

# PAWS FOR *Thought* SUMMER 2022



*Star's  
Recovery*

*HSVC'S 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Bash  
& Open House!*

*Serving  
Ventura County  
Since 1932*





# Letter from the Director

## Leaving Your Legacy Through Planned Giving

This past year the Humane Society of Ventura County had to say final goodbyes to many friends and donors of the shelter. We are saddened but thankful that we had the opportunity to know so many wonderful people. We are also thankful to have had many designate their bequests to us. Recently, the late Jacklyn and William (Bill) MacMillan left their bequest to the HSVC. The generosity of this planned gift will help continue the valuable work we perform serving the animals and people of Ventura County.

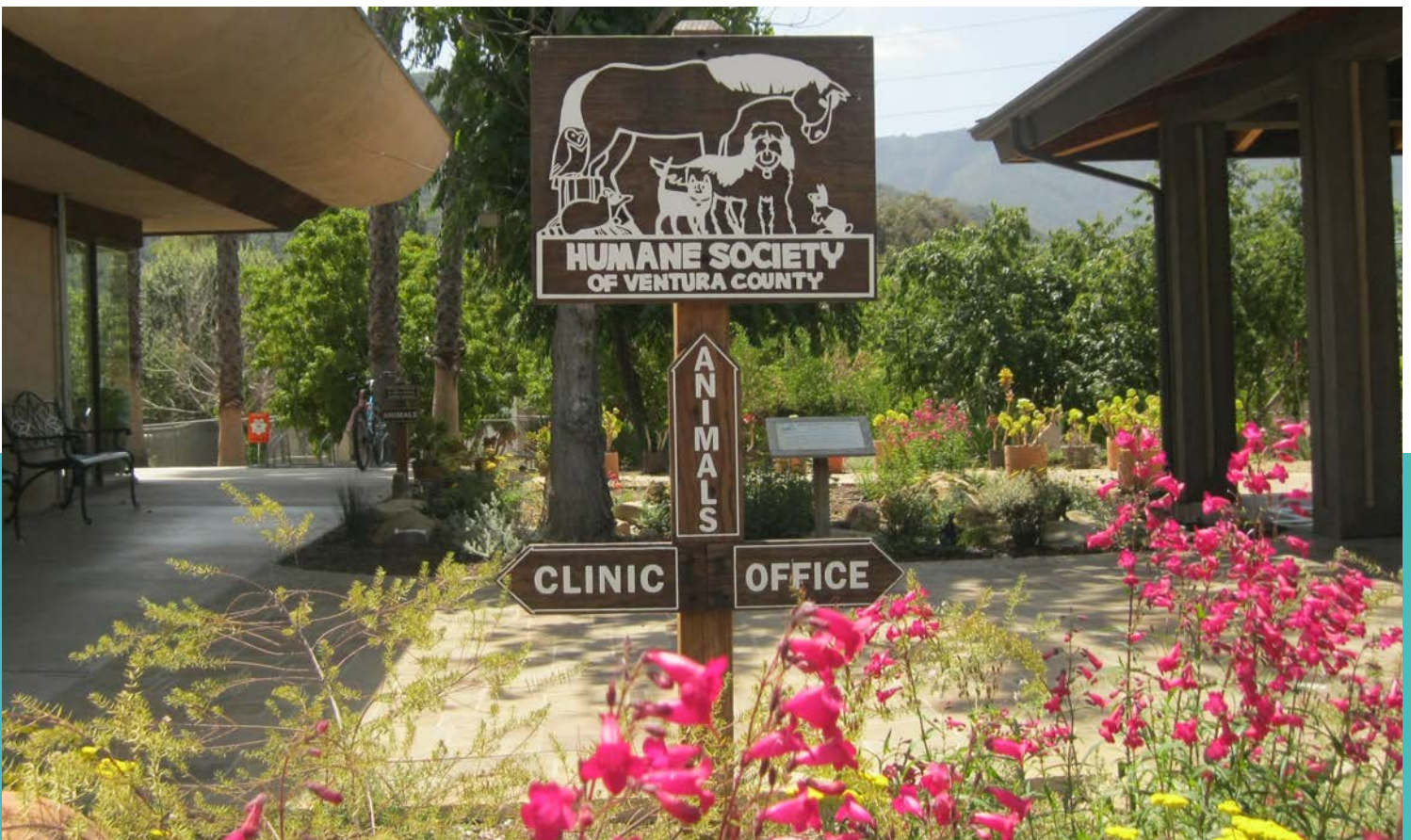
There are many options when leaving a bequest. You can help with daily operations by designating to our general fund or a specific fund such as building, spay and neuter, investigations, or medical. Since we have outgrown our current administration building, we need to expand. There will be a multi-purpose room to assist our Humane Educator, Senior Humane Officer

and Volunteer Coordinator, in holding training sessions for staff, volunteers, and the public. The multi-purpose room will also act as an area for emergency evacuations for our staff, volunteers, and animals.

