUCATION

Teaching Compassion and Respect for All Living Things

Since its foundation, the Humane Society of Ventura County has promoted education as the key to preventing abuse, cruelty and neglect of animals throughout Ventura County. Our Humane Education programs specialize in the animal welfare issues important to our community. They teach responsible pet ownership, respect of wildlife, and encourage community engagement. Whether the audience

are preschoolers or senior citizens our Humane Educator can adapt the program to suit the audience.

We believe Humane Education is the key to prevent abuse, cruelty and neglect of animals throughout Ventura County and beyond.

In schools, the presentations can be modified to compliment the current curriculum and subject matter that is being discussed to meet educational standards at the different grade levels. Humane Education programs can also assist clubs, scouts, and other organizations, come up with projects to help obtain badges and complete community service requirements.

Each spring and summer the Humane Society of Ventura County holds camp programs that provide children an opportunity to have hands on time with animals at the shelter and learn



about relevant animal topics. They learn in detail about the day to day work that goes into caring for the animals at our facility and they participate in socializing the dogs and cats at the shelter to help them get much needed socialization and training while they wait for their forever families.

For more information, to schedule a Humane Education Program at your school or organization, or enroll in a Summer Camp, please email dawnr@HSVC.org. or call 805-646-6505 for details.

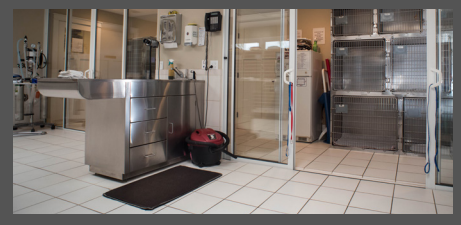


SPAY & NEUTER SAVES LIVES!

Did you know that the Humane Society of Ventura County performs over a thousand spay and neuter surgeries each year? These services are available at a reduced rate for the public and made possible by the contributions and support of our community. Since 2012, with your generous contributions, we have spayed and neutered 1,372 animals for the public FREE of charge.

We believe that educating the public about spay and neuter, promoting life saving services, and offering a feasible solution to the public is one of the best ways we can do our part to help cut down on animal overpopulation.

For more information or to schedule an appointment please call 805-646-6505.



Did you know that the Humane Society of Ventura is the only agency in Ventura County that employs Humane Officers? Humane Officers are provided with extensive training in animal husbandry and investigating animal cruelty and neglect cases. Officers uphold Penal Codes, Health and Safety codes, and many other codes that pertain to abuse, neglect, and cruelty to animals.

Officers protect animals from abusive or neglectful animal owners, and strive to educate the public on how to properly care for them.

Director of Investigations R.J. Hoffman explains, "Humane officers are unique in law enforcement. They have the powers of a peace officer and can make arrests, and serve search warrants." Officers protect animals from abusive or neglectful animal owners, and strive to educate the public on how to properly care for them. When disasters such as fires, floods, or earthquakes occur our officers are there to rescue animals from harm's way.

Officers work closely with local authorities throughout the county to ensure our community is safer for the animals. All of this is provided without monetary support from city, county, or

state. Our goal is to eliminate all animal suffering in Ventura County.

Each month Officers may assist hundreds of animals and people, making a positive impact on our community by ensuring that our most vulnerable creatures receive the help they need. This public service is funded entirely by donations. Their ability to serve is directly linked to the support we receive from people like you. It is with your help and the dedication of our Director of Investigations and Humane Officers that we are able to continue to educate Ventura County on the plight of animal rescue for more than 85 years.



You can help us save animals from abuse and neglect. If you witness or suspect any instances of abuse or neglect in the Ventura County area please call (805) 646-6505. All information is kept confidential.

