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Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

OUR MISSION

The mission of Placer SPCA is to enhance the lives of companion animals and support the human-animal bond.

OUR LOCATIONS

Adoption & Education Center

200 Tahoe Avenue, Roseville, CA 95678

(916) 782-7722

www.placerspca.org

Intake Center

150 Corporation Yard Road, Roseville, CA 95678

(916) 782-7722

Pet Adoption & Resource Center

1482 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn, CA 95603

(916) 782-7722 (CLOSED TO PUBLIC)

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A Message From Leilani



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Leilani with Chris Robles and Congressman Kevin Kiley

Dear friends,

As we draw toward the end of 2024, we have much to celebrate together. There are so many accomplishments you have helped us achieve!

Every year, animals come through our doors for various reasons and with a range of needs. Some are surrendered by owners, while others arrive as strays. We care for a variety of animals, including dogs and puppies, cats and kittens, and other small animals. Our greatest joy comes when we help animals find their forever homes. From January through October 31, we reunited 328 pets with their owners and facilitated the adoption of 1,228

cats and kittens, 584 dogs and puppies, and 103 small animals. Additionally, we performed spay and neuter surgeries on 485 dogs, 1,046 cats, and 23 small animals. These numbers represent a part of how we fulfill our mission—to enhance the lives of companion animals and support the human-animal bond.

We've also taken a major step this year to expand the scope of our care for animals by breaking ground on our new Veterinary and Foster Care Center (see groundbreaking photos on this page). This new facility will strengthen our efforts to provide compassionate, effective medical care to shelter animals and offer services like spay and neuter surgeries, microchipping, and vaccinations to animals in our community.

Did you know that a large share of operational funding for nonprofits comes in the last month of the year? According to research from Charity Navigator and Neon One's Giving Trend Report, 30% of annual donations are made in December. That's why I'm asking you to seriously consider a gift to Placer SPCA between now and the end of the year. In addition to funding all our operational expenses, our goal is to build our new Veterinary and Foster Care Center completely debt-free. We hope to raise another \$200,000 toward the new facility by the end of this year. Please consider gifts to our annual fund and our capital campaign by the end of December.

As we close 2024, we are grateful for your investment in our important work in this community. Together, we are caring for our furry friends and providing shelter and comfort to animals in need.

Sincerely,

Leilani Fratis
Chief Executive Officer



"Animals are the soul of the world."

Karen and Colin (pictured here with Kaylee)

Karen Hauber Grahl and Colin Grahl

A Lifetime of Caring for Animals and Supporting People

Karen's journey with Placer SPCA began nearly 30 years ago, when she started volunteering alongside her parents in 1995. Her grandmother even joined in, making cat toys for the animals. Before long, Karen's husband Colin got involved, and together, their dedication to Placer SPCA grew.

The mission touched Karen and Colin's hearts deeply, inspiring them to get more involved. Because of their dedication and experience, they were at separate times invited to serve on the Board of Directors, each serving as president during their own board term. Colin, a financial advisor, established the Planned Giving Committee, which continues to support legacy giving to this day. Looking back on their times leading the board, they each expressed deep admiration for Placer SPCA's staff and leadership, describing them as "competent and caring," and commending their thoughtful approach in shaping the organization into what it is today.

For Karen and Colin, their love for animals drives them. While they eagerly hope every homeless animal finds a loving home, they also want to ensure that those in transition receive the best care possible at Placer SPCA. Years ago, with the help of others, they sat around their table and began mapping out a future vision—one that included the new Adoption and Education Center and the soon-to-be-built Veterinary and Foster Care Center.

Their passion, vision, and unwavering support have made Placer SPCA a model for animal care and welfare in the community. And through their continued dedication, this family's story of compassion has blossomed into a legacy that will benefit both animals and people for generations to come.

Colin and Karen recognize that everyone needs to determine the best way to make the world a better place for animals and the people who love them. As part of their plan, they have created a donor-advised fund (DAF), which allows them to donate to Placer SPCA now. As part of their estate plan, they have designated their IRA assets to ultimately pass into their donor-advised fund and then be distributed tax-free to a few charities, including Placer SPCA.

Ways to Give at Year-End

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE

Call 855-500-RIDE (885-500-7433)

Your vehicle donation will be picked up for free and with no inconvenience to you.

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GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM

placerspca.org/angels

The Guardian Angel Program helps treat conditions, various infections, and covers veterinary expenses for treatment of injuries, diagnostic tests, and life-saving surgeries.