Another significant need we have is to rebuild our aging kennel, which is already 40-years-old. We hope to include a kitchen and storage space for food and bedding for the dogs. Our greatest need is an isolation area for incoming dogs with health issues and larger areas for nursing mothers with puppies.

As Ventura County grows, we also need to grow and make sure that the HSVC continues its mission of helping the animals and people of Ventura County. Please consider making a planned gift to the HSVC. To leave a gift in your will, please let your attorney or financial planner know that you wish to do so or you can contact us at 805-646-6505.

- Jolene Hoffman, Shelter Director







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# Oliver's Report

We have a party coming to the shelter! June 9th is HSVC's 90th birthday! There's a birthday bash on Saturday, June 11th from 10 - 3 pm. This is where I get to sing and dance and talk to the kids! I've heard they have special guests with food trucks and my favorite, a cake! It has been a long two years since I have seen many of my friends so let's PARTY! Don't forget your four-legged friends this summer. It's going to be hot hot hot! If you can't walk barefoot on the pavement, then your furry friends can't either. Put your hand on the pavement for 5 seconds, if it's too hot then please don't walk your dogs. Wait until it's cooler! I would like to wish a happy retirement to a special friend of mine. He is big with four legs and very hairy! They call him Maso, the other shelter mascot. We have been friends for 2 ½ years. He has his own office, which I do get to share with him sometimes. But I'm going to miss him greeting all the people with me. This is not goodbye, just see you later my friend! Enjoy retirement!

# HSVC is Turn

Join us for our 90<sup>th</sup>  
birthday bash & open house!

When: Saturday, June 11th, 10 - 3 pm  
Where: Humane Society of Ventura County  
402 Bryant St. Ojai, CA 93023

Established in 1932, the Humane Society of Ventura County has been at the forefront of providing compassionate care and shelter for animals in need in our community. Our 90-year milestone is something we are all proud of here at the shelter. Our longevity and success are a direct legacy from our founder, Sarah Bayless, as well as the decades of dedication and support from the staff, donors, and countless volunteers. We thank everyone who has helped us along the way and invite all of you to attend this year's special birthday bash and open house celebration.

Stop by the Humane Society of Ventura County on Saturday, June 11th to help celebrate 90 years of service to the animals of Ventura County. Get a behind-the-scenes peek at our clinic, tour the kennels, meet the staff, and learn about different volunteer opportunities. Our Humane Officers will be on hand to educate visitors about the responsibilities and duties of protecting animals throughout the county.

What would a visit to a shelter be without the main attraction—the animals! There will be a full house of furry friends available for adoption; you never know when you are going to meet your new best friend!



Bring the whole family to enjoy refreshments, festive activities, and learn more about how YOU can make a difference in the lives of animals in need! We are also actively seeking Community Partners for support in sponsoring this year's bash. If you're interested in becoming a Community Partners, contact me, Steve McCurry, at [SteveM@hsvc.org](mailto:SteveM@hsvc.org) or 805-910-6240.

- Steve McCurry, Community Outreach Coordinator



ning 90!







We are so excited to announce we have officially launched our community outreach program, HSVC Cares! Thanks to a drop in Covid-19 infections and a generous grant from the Petco Love Foundation for free Distemper/Parvo and Feline Upper Respiratory vaccines, we were able to host two free vaccination clinics in the community during March, in addition to walk-up clinics at the shelter.

