June 9th, the Humane Society of Ventura County would have celebrated our 88th birthday bash at the shelter but all events have been canceled. The last four years have been very difficult for the shelter, staff, and volunteers. With the recent COVID-19 disaster we have had to rearrange our normal routines and shelter lives. We have upgraded our safety protocols for our staff, public, and animals. We are making sure that all guidelines are followed for our safety.

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We are slowly opening areas of the shelter to serve the public. Our Spay and Neuter clinic reopened on May 5th. Our clinic is vital to the animals and the public in Ventura County. Without spaying and neutering, all shelters will continue to be overcrowded. Until we update our safety protocols, which are based on guidelines from the Ventura County Department of Health, we ask that the public remain in their cars when visiting the clinic. The staff will be wearing PPE for your protection and theirs. We ask that you also have a mask on for our safety.

Vaccination clinics will be by appointment only. They will be held on the first and third Thursday of every month. Again, you must stay in your cars and the staff will come to you. Call the shelter for times and information.

We have had a large increase in our food bank distributions. Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts by donating dog and cat food. Since so many people are out of work, this food bank is imperative to help others in need.

Humane Officers are still performing investigations. If you witness animal abuse or neglect please call the shelter or file a complaint online.

As of June 1, our shelter is still closed to the public for viewing animals. Adoptions are being performed by appointment only. Please go to our website to view the animals you may consider adopting. Call the shelter and they will set up a time for you to visit with the animal you are interested in.

We want to thank you for your understanding and wish you all good health.

-Jolene Hoffman
SHELTER DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Humane Society of Ventura County, its Board of Directors and shelter staff, thank you for your continued support during this pandemic. Even though our doors have been closed to the public, our shelter staff has been here every day. They have taken our dogs on what they fondly call, “pack walks,” maintaining social distancing. The animals in our care have been so loved, with many of them in the office on laps or at the feet of staff.

We miss our daily visitors and our faithful volunteers. We know you understand that this closure is for the protection of everyone. We greatly appreciate your support and we look forward to when we will be open again.

Meanwhile, if you are looking to adopt, please visit our website at www.HSVC.org. If one of our animals seems to “speak to you,” you can contact the office at 805-646-6505 or fill out a form online and staff will call you to make an appointment for a meet and greet.

-HSVC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
A Message to our Volunteers

It’s been an interesting few months since we closed our doors due to COVID-19. We’ve been cleaning, doing maintenance, and doing our best to keep the dogs, cats, horses, and our pig as entertained as possible. We’ve also been walking our dogs off property, putting up new perches in our cat rooms, and introducing Petunia the pig to many new fruits and vegetables. However, we know the dogs, cats, and horses are wondering, “Where are the volunteers that I love? When will they come and play ball with me again? Where is the person who gave me such good scratches?” They miss the volunteers just as much as we do!

Thank you all for keeping us in your thoughts and warm wishes – despite not being on the property, we still consider you an integral part of our organization.

A few of you have been asked to come back for a special project. Our Summer Kids Camp is virtual this year and we’ve asked a select few of you to appear on video as part of the curriculum. For those who have assisted us, thank you.

In the meantime, we’ve been slowly re-opening a number of our services, such as our spay and neuter clinic, and our adoptions, but we’re taking it one step at a time. The one thing I know many volunteers may be missing the most is saying goodbye to dogs, cats, and horses who are being adopted during the closure. We’ve had many of our long-term dogs go to their new forever homes since the pandemic. Bella, a Staffordshire terrier, was with us for nearly six months and went home to a wonderful family. We are so excited to see them go home, even if a little sad to see them leave.

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If you are a volunteer and want to learn more about upcoming opportunities, we have a monthly volunteer newsletter that I send out via email. If you don’t receive our newsletter and would like to, please email me at Volunteer@hsvc.org and I will be happy to sign you up!

-Amanda Volden
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

FEATUURED PET: WENDY NOVA

Wendy Nova has a long history with the Humane Society and has been with us since 2008 when she was rescued from an abuse case by the HSVC Humane Officers. Since her time at the Shelter, she has been paired with new owners but due to no fault of her own, she was returned. She does have a great personality once she trusts her handler. She is eager to meet everyone that approaches her although she can be shy at times. Wendy Nova needs to be a pasture horse only; she cannot be ridden. She does have a great foundation of groundwork and is very respectful to her handler. She is however sensitive about her hooves and needs sedation for any farrier work.

