



All Things Pawsible

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Gavin is **1 of 1,450 animals** brought in through the Diekman Regional Rescue Program!

A Group Effort for Gavin

Gavin's journey to HSSV began with Dr. Shearer, one of our incredible vets. She met Gavin while doing a spay/neuter clinic with one of our partner shelters in Fresno. One look at this cute little puppy with a big splint on his forelimbs, and she knew he needed HSSV's resources.

Dr. Shearer advocated for his transfer, and the rest of our team got ready to work. We knew about poor Gavin's fresh fracture, but not the total extent of his injuries, so as soon as we could, we got our own set of X-rays and started

examining him. That's how orthopedic vets Dr. Tao and Dr. Moore discovered Gavin's pelvic fracture.

Pelvic fractures like his are treated with a procedure called a femoral head ostectomy (FHO). It's a common but complex procedure where the head and neck of the femur are cut off and removed, allowing for the hip joint to heal as a "false joint." The procedure meant Gavin wouldn't continue to suffer with chronic pain in his left hip.

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Thanks to Dr. Shearer, Dr. Tao, and Dr. Moore, Gavin got a chance at a better life — and a day after we put him up for adoption, he was heading to his forever home!

But there's one group of people who helped Gavin that we haven't yet mentioned. That's supporters like you! Because of your support, Dr. Shearer knew we had the resources available to give Gavin his best shot. Many shelters — and even private practices — only have one orthopedic surgeon on staff, which means longer surgeries in a more stressful environment. Oftentimes,

that also means fractures that could be repaired with the help of more surgeons end up becoming amputations.

“For a lot of us, it's hard when you have a fracture that you know you're able to repair, or even attempt to repair, but can't without another surgeon. It's such a blessing to be able to have everything we need at HSSV,” Dr. Tao says. On behalf of animals like Gavin and all of us here at HSSV, thank you for helping us save lives and limbs — giving all animals a better future.

Tipsey the Super Kitty



She's **1 of 4,500 animals** who found their forever home!

Hi humans, Tipsey the Super Kitty at your service. You know my story, I'm sure...

A kind human brought me to HSSV after finding me in pretty bad shape. They thought I had maybe been hit by a car because I couldn't stand up and was so filthy — I seemed almost feral. I was in such bad shape that no one was sure if I'd even survive, but boy did I!

It turns out that I couldn't stand because I had a severe double ear infection that left me deaf and affected my balance. Initially it was so bad that when I stood up or tried to walk, I would tip over — that's how I got my new identity... and my signature head tilt.

After making the rounds and getting all the TLC from the wonderful HSSV team, I was ready for my next adventure: foster care. I was lucky enough to be taken in by volunteer extraordinaire Leslie Steinberg,

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a very nice lady who told me she's volunteered at HSSV for almost 20 years and has helped cats with medical needs like me for almost a decade!

Knowing I was in good hands meant I could focus on the important things, like healing and playing with my toys — and I learned some new things, too.



It turns out, my deafness gave me a superpower: Fearlessness. Big monsters like dogs or vacuum cleaners can't spook me now! And Leslie taught me some sign language — but I don't need it. Turns out, all I need to know is that I'm loved. When I feel lost or need reassurance, I just send out my Human Signal (or as you humans say, I meow) until someone finds me, and I know I have the back-up I need.

Anyway, now that I'm all better — and a Super Kitty with all my new abilities and skills — I've moved into my forever home with HSSV staff member Kelley. I hope she doesn't mind that I snuck onto her laptop to add my story to this month's newsletter. I needed to make sure all the cats and humans of Silicon Valley know that they can fear not:

Tipsey the Super Kitty is here to save the day, thanks to kind humans like you who found me, saved me, fostered, and loved me.



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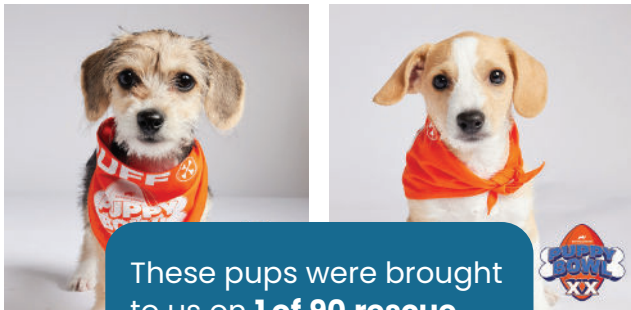
Double your impact today with this **dollar-for-dollar** match and keep more pets in the arms of the people who love them.



Scan to give online:
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Frankie and Niner Find the End Zone

Do you remember Frankie and Niner from this year's Puppy Bowl? These two pups dominated the field, and they haven't stopped. Both Frankie and Niner recently scored the most important touchdowns of their careers: landing forever homes!