The goal of HSVC Cares is to help underserved communities throughout Ventura County by offering preventative pet care services, free pet food, and educational resources to those most in need. We had intended to start this program in early 2020, but the pandemic delayed our plans. We are happy to finally partner with our friends at Ohana Veterinary Hospital in Santa Paula for our first public vaccination clinic on March 20th of this year. We had an excellent turnout in the community and administered 270 free vaccines and gave out lots of free spay/neuter vouchers for our clinic. We also gave out approximately 3500 pounds of free pet food with information about our Pet Food Pantry Program. Our second clinic was on the west side of Ventura at Westpark Community Center. While not as popular as our Santa Paula clinic, we still administered over 100 vaccines and handed out free pet food and surgery vouchers. Our walk-up clinics at the shelter were also popular, which we intend to continue on the third Thursday of each month.

This May we will be partnering with The Wharf in Ventura for a vaccination clinic, then hopefully back to Santa Paula in June. Our goal is to expand the program into other low-income areas of Oxnard and Saticoy.

We would like to thank all of our incredible volunteers from HSVC and from the Ventura College Veterinary Technology program! If you are interested in donating to HSVC Cares to support our community outreach efforts, please contact our Community Outreach Coordinator, Steve McCurry, by phone at 805-910-6240 or via email at [SteveM@hsvc.org](mailto:SteveM@hsvc.org). Help us keep the animals of Ventura County healthy!

- Dr. Christina Sisk, Director of Veterinary Medicine



## Clinic Corner

### Supporting the Community





## **Congratulations to Our New Assistant Kennel Manager, Sadie Vick!**

The Humane Society of Ventura County is excited to announce that Sadie Vick, a dedicated kennel attendant since October 2020, has been promoted to Assistant Kennel Manager!

Here at the shelter, we love seeing our compassionate team members step up to the plate and take on more responsibility. Since beginning with the HSVC, Sadie's role has evolved and she was slowly given more responsibility. After seeing how well she handled her additional duties, Kennel Manager Angela Hanline began training Sadie to be her second in command. "Sadie's a very fast learner. She works hard and isn't afraid to get her hands dirty, which is something that happens often in this line of work. She cares for each of the animals at the shelter as if they were her own. I'm so proud of how far she has come in such a short time," said Kennel Manager Angela Hanline.

As Assistant Kennel Manager, Sadie is responsible for a long list of tasks each day. She monitors the

health of each animal, helps manage the kennel staff, and evaluates animals as they come in to the shelter. In addition to performing meet and greets, administering medications, and overseeing the shelter property, Sadie also participates in weekly management meetings to help make sure things at the shelter run smoothly and efficiently.

If you ask any of our staff, they will say Sadie is the kindest, most generous coworker you could ask for. She's detail-oriented, hardworking, and extremely dedicated to making sure the animals receive the best care possible during their stay at the shelter. "Sadie was chosen for this position because of her loyalty, excellent work ethic, and dedication to compassionate care for all animals, especially those most in need. She is always looking to grow her knowledge of animal welfare. We're so proud of everything she's been able to accomplish so far and can't wait to see her continue to grow," said Shelter Director Jolene Hoffman. Congratulations, Sadie!





**Star at the groomers (before)**



**Star, severely matted (before)**



**Star getting a bath (before)**

In January of 2022, Humane Officer Utter responded to a complaint regarding two dogs at an address in Oxnard. The complaint stated that there was a severely matted small dog kept inside of the house and a husky living in the side yard of the residence. After discussing concerns regarding the care of the dogs, the owner decided to release ownership of both animals to the Humane Society.

After returning to the shelter, Officer Utter got to work bathing and shaving the small, badly matted dog named Star. As Utter shaved Star, it became apparent how severely emaciated she was. Every rib, hip, and backbone could be seen protruding through her skin. Utter decided to have a professional groomer complete shaving her and took Star to Max Grooming in Oak View. After learning what she had gone through, the staff decided to groom Star for free.

Senior Humane Officer King then contacted Dr. Steve Sallen, of Ojai Village Veterinary Hospital, who was able to examine Star immediately. At the vet's office, Star weighed a heartbreaking 7.51 lbs, which is about half of what she should weigh. Dr. Sallen stated she had a Body Condition Score (BCS) of 1 out of 9 on the Colorado State University body



# Humane Officers

## Star's Journey to Recovery



condition score. For your reference, a BCS of 5 is considered normal and healthy.

Over the next week, Dr. Sallen performed multiple tests to determine the cause of Star's emaciation. He concluded that her condition was caused by Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI). This disease causes the animal's body to no longer digest and absorb nutrients from food properly. Left untreated, EPI can cause severe emaciation in animals. If properly treated with pancreatic enzyme supplements, an animal can maintain a healthy weight and life. According to Dr. Sallen's findings, any reasonable person who owned a pet with

the level of Star's emaciation would and should have immediately sought medical care.

