

REDWOOD COAST



HUMANE SOCIETY



A LOVE STORY

Sable's Long
Road to Recovery

PARTNERSHIPS

Together We Are
Saving More Lives

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We Are So Grateful
For Your Support

President's Note

With 2022 starting to reflect in our rearview mirror, it's a good time to remember those extraordinary experiences that have occurred within the work of The Redwood Coast Humane Society this past year.

In the pages of this newsletter, you can read about "Sable" the young pup that came to us with a deformed leg and through the diligence of one of our volunteers and an earned relationship with the staff at UC Davis Veterinary, Sable received extensive surgery and physical therapy to now be happily placed in a new home to live out her active life.

Or "Blue", a cat that arrived with a condition called "Pillow Paw", which was a new experience for us, prompting a handful of our volunteers to rotate fostering and caring for him until he recovered and was adopted into his forever home.

And then there was the impromptu roundtrip cross-country trek made by an incredibly generous local couple that drove our sweet ole' girl "Honey" from California to Virginia to let her live out her remaining years with a long-time lab-loving friend.

For all of these extraordinary efforts, I am deeply grateful and amazed. There is still much that is good in this world.

Lisa Dundee, President



Ella is one of the kindest, friendliest and calmest dogs we have known.



We've had these two little snuggle bunnies for 2.5 years and they still love to cuddle. So HAPPY we got the privilege of this pair!



Fort Bragg Police Chief with puppy



Look at these beautiful Kitties. Inseparable. Sweet. Mischievous. Adorable. Loving.



Our two fuzzy babies! Thanks so much for all you did for them. We love them so much!

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TOGETHER, WE SAVE MORE LIVES



Maddie's Fund

**CHAMPIONS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE
#THANKSTOMADDIE**

By Cathy Van Natta

This year, the Redwood Coast Humane Society has been the recipient of a grant from Maddie's Fund. Established in 1994 by Dave and Cheryl Duffield in honor of their dog Maddie, the foundation has awarded over 265 million dollars in grants to shelter organizations throughout the United States. One of our community members contacted Maddie's Fund and gave them our information. We were then contacted by Maddie's Fund, who subsequently awarded us a generous grant toward the purchase of a van, as well as money allocated to our "Angel Fund."

We are currently looking at van options. The purchase of a van will allow us to transport multiple dogs and cats to veterinary appointments in Santa Rosa and as far away as UC Davis. Currently, our volunteers are using their own vehicles to transport dogs, allowing for only one or two dogs to be transported at a time.

The money donated to our Angel Fund allows us to provide financial assistance with veterinary bills, pet food, and other needed supplies for families in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties. This year we have been able to offset or fully pay medical costs for 13 pet owners in our community.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to our shelter with financial donations, the local businesses who have given us discounts, our wonderful volunteers, and to all the families and individuals who have adopted from our shelter. Your generosity and support allows us to continue to make lives better for animals in need. maddiesfund.org



Coast Cat Project

**IMPROVING LIVES OF CATS ON THE
MENDOCINO COAST**

By Laura Bridge

Over the past few years, the Redwood Coast Humane Society has developed a partnership with the Coast Cat Project (CCP). CCP is an entirely volunteer-powered organization that focuses on the feral, stray, and abandoned cat populations on the Mendocino Coast. Trap Neuter Return is one of their biggest programs and most important goals. In a Trap Neuter Return program, community cats are humanely trapped, brought to a veterinarian to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, eartipped (the universal sign that a community cat has been neutered and vaccinated), and then returned to their outdoor home. Their outdoor home must have someone who will feed them and if not, CCP will rehome the cats through their barn cat program. The Redwood Coast Humane Society provides food to various groups of volunteers who care for community cats in Point Arena.

Kittens born to community cats can be socialized to become pets if they are caught early enough in their life. When CCP volunteers trap and neuter a community cat and that cat has young kittens, they will work with a rescue agency to take those kittens and get them socialized. Over the years, we have received many kittens from CCP, especially from the Point Arena area. When we receive the kittens, they have never had any human interaction and, of course, are terrified. They often can't be handled and there's a lot of hissing, spitting, cowering and hiding. We find people to foster these kittens and work with them so

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A LOVE STORY:

A PUPPY, A CARING COMMUNITY, MADDIE'S FUND AND A VET STUDENT

BY SANDY HUGHES

A beautiful blue-eyed, grey and brindle puppy came to the Redwood Coast Humane Society (RCHS) by bus in November 2021. We named her "Sable."

