



Where there is hope, there is faith, where there is faith there are miracles



Molly and her foster mom

A miracle is just what Molly needed. She was picked up as a stray in Northern California. At the shelter they discovered that Molly was heartworm positive ... that's not good news for any dog, let alone an older large dog like Molly. Heartworm treatment is expensive and takes several months. At most shelters senior dogs and those with special medical needs can't be offered more time or expensive veterinary treatment. But Molly had already melted the hearts of the people caring for her, so they reached out to SoHumane for help. Because of generous supporters like you, we had hope for Molly and faith we could save her, so we found a place on the Saving Train and brought her to SoHumane.

Even though SoHumane takes in a large number of dogs and cats in a year, we work hard every day to save lives. Molly needed a place where her heartworm could be treated, and where she'd get help finding a new home. SoHumane was just the place!

Molly's heartworm treatment consisted of painful injections over a period of three months along with steroids to reduce inflammation and regular exams. Molly needed to be kept very calm with restricted activity ... and mostly confined to her kennel as physical exertion can cause damage in the heart and lungs. Even through all of her discomfort, Molly remained a sweet loving dog. A very special foster volunteer took Molly into her home to rest, receive her treatment and recover.

After Molly completed her heartworm treatment, she was made available for adoption. Molly found her family and future home within a week. Just recently Molly's dad contacted SoHumane and said that her new name is Koda. "She's an awesome dog. No problems whatsoever. We go for walks down to the lake every night. She is super chill, and we love her!"

Molly's friendly nature touched our hearts, just like many of the other dogs and cats at SoHumane that have found homes so far this year. **Because of you, Molly was given the lifesaving treatment she needed, and the best miracle of all...love from a new family to call her own.** Thank you for being a part of the magic. Your generosity ensures happily-ever-afters for thousands of animals at SoHumane.



Your gift could be doubled!

Two SoHumane families are ready to match all gifts received, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000 — now through December 31st. Barb and Len Eaton are honoring their adopted dog Gracie and Jo Ann Weisel is giving in memory of her husband Lee. **Accept their challenge and donate today in honor of a loved one or a special pet. Create more miracles for the dogs and cats. Your generosity will ensure lifesaving second chances for homeless animals.**

Being together is the best gift of all!

Just a few short months ago SoHumane was contacted by a shelter where a sweet ten-year-old toy poodle named Elena had been surrendered. She was deaf, mostly blind and facing euthanasia. The SoHumane Saving Train team immediately went to meet Elena and instantly fell in love with her. All they saw was a tiny dog with an invincible spirit and a huge heart who deserved a second chance.

When she arrived at SoHumane, Elena was confused, scared, and cried unless she was being held. Staff came up with ingenious ways to make her comfortable - like creating a sling to put her in. Elena felt safe and loved when carried close to the heart of a staff member or volunteer. When she did need to be set down, a makeshift swing rocked her in a gentle motion. The swing worked like a charm, and Elena loved rocking in it. Elena was not seen as a burden but rather as a special gift – a dog who deserved to be cherished and adored.

One week later as Elena was in her sling she caught the eye of a kindhearted woman who hoped to find a special companion as a birthday gift for herself. She asked about Elena, found out about her special needs and thought to herself, “I’m not sure anybody is going to adopt her, so I am.”

Recently Elena’s new mom contacted SoHumane to let us know how she was doing. Elena has since been renamed Baby. Her mom laughingly refers to the crying as Baby is “singing an aria”. Baby goes for walks in her sling, is groomed every six weeks and her mom even makes her custom dishes comprised of turkey and scrambled eggs. She says, “Baby is quite adorable, and I’m blessed to have her in my life. She’s the best gift ever!” **Thanks to you, Elena will spend this holiday season surrounded by love and family.** Elena is just one example of the many special dogs and cats you are helping with your generosity. Take another look at sweet Elena with her new family and remember that your compassionate donation helps pets just like her.



Anyone can catch your eye but it takes someone special to catch your heart

Six-year-old Pascal is a pretty unique kitty with one blue eye and one yellow eye. He suffered trauma to his jaw as a young cat and as a result he has a distinctive face. Pascal was transferred to SoHumane from another shelter last January. Quite the character, Pascal proved to be a lovable cat who adored people. A confident kitty, Pascal thought he was special and so did we.

Pascal didn’t realize that having a poorly healed broken jaw made him a bit different. Because Pascal needed a diet of very runny wet food, he was a messy eater and his fur became stained. Many potential adopters passed him by. Fortunately Pascal was adopted in the spring. But sadly after just five months in a new home he was returned because his family was moving and could not take him. Pascal continued to endear himself to everyone who met him with his darling personality. Staff gave him bibs and little shirts to help keep his fur clean while he ate. His long fur was kept cut short and regular brushings helped to keep him tidy. It was determined that his injured jaw could not be repaired but SoHumane made sure that he received some desperately needed dental work.



We felt sure he would find a forever family during “Catstravaganza”, a special fee waived adult cat adoption weekend. Every single adult cat found a home that weekend ... except for Pascal! An easy going, people loving kitty in good health, plans were made to highlight Pascal’s story on social media. The response was immediate when SoHumane supporters realized that he had once again been left behind. The perfect adopters came to meet Pascal the next weekend, and he captured their hearts. They shared photos of him in his new home getting hugs and kisses. Their kindness and acceptance and your support for special medical needs pets turned Pascal’s hard times into Holiday Blessings. Your generous gifts mean homeless pets who need extra time and care are not turned away.

Our work saving more than 1,600 pets each year is only possible because of kind and caring people like you. Please make your tax-deductible gift to the animals — and then celebrate knowing that your generosity will go twice as far! **Thank you for your continued partnership as we work to save the lives of more pets like Molly, Pascal and Elena in 2019.**

*Your constant support is a true gift
For all you do here’s wishing you
A joyful holiday season and the very best
For the New Year.*

Karen, Barb and the SoHumane family

