

Recent Adoptions

Cookie



Lovely Cookie was abandoned by her owners but now she has a great new family and home with Miguel and his other two gentle dogs. Cookie is very happy.

Velcro

When Brianna came to adopt a kitten, she never imagined she would be leaving with a black kitten, but little Velcro chose her.



Tiptoe

The Garcia family chose a sweet puppy named Tiptoe to bring home with them to Ukiah. The puppy is very happy with his new family.

Tangerine

The first thing Raymond noticed about Tangerine was his soft fur. They went home together. He reports that Tangerine, now Vince, is a very cool cat!



Itsy & Bitsy

Darlene saw tiny Bitsy online and came immediately to meet her. Half an hour after the adoption was approved, she came back and adopted her brother! Now the siblings will have a wonderful home together for the rest of their lives.

The Importance of Pet Dental Health

Dental problems are just as serious in animals as in humans. But since animals are so good at hiding their pain, their mouth issues can become very advanced before we know something is wrong.



Untreated dental problems are a real threat to an animal's overall health. Not only can they interfere with eating, they can lead to systemic infection, and organ failure, including heart damage.

Specifically, animals can suffer from decayed and abscessed teeth, broken teeth with exposed nerves, retained baby teeth, gum problems, oral cancer, and additionally in cats, tooth reabsorption and stomatitis.

Dental care for animals is certainly not cheap, but it can prevent much more expensive and serious health issues for your animal down the road.

Rescue Awards *Continued from page 1*

So, welcome to the first annual "Rescue Hero Awards". You may know a rescue hero, and we want your input. Please nominate a rescuer from Lake or Contra Costa who embodies these qualities:



- Is dedicated to animals in need in their community
- Helps sick and injured animals despite to cost
- Finds alternatives to euthanasia
- Facilitates adoptions in the animals' best interest

Please submit your nominations of an animal rescue hero by email today to blythe@animalrefugee.org. We would like to know their name, the community they serve, and a little bit about their work. Results will be published in the December 2019 issue of this newsletter.

Unwanted *Continued from page 1*

No one deserves this, yet it happens to pets every day. Pet dumping is one of the most irresponsible actions and damaging actions of pet owners.

At Animal Refugee Response, a lot of effort goes into rebuilding the trust of dumped animals. While there are some who say it doesn't really affect them because animals live in the moment, we are certain they remember feeling unwanted. Some, amaz-

ingly, do bounce back quickly, but most are left with a deep scar.

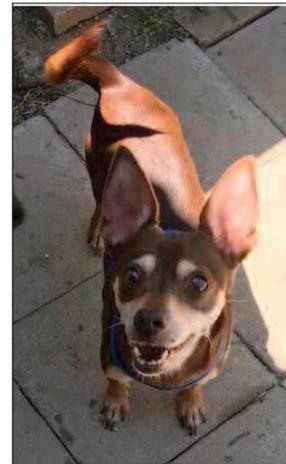


Happy Update: Biscuit has been adopted and is loving his new home.

In an ideal world, there would be no dumped pets because people would be more responsible. In that world, only animals who outlived their owners, and orphans would need rescuing. How we get to that better world is the question. We believe it starts with teaching responsibility, empathy and compassion, important values that our world can use much more of.

Another Example of Why We Never Give Up

As an organization that specializes in animals with medical conditions, those who come to us with injury or illness are given an initial classification at admission, as either "treatable" when they are expected to get well, or, "manageable" when they are expected to need continued support to maintain quality of life.



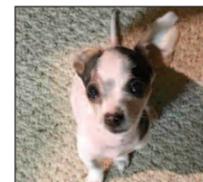
For Franklin, a five year old Jack Russell, it has been the latter since a horrible accident left him with damaged organs and a shat-

tered pelvis about four years ago. Although he was painstakingly put back together by a very skilled vet, he began to feel sick about six months ago. Diagnosed with a serious infection, Franklin got sicker and sicker, and nothing seemed to help him.

But a recent breakthrough in his medication regime has changed everything. Franklin's latest test results are excellent. He is playing, going on long walks, rolling in the grass, and smiling! If this trend continues, he will be reclassified as "treatable"!

Your Donations at Work

Animal Refugee Response is extremely grateful for the donations we receive. We put them to use directly to save animal lives and improve their quality of life. Here are some highlights from this year:



Life-Saving Medical Care

Phoenix was surrendered in shock after being severely burned in a cooking accident. He needed extensive care. He lost an ear and has large scars on his face and back, but is alive and happy today. Like others we have helped, he would have died without medical care.



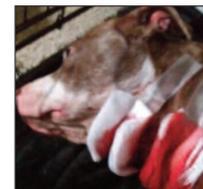
Adoption Preparation

So far, in 2019, 578 Animal Refugee Response dogs and cats placed in loving, stable and permanent homes were examined by a vet, vaccinated, treated for parasites and spayed/neutered as a part of their adoption.



Community Education

Our year-round volunteer program teaches responsibility and compassion for animals by example, and through training in safety protocols, individualized care and disease prevention.



Community Assistance

Blue was injured by another dog and needed emergency care, but her very low-income owner had no resources to see a vet. Blue is one of many animals from the community we have helped get care, rather than being euthanized, so they can return to their families.

More Adoptions

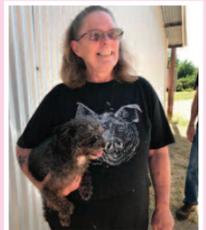
Cupcake



Tiny little Cupcake, a beautiful Calico kitten was adopted by Crystal, one of our volunteers who had her eye on the little beauty as soon as she came to our shelter.

Lollipop

Lucky Lollipop, a senior poodle was adopted by C.J. Lollipop now has a wonderful life and is loving her new family, especially her new sister, a Dachshund named Gracie.



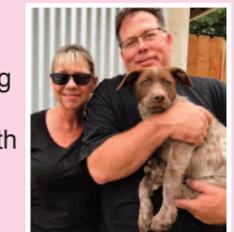
Violet & Dalia



The Murphy's decided to bring home two beautiful Calico sisters, former bottle babies, who purred as soon as they picked them up!

Neptune

A beautiful rusty dapple cattle dog mix, Neptune made friends with the Smiths and they decided to take her home with them. She is doing very well in her new home.



Milo



Happy little Milo was adopted by the Ferrari family to be their best friend. The active and playful puppy is loving his new home and can't wait to go on walks with the kids everyday.