Sable's story is one of many stories of rescue and care by RCHS but her journey is an amazing example of our coastal community's love & kindness together with the care given by the Gualala Veterinary Clinic, Wikiup Veterinary Hospital, the excellent veterinary team at UC Davis and a generous veterinary care grant provided by Maddie's Fund. Sable's story has a happy ending that was made possible because of all of you.

Sable's RCHS story begins with a local bus driver who saw Sable on the regular route each day. The puppy appeared to be about 3 months old and abandoned with a broken-twisted leg. After observing her several times, the bus driver decided it was time to bring her to safety.



That day, RCHS met Sable. A loving and playful girl with lots of energy regardless of her disabilities. Sable was everyone's friend, despite her obvious pain when walking or running.

The first thing RCHS focused on was to get Sable settled and to find out what was going on with her foot. Sable was vaccinated and her foot was x-rayed.

The news was not good. Sable had a damaged growth plate in her wrist joint which not only caused her pain but would cause her leg to grow unevenly, eventually dislocating her elbow joint.

RCHS hoped to be able to do all they could to help Sable find a loving forever home, but by this time, Sable was on pain medication and anti-inflammatories to help with her mobility. So, after taking Sable to a second Vet to confirm her condition, it was decided to call UC Davis.



To start, appointments were set up for scans and consultations with their orthopedic department.

There were three options: 1. Sable remains on pain medication for the rest of her life with the strong possibility she will need surgery later. 2. Amputate her leg but it will cause its own issues over time. 3. Fix it now.

UC Davis has waived costs or greatly reduced them for RCHS in the past. They explained they would reduce costs as much as possible or try to find grants offered by the University for Sable, but Sable's was going to be a long journey to healing, no matter which option was decided upon by the RCHS Board.

The RCHS Board had a tough decision to make but knew that Sable's chances of being adopted would be much better with the surgery. So, with the generous donations received from our coastal community and a grant for veterinary care from an amazing organization called "Maddie's Fund", it was decided Sable would have her surgery and a chance for a long, pain-free life.

First, 3-D printouts were made of Sable's front legs. The good leg to see how her damaged leg should look after surgery and the damaged leg so that a "practice" surgery could be performed on it to assure the delicate surgery could be successful.

The surgery was done, a fixator brace applied and the long road to healing began along with a forever love story right there at the UC Davis Orthopedic Department.



A third-year Vet student attending to Sable fell in love. Several months of healing were ahead. The Vet student took over Sable's care. She would attend to her at the hospital during the day and take her home at night. Sable could not have been in better hands and we at RCHS could not have appreciated it more.

This October 2022, the final pins were removed from Sable's leg. She has a straight foot and with physical therapy given at "home," she is learning to use it.

Yes, I wrote the word "Home!" Sable now lives in Southern California with her Vet Student and a friend. She is an Orange County girl now. We recently received a video of her digging her first hole using both of her front feet!

On behalf of Sable and the Redwood Coast Humane Society, we send our deepest gratitude to our wonderful coastal community, the Vets that attended to Sable, UC Davis Veterinary School, and the generosity of Maddie's Fund!



THANK YOU, GENEROUS DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO FACING THE
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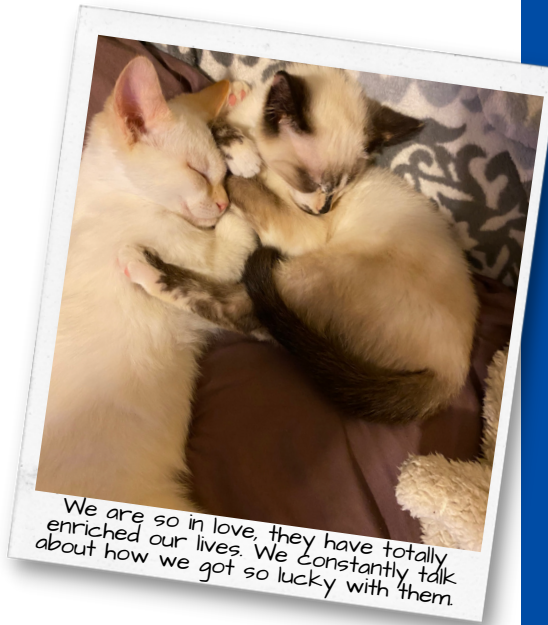


With training, patience and love,
Maggie is on top of the world!