For those interested in becoming Wendy Nova’s new forever home, take the first step by visiting our website hsvc.org/adopt and clicking the orange “Let’s Get Started” button to fill out an Adoption Appointment Request form.

OLIVER’S REPORT

Oliver Bird here, reporting on what the humans are calling a “pandemic.” With the rest of the world sheltering in place, I thank my dedicated Humane Society of Ventura County coworkers who come to the Shelter every day to feed me, talk to me, and generally entertain me. I’ve noticed my human friends are covering their beaks and talking about staying safe from COVID. Some of these beak coverings are quite fashionable – I’d like one with a Tweety Bird print!

Something new I’m learning is to mimic my human staff answering questions about the low-cost vaccination clinic now operating at the Shelter. It seems you can get shots for your furry friends at a low cost. Call my staff at 805-646-6505 for our low-cost vaccination clinic dates and times and be sure to call and ask for a serenade from ME!

During my days in lockdown, I’ve learned some interesting facts about Cockatoos. Did you know there are 21 different species of Cockatoos? I am the one known as an Umbrella Cockatoo. A nickname for my species is “Velcro bird.” It’s so true! I like to cling to Jolene just like other Umbrella Cockatoos cling to their humans or caretakers. The most important fact is that I care about all of my human friends near and far. Stay safe, don’t get your feathers ruffled, and I’ll see you soon.

-Oliver the famous and most adorable bird you will ever meet

-featured pet: wendy nova
**CLINIC CORNER**

*Keeping Your Pets Healthy*

The Humane Society of Ventura County Clinic is OPEN once again and welcoming your appointments for spay and neuter or vaccination services! Please be advised that all clinic services are now by appointment only and we ask our clients to please respect our new social distancing guidelines. These guidelines are available on our website under “Clinic” and “Services.”

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While the clinic has been closed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our clinic staff has been anything but idle! During the closure, we took the opportunity to update some of our equipment, deep clean the clinic, and educate our staff on best practices for animal welfare.

We also have partnered with a new non-profit organization called the Foundling Kitten Society providing veterinary services. Since March, our clinic has performed basic preventative care, medical diagnostics, treatment, and spay/neuter services on over 135 cats and kittens! If you are interested in adopting from Foundling Kittens, please visit their website at foundlingkittensociety.org.

Although our kitten foster program ground to a halt with the closure, we are ready to accept applications for people willing to help the orphaned kittens already entering our shelter. In addition, we have supported ResQ Cats, a non-profit cat rescue out of Santa Barbara. HSVC has continued to provide spay and neuter services to feral cats for free during the closure to help keep the community cat population under control. There is always more work to be done to help these homeless cats and kittens. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Community Cat Coalition serving Ventura County on Facebook.

As we enter the “new normal” with our clinic operations and community services, we encourage you to keep your pets healthy with vaccination, spay or neuter, and lots of TLC!

Kitten season is HERE! To help us “catch-up” we are offering a “First 50 FREE with FVRCP” promotion! The first 50 people to ask for this promotion when they book a spay or neuter appointment for their cat(s) or kitten(s) that is over 2 pounds and healthy, will get a free spay or neuter plus an FVRCP vaccination!

-Dr. Christina Sisk

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

*Building Community Connections*

We miss our friends, we miss you. We miss having you here at the Shelter volunteering, interacting, or having a puppy therapy session. We miss providing licensing and ID tags. We miss making a celebration photo with every adoption. We miss the smiles on your face when you come to visit. We miss you.

All of our worlds changed when the COVID-19 pandemic hit our community. Like many others, the HSVC was instructed to adhere to strict social distancing guidelines and other orders mandated by the Ventura County Department of Health.

*The HSVC had many more requests for free cat and dog food during the crisis, both at our Shelter in Ojai and our eight remote locations.*

However, animal welfare organizations were considered essential businesses, so our staff was able to continue to provide care for the animals at our Shelter and be open to the public only under emergent circumstances. We provided free pet food for those limited by the quarantine and we provided euthanasia services for those pets at the end of their life.

