

# HUMANE CONNECTIONS

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## MOXIE SAVED FROM EUTHANASIA



Life did not start off so well for the nameless medium haired black kitten. Whoever left her bruised, broken and alone in a box at Animal Services didn't even stay long enough to leave their name. The kitten's little body was covered with saliva, she suffered an open wound and her pelvis was fractured. It appeared she had been mauled by a dog. What's worse, she was marked to be euthanized. That's when fate smiled on the little black kitten and a lady with a heart stepped in.

"I can't let her go," thought Darlene, a veterinary assistant who happened to be working at

Animal Services that day. One look at the broken kitten who is, "so sweet she just melts your heart" and Darlene scooped her up and took her home for much needed rest and rehabilitation.

After several weeks of cage rest to heal the fractured pelvis, the four month old kitten was recovering nicely. Darlene, whose house was already full with five adopted cats, reluctantly released the kitten to CCHS and we happily agreed to find her a home. Now the aptly named Moxie is by far the youngest resident at Kitty Corner and awaits adoption in safety and security.

Moxie is still a bit wobbly and walks with "a swagger," but is expected to make a full recovery in time. She is very sweet and "people oriented," loves to purr and be petted. She is microchipped and ready to find her forever home. Maybe yours. •

*To adopt Moxie, please contact Chrissy Wilberg,  
CCHS Adoption Pro-gram Director, at (925) 279-2247 x 303.*

## 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please become a valued member of the Contra Costa Humane Society.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, we thank you for your support of our efforts to help the neediest animals in Contra Costa County. If you have contributed in the past, we thank you again for your help. CCHS has experienced an exciting year of growth and has been able to extend our outreach to the community with two new programs, *Animeals* and *Kitty Corner*.

We hope you'll consider supporting CCHS through your tax-deductible membership.

### Your Annual Membership entitles you to:

- Discounts on purchases at all Pet Food Express Locations: (5% off food and litter, 10% off all other items).
- Subscription to Humane Connections, a quarterly newsletter updating the community of CCHS's efforts to help animals, as well as important current events.



## ROXIE

### TWO HAPPY TAILS

Last year Sarah Dovala and her husband adopted a Staffordshire terrier named Rocco. He was Sarah's fourth rescue dog so she was sure she could handle any problem that might arise from the adoption. What she didn't count on was Rocco's deep seated separation anxiety. Sarah tried everything to ease Rocco's fear of being left alone, but nothing worked. It finally occurred to her that Rocco might just need a canine companion. Sarah left messages at several rescue groups in her area describing Rocco's dilemma, but it was CCHS's adoption director Chrissy who returned Sarah's call with the perfect solution.

A meeting was immediately arranged for Rocco to meet Ginger, also a Staffordshire terrier rescued from the shelter. Jackpot! According to Sarah, "it was love at first sight."

Ginger, quickly renamed Roxie, went home with Rocco. The two terriers have happily bonded and do everything together. Although Roxie is about two years older than Rocco, Sarah says Roxie keeps him running and playing and when it's nap time they curl up together. "They really look out for each other," Sarah says.

Looks like Roxie is the perfect prescription for what was ailing Rocco and she too found her forever home. That's one story with two happy endings! •

## Q & A

**Q. What should I know about spaying or neutering my cat or dog?**

**A.** Although common, spaying is considered major surgery and should be treated as such. Typically the animals are young, healthy, low-risk and problems should be extremely rare. Neutering is less invasive

surgery and should have even rarer complications.

The health benefits of neutering include eliminating testicular cancer risk and decreasing prostate cancer and certain types of rectal cancer risk. Spaying eliminates ovarian and uterine cancer risk and deadly uterine infections seen in older intact females after heat cycles. Spaying before the first heat cycle decreases mammary cancer by up to 95% and the decrease is lessened with each heat cycle.

Behavioral benefits of spaying/neutering may be even more important to your pet. Neutering dramatically reduces aggres-

sion and wandering. Many pet health insurances will not cover unaltered males hit by a car. Females in heat have bleeding, vocalizing, roaming and possible unwanted pregnancies. Research has shown that dogs spayed/neutered prior to entering a shelter had a much higher chance of adoption and a lower euthanasia rate due to behavioral factors. Urine marking is a common problem more often associated with males and is much higher in unaltered males.

Unfortunately, millions of animals are needlessly put to death each year due

to pet overpopulation.

The best time to spay your pet depends on several factors including breed, temperament, and living conditions. Consult your veterinarian.

Spaying/neutering your pet will help ensure a healthier, well adjusted animal and ease the burden of pet overpopulation and needless euthanasia of unwanted pets. It is one of the most important responsibilities of owning a pet. I or my associates will be happy to answer further questions at [www.oaktreevet.com](http://www.oaktreevet.com). •

*Dr. Budd Amott practices at Oak Tree Veterinary Hospital in Danville.*



## ASK THE VET

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"Gideon" Muir

"Missy" Howell

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"Toby" McKenzie

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"Chris" Dodgen

"Chester" Brazil

"Brindle" Colbert

"Opie" O'Brian

"Mandy" Christopher

"Cubes" Curtis

"Bubba" Blakely

"Frankie" Ross

"Snoopy" Barrera

"Sabrina" Enos

"Phoenix" Williams

"Kupcake" Taylor

"Obi" Humbles

-Animal Care Clinic

## WORKPLACE GIVING

Workplace giving provides essential support for CCHS's life-saving work. These contributions are simple, convenient, and will make a huge difference!

Please remember to make a pledge to CCHS during this year's workplace giving campaign. This critical source of funding enables CCHS to continue vital programs that benefit companion animals and our community.

Most workplace giving campaigns will enable you to designate CCHS as a beneficiary for your donation. Please provide the following information: Contra Costa Humane Society, 609 Gregory Lane Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, and federal tax-identification number (68-0281428). For those employers who use the United Way Program, CCHS's United Way Donor number is 769901.

Please check with your campaign administrator on the availability of matching gifts from your employer. In order to encourage charitable giving, companies often "match" your donation, thereby doubling your gift for animals. Some companies also contribute to charities in which employees have volunteered their time. Please visit our website for volunteer opportunities.

If your workplace doesn't have an annual giving program in place, America's Charities ([www.charities.org](http://www.charities.org)) can help you set one up! Alternatively you can make a one-time or recurring donation directly to CCHS through our website, [www.cchumane.org](http://www.cchumane.org).



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## WISH LIST ITEMS

- A digital camera
- Recent model computers
- Postage stamps (Forever stamps)
- Telephone message forms – 2-part carbonless
- Gift certificates – pet and office supply stores
- Kitten food (unopened) – such as Royal Canin Baby Cat dry, Felidae canned, Nutro Kitten canned
- Kitten KMR formula, nursing bottles
- Dog and cat food for our AniMeals program
- Flea treatment for cats or dogs: such as Advantage or Frontline (purchased from a veterinarian)
- Cat trees and scratching posts
- Clumping cat litter (Smart Litter, Arm & Hammer)
- Unused litter boxes, liners and scoopers
- Clean cat carriers