These pups were brought to us on **1 of 90 rescue runs** this year!

When Animal Planet approached HSSV about Puppy Bowl XX, we pounced on the chance. We couldn't wait to do our part to promote pet adoption and spread the word about how HSSV saves lives and keeps families together.

But first we needed to find our star athletes. Frankie and Niner came to HSSV from a rescue run to Madera County — an effort made possible by the Sue and John Diekman Regional Rescue Program — and it just so happened that Sue and John

joined us for the rescue run that brought in these siblings.

When we read the scouting report (a.k.a., their healthy medical reports) we knew they were the ones. Animal Planet wanted athletes that brought different attributes to the team. Frankie's spunky attitude put her on the field and Niner's big burly size made him an obvious choice.

Frankie and Niner had a blast at the Puppy Bowl, participated in Media Day like pros, and played hard in the big game. And as Captain of Team Ruff, Frankie accepted the Lombarky Trophy to celebrate the win! But as incredible as it was for them to reach heights most puppies never know, the greatest experience they've had is one we hope every dog gets — finding their forever home.

These All-Star siblings now live in Portland, Oregon, across the street from each other and have frequent playdates. Frankie is now named Pepper and has a brother named Auggie. Niner is still Niner, and he's got two human sisters who love him very much. End zone dances all around.

Learn more about their experience at hssv.org/puppybowl

The Malanog-Mendoza family recently installed a tribute brick in memory of their beloved dog Iggy



"This Tribute Brick is not only a way for our family to remember Iggy, but it goes towards helping so many other animals in need. Every pet deserves as much love as the unconditional love they show us." — Lindsay Malanog, Leadership's Circle Member, \$2,500-\$4,999

To learn more about tribute bricks and HSSV's Giving Circles visit us at hssv.org/donorbenefits

When Love Becomes a Legacy

Like everyone in March 2020, the pandemic caught us off guard, and we had to cancel our biggest fundraiser of the year, The Fur Ball. Not great news for a nonprofit! Our lifesaving work depends on the generosity of compassionate animal lovers. Losing the revenue from The Fur Ball was even more alarming when, due to a tough economy and a lack of access to vet care, animals filled shelters across the state. We needed a miracle.

And we got one from a woman who included HSSV in her will. This kind lady had never donated to HSSV before she passed away, but she was an avid animal lover. Inspired by her dog Molly, she chose to name HSSV as the beneficiary of her estate. Her incredibly generous gift allowed us to step up and do what we do best: save lives, keep families together, and create a better future for pets and their people.

Thanks to her foresight and generosity, we continued our lifesaving work and even expanded it. We increased our Rescue Runs and were ultimately able to launch our mobile community clinics, which meant more animals got the medical care they needed, and their people didn't need to

worry about choosing between their pet's care or their own. Today, after the pandemic has eased, her gift continues to make a difference as these programs create a ripple effect across our community.

We will be forever proud to serve her legacy with our work. While she wished to remain anonymous, we hope you'll remember her too, especially if you or your pet has benefited from any of those essential programs.



What Legacy Will You Leave?

If you've named HSSV as a beneficiary of your will, trust, IRA, annuity, etc., or are considering doing so, please let us know! Visit hssv.org/mylegacy or email bridget.keenan@hssv.org.

This Is Your Impact

People like you make our mission possible: to save lives, keep families together, and create a better future for pets and their people. We are immensely grateful for the impact we are making together. Check out your impact so far this fiscal year!

1,800

animals cared for
in foster homes

54%

increase in our lifesaving
capability because of our
foster program

110+

mobile clinics

3,100

animals received care
through our accessible
community programs

19,500+

miles driven by the
rescue team

1,450

animals brought in from
partner shelters

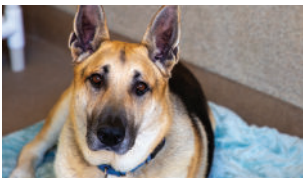
600+

hours of work study
completed by local
high schoolers

"We have witnessed incredible growth in our students resulting from their Work Study placements at HSSV... [this program] builds confidence, cultivates their love of animals, and increasingly exposes our students to high interest careers in animal care." — **Silvia Scandar Mahan, President of Cristo Rey San José**

Get Involved

You are an important part of our community! Looking to do more for the animals? Here are a few ways to get involved:



Donate

Make a tax-deductible gift that saves lives with a ripple effect across California.



Volunteer

Share your time and give some of our animals extra love and attention.



Foster

Join our network of foster families and be there for animals when they need you most.



Feed Pets

Support your neighbors in need by stocking our Pet Pantry with food for their pets.

Visit our website to learn more: hssv.org

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