It has been several months since Star began her journey with the HSVC. She now eats small amounts several times a day with her supplement added. We are happy to report she's gained weight and is now a healthy 15 lbs! The second dog at the property, Luna, was also underweight when she arrived with Star. We're excited to share that Luna was able to fully recover and has since been adopted into her forever home! Now it's Star's turn to find a home!

- Jeff Hoffman, Director of Investigations



Star now

*"Star has a resilient spirit, and we continue to watch her succeed daily. Her recovery is entirely attributed to the hard work and diligence of our shelter staff and Dr. Sallen. Star's story is a testament to the commitment our shelter has to the welfare of all animals in need."*

*- Jeff Hoffman  
Director of Investigations*





## Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you, Frank Salguero, for 32 years of service!

The Humane Society of Ventura County was founded in 1932 by a group of dedicated animal lovers. Over the last 90 years, the HSVC has evolved into our 4.4-acre property to house the homeless animals of Ventura County with over 25 staff members dedicated to their care. Here at the shelter, we value all of our volunteers, especially those that have committed their time for many years. Our longest-standing volunteer, Frank Salguero, just celebrated 32 years of service to the animals of Ventura County! Frank began his journey with the HSVC in April 1990 as a Kennel Attendant and since his retirement, he has

continued volunteering at the Shelter three times a week without fail.

If you are an Ojai local, you may recognize Frank from the Athletic Club where he swims every afternoon, or perhaps from the bike path where he spends the first two hours of every morning walking. But if you are a regular here at the shelter, you will see him maintaining the grounds, helping organize donations, and cleaning our facilities. We are so grateful for Frank's commitment to our mission and our effort to provide a safe environment for abused homeless, and neglected animals.

Starting in May, we gladly began accepting general volunteers back to our compassionate care shelter! We are so excited because this makes a world of difference to the animals and our staff. Did you know that spending just five minutes with a shelter pet boosts their serotonin levels (happy hormones) and decreases their cortisol levels (stress hormones)? We hope you will consider joining our growing volunteer team! If you are interested, please visit our website at [hsvc.org/volunteer](http://hsvc.org/volunteer) and fill out the interest form at the bottom of the volunteer page.

- Sarah Fraza, Volunteer Coordinator





# A Pollinator Garden: Dream to Reality

When I first started working at HSVC and learned about the decline of invertebrates, I started envisioning a native plant pollinator garden for the shelter. When I saw that the Ojai Green Valley Project was promoting the planting of pollinator gardens, I knew this was an opportunity for the shelter to spread the message of how important these gardens were for the health and wellness of our local wildlife animal communities. HSVC partnered with Ojai Green Valley Project to be part of their project for the community of Ojai.

Youth volunteers and workers from the Green Valley Project, local community volunteers, and volunteers from our local high schools came to help plant the garden on a beautiful spring day in April. The goal for this garden was to be an educational experience for anyone that visits our shelter and who wants to learn more about the power of native plants and pollinators. This is just the beginning phase of the garden. The hope is that we will begin more outdoor educational opportunities for all learners to explore the power and vitality of invertebrates.

I have a vision of adding informational signage at the site, about the local flora and fauna of our beautiful neighborhoods in Ventura County, a water feature to help our local wildlife, and much more. We would love your help! Please join us this summer for a community garden decorating event. The garden will be decorated with natural fairy garden inspired features. We invite anyone interested to participate in our garden decorating project at the end of June. For more information about our Humane Education programs, please contact me,

via email at [education@hsvc.org](mailto:education@hsvc.org) or 805-364-1350.  
- Angie Chupek Sagliani,  
Humane Educator



