



*Thanksgiving is a reminder of how good it feels to have a family.*

We have a wonderful story to share with you about a dog named Ken, a beautiful German Shepherd that never knew what it felt like to be loved by a family. He came from a neglectful, backyard breeder and was discarded when he was no longer useful. Fortunately, Ken was rescued by an organization in Northern California that specialized in his breed. He was safe and well cared for, and he started to blossom as plans were made for his first adoption event. Ken was ready for a real home and was eager to give his heart to somebody that would make him part of their family!

Tragedy struck on July 5th when the Klamathon fire ripped through Northern California. All the dogs at the rescue were frantically loaded into vehicles just as the fire approached their kennels. With the fire raging on both sides of Interstate 5, the dogs and people headed north. Thankfully, everyone made it safely to Medford, and SoHumane was contacted for help.

Ken, along with four other dogs, found a safe haven at SoHumane. At first glance Ken looked intimidating. He weighed 117 pounds, had never been on a leash, and was terrified of cars. The SoHumane team quickly learned how smart and gentle he was. We found creative ways to work with him on leash training. Ken settled in and his sweet nature came through. In two short weeks Ken caught the eye of a wonderful young man. He decided that Ken was a perfect fit for his family. His daughter instantly fell in love with Ken and renamed him Goliath.

Goliath's family recently contacted SoHumane to share how he was doing. They said, "*Goliath has fit into our family in ways we couldn't have hoped for. He is a kind, loving dog. For such a big dog he is very gentle. So much so that he does great with our new born baby boy. He is the perfect addition to our family. We love him, and he loves us too.*" Goliath had found his forever family.

**We are truly grateful to you, our wonderful supporters, for making it possible for SoHumane to help thousands of pets like Goliath. By donating now, you create a second chance for a dog or cat like Goliath who is waiting for a home.**



**Goliath**

## **Donate now and double your gift!**

You could rescue a dog or cat. Thanks to generous supporters who included SoHumane in their estate planning, **donations made by November 30th will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000.** Please consider giving today so that your gift will have an even greater impact and save twice as many lives!





## *The warmth of a home and the love of a family.*



**Your generosity made it possible for Cutie to heal and find his forever home.** Cutie first came to SoHumane on the Saving Train in 2016. He was adopted in just a few short days. But this past spring Cutie found himself homeless again when his owner moved and could not take him along. After he arrived at SoHumane, we discovered that Cutie had immune-mediated thrombocytopenia, which means that his immune system was attacking the platelets in his blood. The vet care team began treating him with antibiotics and steroids. Cutie was very sick but, all through his treatment he seemed to keep his thankful, happy heart. Over a period of about four months with lots of love and special veterinary care, Cutie's platelet count improved, and he was made ready for adoption. However, because of his medical condition, he needed a special home. Working as a team, our adoption staff and vet care staff were able to find Cutie a perfect match with a wonderful couple on the first day he was available to be adopted! When the adopters were told Cutie had special medical needs they replied, "Don't we all." Cutie now enjoys regular walks and time in the sun with his new family. They shared that at a recent vet visit he received a good bill of health and that **everyone who meets Cutie falls in love with him.** 🍂



**Thousands of homeless pets will spend the holiday season in a shelter wondering where their family is – You have the power to change that.** All of us at SoHumane are so thankful to have been able to help Cutie. His sweet manner reminds us that there is always something to be grateful for. It is our great honor to create a safe haven for these precious pets while we find them homes. When they enter our doors they become part of our SoHumane family. Please help us save more homeless pets like Cutie. Your donations provide food, medical care, and shelter for our furry friends when they arrive at SoHumane. **Simple acts can have a huge impact in the life of a dog or cat.**

## *You can't change a cat's past, but you can rewrite her future.*



Abandoned, cold and alone, a kindhearted woman rescued Peanut and brought her to SoHumane last winter. Thankfully, she was quickly adopted. But her time in her new home was short. Due to unforeseen circumstances, in July Peanut found herself once again without a home. Adopted again a month later, she was returned after a few days because she "wasn't liked by the other pets." **Donors like you help provide a safety net when pets can no longer stay in their homes.** Fortunately, just a short week later a family had the opportunity to meet Peanut and realized she was the cat for them. She is now living a **happily-ever-after life.** 🍂

Peanut's new family posted, "We adopted Peanut at the end of August. She is the most tame and friendly cat. She has fit into our family wonderfully and my boys are so happy to finally have a kitty. Peanut adjusted exceptionally well to being a member of the family." 🍂

A home and a family. That is the wish for every dog and cat at SoHumane. Because of your generosity we never give up. Sending a gift today means **pets can get their second – or even third or fourth – chance** at a loving home. Your donation makes more happy ending stories possible. 🍂

*At Thanksgiving more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made the care we provide for the animals possible.*

*In this spirit we say, simply but sincerely,  
Thank you and Best Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.  
Karen, Barb and the staff at SoHumane*

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