The HSVC had many more requests for free cat and dog food during the crisis, both at our Shelter in Ojai and our eight remote locations. Those impacted by the Pandemic were especially in need. This spring, the HSVC partnered with Upper Ojai Relief to deliver and supply pet food to those most in need including their weekly food bank in Ojai. Working with our partner organizations, like Upper Ojai Relief, to help us help you means the world to us. Thank you.

The situation with our limited services changes daily. By the time this newsletter goes to press, we will most likely be even closer to normal operations. Please keep an eye out for updates through mailings, future newsletters, our website, our social media feeds, or feel free to give us a call at 805-646-6505.

From everyone at the Humane Society of Ventura County, we thank you for your continued support and wish you all a safe transition out of the eventual lifting of the fog that is COVID-19. I can be reached at 805-646-6505 or GregC@hsvc.org

-Greg A. Cooper

**DIR. OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF VENTURA COUNTY**
Hannah and Gabe may be expecting a new baby soon, but they will never forget the day they adopted their “firstborn child” Harden!

In March of 2019, Hannah and Gabe were looking to bring a new fur baby into their home after losing their dog Hank eight years prior. They met Harden, formerly Chili, while visiting the HSVC and instantly fell in love with the two-month-old puppy. “The adoption process and background check were very thorough which made me feel REALLY good about the homes each animal goes to,” said Hannah after filling out an application for Harden.

They finally brought the sweet pup home on March 31st and it has been nonstop joy ever since. “He is the sweetest dog and he is considered a member of the family. He makes all of us feel safe and is such a grounding force of love in our life,” Hannah continued, “Having Harden around has brought new life into our home. I wish he could live forever because I can’t imagine life without him.”

As Hannah’s due date nears, the couple is getting Harden ready for his new role as a big brother. “With the new baby on the way, we have been preparing him by saying, ‘You’re gonna be a big brother soon Harden!’” said Hannah.

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Hannah has also been painting pet portraits since 2015 and now owns a successful pet portrait business called Painted Pawz. After her experience adopting Harden from the shelter, Hannah began donating 10% of the proceeds from Painted Pawz to animal rights groups and shelters, including the HSVC! We are grateful to Hannah for contributing to our success and helping us care and protect animals in need.

Thank you to Gabe and Hannah for choosing to rescue this sweet boy. We wish Hannah, Gabe, Harden, and their new addition a long and happy life together!

What an adventure these last few months have been! Since the beginning of March 2020, I have been working on creating new free interactive content for classroom presentations through Nearpod and a four-week-long virtual summer camp. The hope was to continue the educational outreach efforts despite the season of uncertainty. Although the virtual world doesn’t quite compare to live presentations, camps, and the experience of animal interactions, it is the best way to ensure that we are all safe during this time.

Some of the things that were comforting for our family were the opportunities it gave us to spend time together at home. During this time, we fostered Queenie the Chihuahua, to help alleviate the shelter of dogs to care for, and to give Queenie a taste of family life. Our dog Lollipop and Queenie became best friends and do very well on the pack walks. Not only did Queenie get quality time but also our four-year-old daughter bonded with her new animal friend. She loves to practice her letter recognition. She and Queenie loved hearing stories about shelter animals getting adopted into a forever home.

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Spending quality time with your companion pet is vital for the family unit. Animals provide much needed comfort but also crave the attention that you give them.

These times are a great opportunity to become an Animal Reading Friend (ARF). Encourage your children to read to their companion pets at home. We would love for you to share photos of your children reading to their animals. These photos will help us promote the importance of literacy and for strengthening bonds with our pets.

Eventually, as California opens up, we hope that our youth can come volunteer and read to the animals here at the shelter. Young readers can earn a chance to receive their very own ARF t-shirt. For more information on the ARF program or any other educational opportunities, contact me, Angie at Education@hsvc.org. And remember to be kind to each other.

-Angie Saglani
HUMANE EDUCATOR
Due to COVID-19 uncertainty, the Humane Society of Ventura County has decided to offer our annual summer kids camp virtually. Our Humane Educator, Angie Sagliani, has developed a week-long program for campers to participate through video conferencing, live programming, and pre-recorded programming, 9 am to 12 pm, Monday through Friday. There will be four weeks to choose from and sign-ups will solidify your spot. The camp will be limited to 15 campers.