DONATE NOW

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Placer SPCA relies on individual donations from animal lovers like you in order to offer the wide variety of programs and services for animals and pet owners in Placer County. (We are not affiliated with any other entity and do not receive funding through the ASPCA or HSUS.)



Rayne Beau's Journey

and Remarkable Reunion

At Placer SPCA, we often witness heartwarming reunions between owners and their furry companions, but Rayne Beau's story is truly one of a kind. On August 3, 2024, Rayne Beau – a cat whose name (pronounced like "rainbow") perfectly captures the beauty of the unexpected – was found panting and hungry in front of a medical office on Medical Plaza Drive in Roseville. The kind person who found him sensed that Rayne Beau was more than a stray; he was a lost treasure in search of home. She took him in overnight, and then a few days later brought him to our Intake Center.

Upon his arrival, our team discovered that Rayne Beau had a microchip. This small but vital clue led us to his owners. The surprising part? His family lived in Salinas and had lost him two months earlier, on June 4, 2024, during a vacation in Yellowstone National Park! After four days of searching for him in the park, even trying to coax him back with toys and treats, they had feared Rayne Beau was gone for good.

Rayne Beau's incredible journey brought him from the wilderness of Yellowstone to the streets of Roseville—a distance of over 800 miles. His owners were beyond ecstatic when they arrived at Placer SPCA on August 4, 2024, to reunite with their beloved cat. They captured the emotional reunion on video and expressed their immense gratitude for the work we do.

At the time of his reunion, Rayne Beau had lost 40% of his normal body weight and was suffering from low blood sugar and low protein levels. But thanks to the care he received, he is now healthy, thriving, and happily back home with his bonded sister.

Rayne Beau's story reminds us that even after the longest journey, there's always hope waiting at the end. Thank you for supporting our mission and making reunions like this possible.

Placer SPCA encourages all pet owners to microchip their animals. For the comfort of his owners and because of his wandering nature, Rayne Beau now wears a GPS collar for tracking purposes, in addition to his microchip (as shown in the cover picture).

SAVE THE DATE

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

December 9th | 5pm-8pm

At the Adoption & Education Center

200 Tahoe Ave, Roseville, CA 95678



Join us on Monday, December 9th, from 5 PM to 8 PM for our Holiday Open House! This is a wonderful opportunity to tour our Adoption and Education Center, celebrate the close of 2024, enjoy some small bites and sweet treats, and learn more about our new Veterinary and Foster Care Center.

#WhereAreTheyNow?



Ever wonder how the animals adopted from Placer SPCA are doing with their new families? Our #WhereAreTheyNow series offers a heartwarming look into the lives of pets who have found their forever homes. Each story highlights the incredible bond formed between these animals and their human companions, showcasing how they've thrived in the loving care of their new families.



Lilo

Lilo, previously Peach Cobbler, was rescued from Maui and brought to us during the fires and has since passed the Canine Good Citizen Test. Her family says, "she is a treasured member of [their] family!"



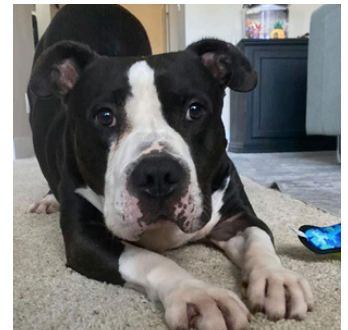
Bean

Bean, previously Max, was adopted from us about 10 months ago. He has "brought immense joy and become an integral part of our lives!" Bean's family says he LOVES treats, naps, and toys!



Jasmine

Jasmine's family says "she has been such a love since she's gotten home." Jasmine settled into her new home perfectly!



Moo

Moo, previously, Rock Star, was our longest dog resident, having been with us since October, 2023 and was adopted in August 2024! He is living his best life ever and even goes paddle boarding with his new family.

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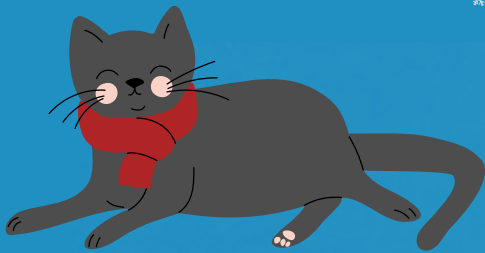
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