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CCHS strives to improve the quality of life for all animals by preventing cruelty, relieving suffering, and advocating responsible and humane behavior.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS AND BUSINESS PARTNERS

- Abbey Pet Hospital, El Cerrito
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- Contra Costa County Animal Services Department
- East Bay Nature, Walnut Creek
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- Lunardi's Market, Walnut Creek
- Oak Tree Animal Hospital, Danville
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WISH LIST ITEMS

- Recent model computers and LCD monitors
- 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
- Unused cat toys



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HUMANE CONNECTIONS

NEWS FROM THE CONTRA COSTA HUMANE SOCIETY • SUMMER 2010

GRACIE

GRACIE'S IS A SAD STORY SEARCHING FOR A HAPPY ENDING



This gentle dog was left at Animal Services without even a note giving her name. Gracie, named by her foster, appears to have had several litters of puppies. Her long nails hadn't been clipped in some time and there are small bumpy scars on her ears. Then too there is her age. No puppy, Gracie is estimated to be about eight years old. People looking to adopt a pup ignored Gracie's sad eyes and just passed her by. Then Gracie's time ran out.

CCHS and Dorothy Farhadian, one of our amazing fosters, couldn't bear to see Gracie robbed of an opportunity to become someone's perfect companion. This wonderful dog has passed all of her medical tests with flying colors, is housebroken, gets along with both other dogs and cats too and is both sweet and quiet. Dorothy says Gracie likes company, is easy to have around and wants little more than a warm bed, a good meal and someone to love her.

CCHS is so fond of Gracie and eager to find her a loving, forever home, that Gracie's adoption fee has been reduced. She has a lot of love to give. Love her and she'll more than return the favor. •

To adopt Gracie, please contact Chrissy Wilberg, CCHS Adoption Program Director, at (925) 279-2247 x 303.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MADDIE'S MATCHMAKER ADOPTATHON

Find your new best friend! Enjoy a large selection of deserving pets waiting for a loving home! Free adoptions to well-qualified homes.

Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Contra Costa Humane Society
609 Gregory Lane, Ste. 140,
Pleasant Hill

To learn more, go to
www.cchumane.org
or www.maddiesadoptathon.org

SIXTH ANNUAL NOAH'S ARK-TION

Please join CCHS at a beautiful venue featuring delicious food, cocktails and silent and live auctions! All proceeds benefit our animal programs.

Wednesday, June 16
6 p.m.- 9 p.m.

1515 Restaurant & Lounge
1515 North Main St.,
Walnut Creek

Tickets are \$40 per person

Please contact Executive Director David Stegman (925-279-2247 x 306) for tickets.



Daisy was just a tiny puppy when she was abandoned in Animal Service's night box one cold night last winter but that wasn't her only problem. Barely a few months old the tiny Chihuahua mix was born blind in her left eye with lashes curled backwards creating a constant irritation. Daisy needed a miracle. Fortunately, miracles are CCHS's specialty.

We placed her in a loving foster home and put her (admittedly cute) picture on our website. That's when Linda Gelber, who has a history of adopting rescued dogs, saw Daisy and thought, "I have to have her."

New home. Check. Loving family. Check. Now about that eye.

While sight could not be fully restored to Daisy's left eye, an operation would eliminate her discomfort and the eye could be preserved, but it would not be inexpensive. That's when one of CCHS's guardian angels stepped to help our Emergency Medical Fund. Thanks to the expertise of Dr. Budd Arnott of Oak Tree Animal Hospital in Danville, Daisy is one happy, fully recovered puppy.

She will be a year old in August, weighs 12 healthy pounds and according to Linda, "loves to eat and runs like a little racehorse." Linda reports that energetic little Daisy once tried to climb up on a drawer to reach a pot roast resting on a kitchen counter. Now that's a small girl with big ambitions.