Each activity will be led by the Humane Educator, with appearances by HSVC staff, dedicated volunteers, and of course the shelter animals.

Activities are made to allow ages 7 through 12 to participate. Although the focus is on activities that allow campers to work independently, we encourage families to participate. Each activity will be led by the Humane Educator, with appearances by HSVC staff, dedicated volunteers, and of course the shelter animals. There will be a combination of online and offline activities available to campers and families after signing up.

During this time, HSVC chose to model this virtual program FREE of any cost but a donate-if-you-can initiative. Supplies and instructions needed for the activities will be shared on Google Classroom to help families gather the materials they need for the week’s activities. The things that a camper will need is access to a device with internet capabilities, supplies to make animal-themed crafts and a Gmail (non-school) email. If families are not able to gather materials, for whatever reason, they can let us know and we will provide a camp-in-a-box, full of materials the camper will need to participate. We will utilize free tools such as Google Classroom, Gmail, Zoom, Kahoot, and Flipgrid.

Also during this time, we were lucky to develop partnerships with other nonprofit organizations. Currently, two organizations have solidified their participation in our virtual camps, The Friends of the Island Fox and SeeAg. With the help of these organizations, the goal is to educate our youth in wildlife and environmental stewardship, all leading to the overarching theme of being kind to animals and the environment. Hopefully, we can connect as a camp community to build new virtual friendships. Can't wait to see campers at our Animals Adventure Camp Home Edition!

Please contact Angie to secure a spot for this year’s camp at education@hsvc.org.

FAVORITE FUNDRAISERS

Murray, a student at Mira Monte School, for donating a portion of her Rotary Club of Ojai scholarship to the Humane Society of Ventura County. • Makena and her fellow students at Oak Grove School Student Council groups who collectively chose the HSVC to be the recipient of a donation drive in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. • Wellness Natural Pet Food and Best Friends Animal Society who donated four pallets of dog food as part of a regional pet food drive to assist pet rescues and animal shelters in Southern California. • Pizzaman Dan’s for donating pizza boxes for use in our Kids Camp. • Ernest and Carolyn Siracusa for a donation to purchase two cat lobbies. • A big thank you goes out to Meko and Lilly from the Navy Chiefs at Center for Seabees and Facility Engineering for their generous pet food donation to the HSVC. • Thank you Topa Topa Elementary 5th grade leadership group for donating $100 for their year-long effort raising money selling 25-cent treats at their school (before the COVID-19 shut down). • Thank you Leslie Slade for overseeing the planned giving donations for the Humane Society of Ventura County. • Also thanks to California Custom Painting donating $50 honoring Topa Leadership and their fundraising efforts.
We recently upgraded our computer software and realized that our year-end statistics for 2019 were incorrect. Our team of dedicated employees and volunteers work hard to provide the best outcome for needy animals throughout our county.

As a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization with over 88 years of service to Ventura County, we owe our many successes to the support we have received from our community. The following numbers have been adjusted with the new information. Thank you all for supporting the Humane Society of Ventura County!

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MEMORY GARDEN PAVERS

Give a gift of love to the animals of the Humane Society and to someone who loves animals as much as you do. A paver stone in the HSVC Memory Garden is a gift that will last a lifetime. Honor someone special or, show your support by naming a paver stone for your own family.

Just fill out the form below and bring it in or mail it to us with your payment. We’ll send a card to the recipient acknowledging your gift. Thanks to everyone who has purchased a paver stone. We hope you agree that this is a wonderfully meaningful way to support Humane Society animals and to leave a lasting legacy.

For more information on purchasing a Paver please contact Betty Jo MacCaughtry at Betty-jm@hsvc.org, or call 805-645-6505.

*Pavers ordered between July 1st – December 31st will be installed in March.

To have your paver stone engraved, please complete and mail to:
Humane Society of Ventura County
PO Box 297   Ojai, CA 93024

I would like to reserve a paver:

natural stone pavers may vary slightly in size

- [ ] Small (65 sq. inch) $200
- [ ] Medium (95 sq. inch) $350
- [ ] Large (120 sq. inch) $500

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