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that they can be adopted as a pet. If the kittens are eight weeks old or younger, we have a very high success rate in socializing with them and you would never have known that they were born in the wild.

COVID closures, especially in the area of vet care, have impacted CCP's ability to Trap Neuter Return. Unfortunately, this has caused the community cat population on the Mendocino Coast to increase drastically. People can help by donating to the Redwood Coast Humane Society and CCP, by adopting pairs of kittens instead of just one (kittens are great in pairs!) and by making sure your animals are fixed and microchipped. coastcatproject.org



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2022 RCHS FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

Maddie's Fund Grant \$55,000
Monetary Donations \$50,662
Adoption Fees \$3,513
Medical Care Reimbursements \$330
Spay/Neuter Deposits \$200

EXPENSES:

Medical \$33,881
Rent \$32,070
Facilities \$13,419
Community Animals \$5,960
Supplies \$5,441
Advertising \$2,142
Insurance \$1,496
Miscellaneous \$1,494
Taxes \$470
Operations \$419

2022 YTD TOTAL INCOME = \$109,705
2022 YTD TOTAL EXPENSES = \$96,792
2022 YTD NET = \$12,913

Tax identification Number is 68-0451469



Well, I'm spoiling her. She is so smart, next I will have her driving my truck.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

ARFF Feed & Pet Supplies	KGUA	Starcross Monastic Community
Brandybuck Studio	KTDE	Sundstrom Mall
Brodie Architecture & Design	M.A. Brauer Counseling	Surf Market
Double D Farms	Maddie's Fund	Tamal Properties
Dr. Barbara Fishelson	MD Electric & Solar	The Four Eyed Frog
Four Eyed Frog	Office Source	The Sea Ranch Association
Gualala Building Supply	Pardini Appliances	The Sea Trader
Gualala Supermarket	Sea Ranch Supply	Tom's Plumbing
Gualala Veterinary Clinic	Siobhan Silks	WestAmerica Bank
Independent Coast Observer	Spirit Veterinary Services	Wikiup Veterinary Hospital

GIFTS IN MEMORY & HONOR OF PETS

Ace	Duffy	Love Lost	Reggie
Archie	Fiona the Flattie	Luch	Remy
Argish	Foxie	Macie	Ringo
Ari	Gabriel	Matilda	Rizzo
Baxter	Gideon S. Toye	Moxie	Sadie
Bob	Hailey	NaLa	Sir Lancelot Mortimer
Brahma	Honey	Noah	Sky
Bubba Roseberry	Howard	Oliver	Stella
Chili	Jack	Otto	Stormy
Daisy	Jazz	Party	Terra
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The Redwood Coast Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located on the Redwood Coast of Northern California serving the needs of local animals and pet owners. Visit Us at 39151 S. Hwy. 1.

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Support Us

The Redwood Coast Humane Society continues to be a very busy place! There are many ways that you can help and make a difference.

Donate

Take your love fur-ther! Please use the enclosed envelope to donate to the Redwood Coast Humane Society. Your donation helps us serve the animals and pet owners in our community.

Volunteers

The gift of time is invaluable, no matter how much or how little time you can share with us. We offer a wide range of ways to get involved, each with varying requirements, responsibilities and commitment levels. Please contact us to discuss your interests and become involved with the Shelter.

Foster

Foster homes are the backbone of our organization. Without a strong network of foster providers, we simply could not save as many animals. Please let us know if you would like to be part of our fostering program.



*Judy is doing great!
She's so affectionate to all of us!
We love her already! Thank you!*

Meet your fur-ever friend!