Linda laughs that Daisy "has a stubborn streak and is spoiled rotten," but Linda emphasizes, "She's my baby and is mine forever, forever and ever." And that's how happy stories are supposed to end! •

DAISY THREE CHECKS TO A MIRACLE

Q. With pets spending more time outside this time of year, how can a responsible pet owner keep them safe?

A. During spring and summer we are reminded that we share this region

with not only our cats, dogs, and horses but with wildlife such as deer, bats, skunks, raccoons, squirrels and, not to be forgotten, rattlesnakes.

Standing water and wildlife stool can host Giardia, a parasite that causes diarrhea and other symptoms. Humans can get this parasite too, so wash your hands after picking up your dog's poop. Giardia infection is usually easily treated with a prescription from your veterinarian.

Leptospirosis (Lepto) is another bug wildlife likes to share and is transmitted in the urine of infected animals. The bacteria that causes kidney failure and

in some cases liver failure strikes fast and is deadly without treatment. There is, however, a vaccination for dogs to prevent Lepto, but it must be updated annually.

A life-threatening risk for animals spending time outdoors is rattlesnake envenomation. If you go out looking for the big snakes (which is what your terrier wants to do) you can find them basking along the side of a trail or coiled next to boulders.

Your dog can be given "rattlesnake vaccine" to prevent the deadly anaphylactic reaction to the venom, but the best course of action is to keep

your dog on a leash to he doesn't surprise a sleeping snake.

Fleas and ticks are out en masse. Avoid over the counter parasiticides that can cause bad reactions in some pets. Get the good stuff your veterinarian recommends. And lastly, it's very important to keep your dogs' and cats' Rabies vaccinations up to date. We want to keep your pets healthy and bug free this time of year. •

Dr. Jamie Clevenger practices at Oak Tree Animal Hospital in Danville. She and her partner share their home with their year-old daughter, three cats and two horses.



IN HONOR OF AND IN MEMORY OF DONATIONS

IN HONOR OF

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Brittany Malone & Caine Thompson
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"Sierra" Johnson
"Zoe" - Maine Coon Rescue

"Princess" Goularte
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"Pepper" Dakin
"Roxie" Rowsey
"Roxanne" Simonsen
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"Petri" Mendoza
"Indiana" Vincent
"Inky" Whitson
"Pepper" Pekasky
"Lexy" Heinz
"Jasmine" Coleman
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"Jackie" Harrison
"Duke" Pisch
"Zendi" Simpson
"Girl" Aguirre
"Snowball" Hyatt
"Minnie" Mussetter
"Joey" Salvemini
"Calvin" Wong
"Julius" Breazeale
"Pedro" Tovell
"Zero" Przybylowicz
"Tigger" Eliot
"Toby" Taylor
"Zoe" Smith
"Peaches" Gallia
"Spirit" Dolfen
"Swampwata" Evans
"Everett" Briggs
"Josie" McCain
"Tinkerbell" Hood
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"Gus" Mussetter
"Lonesome" Valentini

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"Kits" Zuerner
"Dudley" Nausin
"Oreo" Gay
"Peco" Mizoguchi
"Albert" Nest
"Shin Shin" Webb
-Animal Care Clinic

A FRESH FACE FOR CCHS

For close to two decades, Contra Costa Humane Society has been a strong yet quiet force in the community, working to help improve the lives of pets and their people. Though small and volunteer-run, our reach is wide, providing services ranging from adoptions to spay-neuter assistance and emergency medical aid.

Over the past year, our organization has undergone significant growth, including two new programs: Kitty Corner, a shelter collaboration with Animal Services, and AniMeals Pet Food Bank, a partnership with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

With these many new developments, we decided it was also time for a new, more modern look that better reflects our matured identity. We invite you to check out our new, fresh face—in this newsletter and at our website, cchumane.org.

We'd like to thank graphic designer David Bergeron, who volunteered his time and expertise to create our new identity. David is the creative director of Diablo Publications and has done branding and design for companies including The Sierra Club, Mercedes, Sun Microsystems, and Chevron. We'd also like to thank Happy Pixel Studio, a locally based web design company, for its development of our website.