

PLACER SPCA

COMPANION

Connection



**Don't miss our
Special Edition insert
tucked in the middle
of this newsletter.**

Our Bountiful Bunnies:

AN UPDATE ON HEALING,
HOPPING, AND HOPING

see page 5

Mary & Dave Terrell

PASSIONATE AND
PURPOSEFUL

see page 4

MEET OUR STAFF

Chief Executive Officer

Leilani Fratis | leilanif@placerspca.org

Executive Assistant

Debbie Lewis | debbiel@placerspca.org

Chief Operating Officer

Renee Harris | reneeh@placerspca.org

Chief of Veterinary Services

Dr. Lea Early-Thompson | leae@placerspca.org

Chief Deputy Director

Dan Hamil | danh@placerspca.org

Chief Development and Marketing Officer

Susan Willson | susanw@placerspca.org

Director of Development

Connie Franklin | connief@placerspca.org

Director of Engagement

Tami Schmitz | tamis@placerspca.org

Operations Managers

Brittney Gilg | brittneyg@placerspca.org

Meghan Oliver | meghano@placerspca.org

Mike Oliverson | mikeo@placerspca.org

Marketing Manager

Atir Mirza | atirm@placerspca.org

Donor Relations Manager

Deborah Hibbard | deborahh@placerspca.org

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President

Dawn Clayton | Thunder Valley Casino

Past President

Chris Robles | Chris Robles Consulting

President-Elect

Charlie Harrison | Sequoia Advisory Group

Treasurer

Doug Wagemann | Wagemann Holdings, Inc

Secretary

Colin Grahl | WGG Wealth Management

Appointee Director at Large

Al Johnson | Al Johnson Consulting

Appointee Director at Large

Kent Frkovich | Frkovich Properties

DIRECTORS

Ali Goff | Goff Legal, PC

Dr. Jay Griffiths | Veterinarian

Dr. Peter Hull | Sutter Health

Marcus Lo Duca | Law Office of Marcus Lo Duca

Tim Mahoney | CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA)

Jeff Ronten | D.F. Properties

Tara Simpson | ABC10

Alan Telford | CycleBar

Leslie Vaughn | RC Willey

Leilani Fratis | CEO, Placer SPCA



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 (No Public Hours-By Appointment Only)

Pet Food Express - Satellite Cat Adoption Center

1009 Galleria Boulevard, Roseville, CA 95678

(916) 780-5555

Placer SPCA Thrift Store

931 Washington Blvd #107

(916) 782-2434

IN THIS ISSUE...

- 3 Message from Leilani
- 4 Mary and Dave Terrell: Passionate and Purposeful
- 5 Our Bountiful Bunnies: An Update on Healing, Hopping, and Hoping and Where Are They Now?
- 6 Guardian Angel Gala
- 7 Paw Club and Circle of Hope
- 8 Thank You Corporate Partners



Follow us!



@placerspca



Find us online!

placerspca.org

The Placer SPCA is a 501(c)(3) organization, federal tax ID #94-2607682. We are not affiliated with any other entity and do not receive funding through the ASPCA or HSUS.

Image by Todd Olson



A Message From Leilani

Dear Friends,

I hope the start of 2025 has already brought joy and excitement into your life—it certainly has for us at the Placer SPCA!

While numbers can't tell the full story of our mission to care for animals in need, they do highlight the incredible strides we've made and the impact of your support. Here are a few key updates for you to consider:

In November, we celebrated the official groundbreaking of our new **8,800-square-foot** Veterinary and Foster Care Center. Our current construction progress is fueled by a **\$250,000 challenge grant** by the Peterson Family Trust, which will now match every dollar donated to our capital campaign. We are so close to reaching our **\$12.5 million goal**, and with this matching challenge grant, your gift could be the one to help us cross the finish line! With **\$500,000 remaining to raise**, we are excited to be nearing our goal of securing enough funds for a debt-free building.

Our work extends far beyond construction. In **2024**, we cared for **1,253 dogs** and **1,846 cats**. Just last month, we stepped up to accept **110 rabbits** rescued from a home in Roseville. Thanks to our incredible staff, volunteers, foster homes and donors, these animals have received the care and compassion they deserve. I hope you're encouraged about our efforts to find "forever" homes for our special dogs, cats, and small animals.

Thank you for being a part of this journey in **2025**—your support powers everything we do. Stay tuned for more updates and ways you can help us continue this vital work!

With gratitude,

Leilani Fratis
CEO

P.S. Please see the special insert in this newsletter! To give and make a difference in the lives of animals through our new Veterinary and Foster Care Center use the QR code, online giving page address below, or the provided envelope.



Give today to help complete our new building!

Scan this QR Code or use our secure online giving page at: <https://placerspca.org/pawsibilitiesdonation/>



This is a rendering of our new Veterinary and Foster Care Center.

Mary & Dave Terrell

Passionate and Purposeful

A chance encounter sparked a life-changing journey for Mary and Dave Terrell, leading them to second careers in animal welfare. While at the hairdresser, Mary heard this advice: "The secret to a happy retirement is health, financial preparation, and finding a passion." Unquestionably, Mary knew her passion was animals. Her husband, Dave, shared that passion, and together they embraced a new chapter in their lives.



Mary and Dave dove into helping animals at the Placer SPCA. Over the years, Mary has worn many hats—employee, volunteer, and ambassador. Dave lends his time and skills as part of the maintenance and Pet Mobile team. Reflecting on the countless animals they've met, they find comfort knowing each one is safe, cared for, and on the path to a loving home. "We have the utmost belief that Placer SPCA will always do what is in the best interest of the animals and people in our community," says Mary.