ANNUAL REPORT

2016

	CATS	DOGS	OTHER
All Animal Intake	344	692	74
Adopted	176	340	12
Return to Owner - Lost	12	127	3
Return to Owner - Other	7	17	0
Transferred - Lost	15	26	2
Transferred - Other	2	1	0
Veterinarian Euthanasia	3	5	0
Committee Euthanasia	3	1	0
Owner Request Euthanasia	128	176	16
Wildlife Transfer			36
Spay and Neuter			1,335
Humane Officer Cases			545
Humane Education Presentations			343
Volunteer Hours			8,132

2015

All Animal Intake	331	767	87
Adopted	160	369	12
Return to Owner - Lost	6	133	4
Return to Owner - Other	6	16	2
Transferred - Lost	34	54	1
Transferred - Other	4	8	0
Veterinarian Euthanasia	3	0	0
Committee Euthanasia	0	1	0
Owner Request Euthanasia	77	163	31
Wildlife Transfer			48
Spay and Neuter			1,420
Humane Officer Cases			726
Humane Education Presentations			328
Volunteer Hours			7,376

2014

All Animal Intake	329	653	84
Adopted	158	286	4
Return to Owner - Lost	12	121	0
Return to Owner - Other	16	32	0
Transferred - Lost	32	34	15
Transferred - Other	3	6	3
Veterinarian Euthanasia	0	1	0
Committee Euthanasia	2	5	0
Owner Request Euthanasia	104	172	16
Wildlife Transfer			38
Spay and Neuter			1,758
Humane Officer Cases			760
Humane Education Presentations			311
Volunteer Hours			7,174



A COMPASSIONATE CARE SHELTER



COMPASSION SERVICES

The decision to put a beloved pet to sleep is a heartbreaking and difficult one. At the Humane Society of Ventura County we understand that losing a best friend is one of the hardest things to go through.

When making the difficult decision that euthanasia is the kindest way to relieve your pet's suffering, the HSVC is here to help. We have trained and experienced personnel who will help end your pet's suffering and help you through this difficult time.

We offer euthanasia services at a low cost fee and you may stay with your pet before, during, and after humane euthanasia.

Cremation services are also available to those who request to have their pet's cremains.

Please call the shelter at 805-646-6505 for more information on our Compassion Services or to make an appointment.

VOLUNTEERS

Making a Difference One Life at a Time

Volunteering at the Humane Society of Ventura County is a unique experience. Every day, dozens of volunteers donate their time and skills to help animals in need.

As a private, non-profit organization that does not receive funding from the government or national animal welfare organizations, we depend on volunteers who selflessly give their time to the animals and the programs that support them.

Volunteers contribute to the health and well being of animals while working together to create a safer and more humane world for all living creatures. From providing hands-on care to animals to administrative support, our volunteers are dedicated members of our team assisting in all areas of our operation.



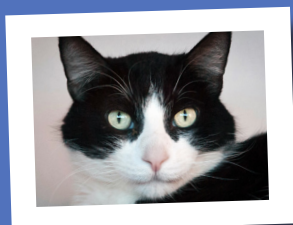
For more information on becoming a volunteer please call 805-646-6505 x. 110 or email volunteer@hsvc.org.

While here, volunteers learn valuable animal skills and gain relevant work experience. Volunteers participate in important roles at our shelter and in the community by helping spread the message of animal protection and responsible pet ownership.

Every day, dozens of volunteers donate their time and skills to helping animals in need.

We believe everyone has something to offer to help our animals. There are numerous programs and activities in need of your energy and talents. We provide the training for all volunteer positions, so no prior experience is required. Call today and find an opportunity that's right for you!

PET GALLERY



SULLY
4 year old old, neutered male,
Domestic Short Hair



CALLY
1.11 year old, spayed female,
Domestic Medium Hair



SEQUOIA
5 year old, spayed female,
Great Dane & Shepherd mix



EVA
1.4 year old, spayed female,
Norfolk Terrier mix



OLAF
1.2 year old, neutered male,
Catahoula Leopard Hound & Welsh Corgi



ROCCO
2 year old, neutered male, Chihuahua
mix



WENDY
10 year old, female, horse



SNICKERS
9 year old, male, horse

To view our available animals please visit our website at www.HSVC.org/adopt.



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