



Wishing you all of the Hope, Wonder & Joy the season can bring



My whiskers may be white but my heart is pure gold

Pepper came to SoHumane on the Saving Train from California in 2011. He was quickly adopted and had a new home and family. But last year Pepper's owner contacted SoHumane to say she was experiencing health problems. Pepper, now a senior dog, became homeless once again when his owner passed away this spring. Deaf and partially blind he was terrified to be alone at the shelter. He literally screamed every time someone walked past his kennel. It was breaking our hearts! So we reached out to one of our very special foster parents, and after meeting him she immediately agreed to take him into her home.



Within a few weeks Pepper was adopted! Now he has a new name – Murtagh - and a special home where he can be cuddly, bossy, and fun loving every day. Here is what his new mom has to say: *"When I adopted Murtagh, I thought I was getting a sweet, docile, old dog, who would require a daily belly rub, and sleep most of the time. He might occasionally play fetch, but as he is deaf, and mostly blind, it wouldn't be a daily thing. To be honest, one look at him, and I wasn't sure if he'd last the month. I was wrong! Murtagh has proven once again that looks can be deceiving. What I ended up with is a feisty, loving, affectionate old man. Adopting this old dog was the best decision I have ever made! I am so grateful to SoHumane for opening their doors and giving Murtagh a chance. My life has been forever*

changed by this nine-pound, highly dramatic, furry old man!" Every animal that comes to SoHumane is special, and they all have their own unique story.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to help special pets like Murtagh find their forever homes.

The best gift in life is a second chance

Marshall had run out of time at a shelter in California but, thanks to you, he escaped on the Saving Train. He arrived with a horrible wound on his neck that had not been properly treated.

Safe at SoHumane, his wound was treated and quickly healed. But for some reason he was overlooked by potential adopters. Marshall became desperate for a home. Many people misunderstood his behavior, and they would quickly pass him by. After a few months we knew we needed to do something more for Marshall. So one of our amazing volunteers took him home to provide a much needed break from shelter life.

Once at home Marshall, now Max, stole his foster dad's heart and was adopted. Now he spends his days hiking and helping his dad run his business. *"Max has been a lot of fun; from putting more smiles in my day to being a great little companion, he is a super dog."* Some dogs are adopted within hours of arriving at SoHumane, some take weeks, even months. The shelter can be a very stressful place for most pets. Even the best shelter isn't the same as a home.



Please donate today so we can give more dogs like Max a second chance.

They need your help!

So many cats need homes. Your gifts make it possible for them to have time, shelter and loving care. SoHumane has found homes this year for over 450 kittens and cats. This includes more than 20 senior cats like Faith.



Faith

Kittens like Jackson often need foster care and extra time to grow before they are ready for adoption. Every cat or kitten goes to its new home spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.



Jackson

When space allows, the Saving Train brings cats and kittens like Wilson to SoHumane. As a no-kill shelter, we can provide a safe haven for these homeless pets.



Wilson

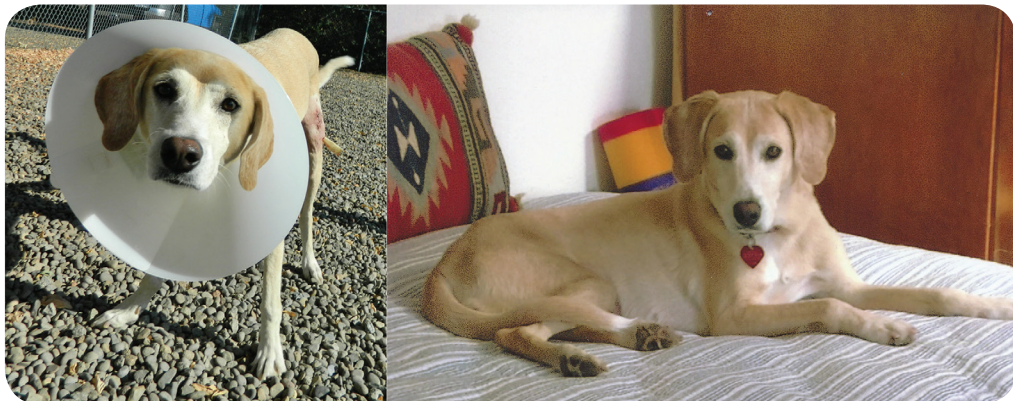
At SoHumane we believe every pet deserves a home.

**Donate by
December 31 and
double your gift!**

Thanks to a generous donor, donations up to \$5,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. Please consider giving now so that your gift can save twice as many lives.

Thanks to You, Miracles happen at SoHumane

The day Miracle was surrendered to SoHumane she was in pretty bad shape and in desperate need of help. Luckily, our veterinarian Dr. Jennifer Wicklund was on-site, and Miracle was rushed into surgery. The SoHumane vet care team cleaned and stitched her wound and spayed her. She received vaccinations and a microchip. Then Miracle went to a foster home to rest and fully recover. Fortunately Miracle healed quickly and even though she is a shy eight year old dog she got a second chance and a new home after only a month! Her new owners wrote on Miracle's behalf, "Thank you, all of you, for taking me in, patching my injury, and helping to find me a loving new home. You guys are Awesome!"



Miracle's gentle nature and beautiful face touched everyone at SoHumane, just like so many of the dogs and cats that have been adopted this year. The love we give the animals is free, but the shelter, veterinary care, and supplies all cost money. **Pets like Miracle need your help. Please give generously so we can help even more animals in need.**



Holiday Blessings & Happy Endings





The number of animals coming to SoHumane that need extra help continues to grow. After arriving at SoHumane on the Saving Train, we discovered that Laffy Taffy had a very painful left rear leg and could not bear weight on it.

Thanks to Rhiannon's Fund, SoHumane was able to schedule Laffy Taffy for surgery. She is recovering in a foster home and after physical therapy should be able to walk comfortably again. By treating critical veterinary needs, we remove one of the biggest barriers to adoptions. Matt Messner and Neil Sechan, founders of Rhiannon's Fund, are offering a \$5,000 match for contributions to the fund received by **December 31st**. Your gift to Rhiannon's Fund will make it possible to remove barriers to adoption, especially for senior pets facing euthanasia at public shelters.

*Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful
Holiday and a Happy New Year.*



Karen Evans
Executive Director
and the staff at SoHumane