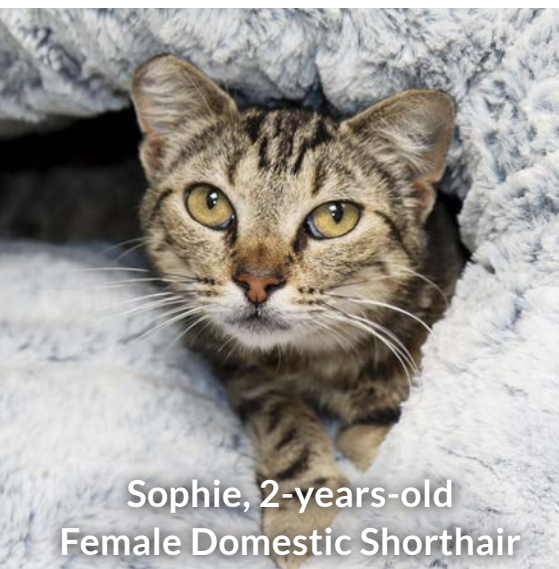




**Wendy Nova, 15-year-old  
Female Quarterhorse and Arabian**



**Tibby, 12-years-old  
Female Domestic Shorthair**



**Sophie, 2-years-old  
Female Domestic Shorthair**



**Rex, 1-year-old  
Male Large Mix Breed**



**Gilbert, 7-months-old  
Male Small Mix Breed**



**Milo, 1-year-old  
Male Belgian Malinois/German Shepherd**



## Honoring Joyce George, congratulations on your retirement!

After nearly 50 years of service with the Humane Society of Ventura County, we are honored to announce the retirement of longtime supporter, board member, and former employee, Joyce George. Joyce has had many roles at our shelter over the years. She served as a Humane Officer, Humane Educator, and board member beginning in 1975. She was even the board president from 1984 to 2000. Though she concluded her work as a Humane Officer in 1985, Joyce remained an active member of the board until 2021 and continues to spread Humane Education every chance she gets.

Joyce was also able to put her passion for education and experience as a school teacher to use by helping produce the Paws for Thought newsletter over the years. After she retired from teaching, Joyce continued to act as a proofreader for future newsletters. She was also one of the founders of our shelter's pet therapy program, where she would volunteer with her dog and visit animal lovers at the Camarillo State Hospital, retirement homes, and schools across Ventura County.

HSVC Shelter Director Jolene Hoffman worked often with Joyce over the years and grew very close to her. "Joyce is like family to me. She has dedicated a majority of her life to helping this shelter and the animals in it. I am forever grateful for her service, friendship, and knowledge that she has shared with me over the years. I am saddened by her leaving, but her retirement is much deserved! Just know we will all miss you so much, Joycey!" said Jolene.

From all of the staff and animals of the HSVC, thank you, Joyce, for your many years of service making a difference in the lives of so many animals in need. You are truly one in a million and you will be gratefully missed here at the shelter!

*"We all knew that Joyce's retirement was inevitable but, once I heard she gave notice, it felt like a punch to the gut. She has always been kind, honest, wise, loving, genuine and the best mentor we have ever had. We have shared many special moments through our work here at the shelter. As the board president, executive director, and board member of the State Humane Association, she has guided the Humane Society well into the future,"*

*- Jeff Hoffman,  
Director of Investigations*





# Success Story:

## A Furry 1st Birthday

Happy 1st birthday to Juliet's litter! Many followed the story of Juliet and her 13 adorable puppies after they were born on Easter Sunday in 2021. One year later, several of the pups and their new families celebrated their special birthday with a doggie sibling reunion celebration!



Mama Juliet was transferred to the HSVC through our friends at Kern County Animal Services. She was very pregnant at the time of her transfer and gave birth to her 13 puppies shortly after arriving at our shelter.

Each of Mama Juliet's puppies quickly found furever homes of their own shortly after becoming available for adoption. Even Mama Juliet! One year later, a plan for a birthday reunion was hatched after connecting through a Facebook group for the owners of Juliet and her puppies. In addition to Mama Juliet, four of her puppies attended the 1st birthday reunion: Loki (formerly Cornelius), Daisy (formerly Rosalind), Loki (formerly Puck), and Cornelius. Since the reunion, our staff was able to connect the group with three more families who adopted one of Juliet's puppies! Thank you to all the amazing families who organized this fantastic birthday reunion. It warms our hearts to see Juliet and her puppies in such loving homes!



Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Give a gift of love to the animals of the Humane Society with a timeless paver stone in the HSVC Memory Garden. Fill out the form below and bring it in or mail it to us with your payment. We will send a card to the recipient acknowledging your gift in their honor. Thank you to everyone who has purchased a paver stone in the past. We appreciate your constant support and look forward to when we can welcome you back to the Shelter again. For more information, please contact Betty Jo MacCaughtry via email at [BettJoM@hsvc.org](mailto:BettJoM@hsvc.org) or call 805-646-6505.

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