Some special animals have found their way into their hearts and home. Dodger, a white boxer, spent his life by Mary's side, helping educate others about responsible pet ownership. More recently, they welcomed Betty, who received extensive veterinary care at Placer SPCA before finding her forever family—and a couple who love a good game of fetch as much as she does.

Mary and Dave, like so many of you, are instrumental in shaping Placer SPCA's future. They've supported the capital campaign to build the new Veterinary and Foster Care Center and included a legacy gift in their trust to ensure Placer SPCA's work continues for generations. When choosing an organization to support, they value Placer SPCA's integrity, its highest rating on Charity Navigator, and leadership that inspires confidence.

For more information about gift planning, contact Deb Hibbard, PSPCA Donor Relations Manager, at (916) 872-6166.

A Special Giving Opportunity

We're almost there! Thanks to a generous \$250,000 matching challenge gift from the Peterson Family Trust, every dollar you give to our capital campaign will be doubled to help close the final funding gap for Placer SPCA's new Veterinary and Foster Care Center.

With just \$500,000 left to reach our \$12.5 million goal, your gift today will make twice the difference for animals in need. Don't wait—help us create a brighter future for pets and their families. Donate now at [PlacerSPCA.org/pawsibilities!](https://PlacerSPCA.org/pawsibilities)





Our Bountiful Bunnies

An Update on Healing, Hopping, and Hoping

In December, Placer SPCA rescued 110 rabbits from a single home in Roseville, marking one of the largest single-animal intakes in our history. While we are no stranger to providing care for rabbits, this overwhelming number at one time was extraordinary.

Despite the challenge, the dedicated team at Placer SPCA hopped into action to provide these rabbits the love and medical attention they so desperately needed. Our veterinary and animal care staff created a safe space in our Intake Center as they welcomed daily arrivals of rabbits.

A number of these vulnerable animals were suffering from severe health conditions. Visiting veterinarians, including one who commuted from the Bay Area, provided spay and neuter services. Compassionate foster volunteers offered temporary homes for the animals as they recovered.

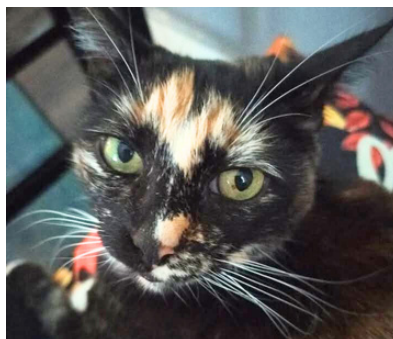
To help find permanent homes for the rescued rabbits, we hosted a special adoption event in our Community Room on February 1 and 2, aptly titled "Hop into Love." Dr. Lea Early, Chief of Veterinary Services said, "We were delighted to place these remarkable animals up for adoption so they can find their 'forever' homes. With each day that care was provided, we were reminded what truly unique pets and companions they are to have in your home. Anyone that adopts will quickly see the love and friendship a rabbit will bring into your life."

#WhereAreTheyNow?



Skeeter

Skeeter, formerly Señor Peaches, was adopted a year ago. After overcoming advanced glaucoma and losing one eye, he has recovered beautifully and continues to bring joy and inspiration to his family.



Roxi

Roxi, previously Amaranth, was adopted as a kitten in 2013 and has been deeply loved ever since. Her mom shares, "She brings me joy and has helped me through life's toughest times."



Bun Bun

Bun Bun, formerly Ricky, was adopted in July 2024 after being fostered by his family. He now enjoys his forever home with canine siblings, flopping around and exploring his new surroundings!



Placer SPCA's

Guardian Angel Gala 2025

March 7, 2025
5:30pm



Sun City Roseville's
Timber Creek
Ballroom

DINNER | EXCITING AUCTIONS | HEARTFELT MOMENTS

Our most significant fundraising event of the year, the Guardian Angel Gala & Awards Night is an unforgettable evening celebrating the human-animal bond and honoring those who have uniquely demonstrated extraordinary compassion and commitment to animals in need. This sell-out event (320 guests) features great food and company, exciting auctions, entertainment, and heartfelt moments all while raising funds to support Placer County's vulnerable companion animals.

Become A Sponsor

Become a sponsor for the 2025 Guardian Angel Gala & Awards Night. View our Guardian Angel Gala Sponsor Packet at placerspca.org/events/gala/.

Donate To Our Auctions

Specifically, we are looking for high-end merchandise, unique experiences, gift baskets, gift certificates, ticket to sporting or entertainment events, and similar items. All auction donors will be recognized in our event program and promotional materials, as appropriate.

Individual tickets: **\$125** Table for 10: **\$1,250**
(based on availability)



To sponsor the Gala, donate to the auctions, purchase individual tickets, or learn more about the event, please visit placerspca.org/events/gala/ or scan the QR code.

Questions? Contact our Fund Development Department at **(916) 872-6162** or funddevelopment@placerspca.org.

All proceeds benefit Placer SPCA. We are not affiliated with any other entity and do not receive donations from the ASPCA or HSUS.

GOLD (\$10,000 & up)

Kent Frkovich
Colin & Karen Hauber Grahl
Jeannette & Kent Liebman
Deborah & Richard Smith

SILVER (\$5,000 & up)

Judy & Rich Disman
Helen Hammes
Dori Kelsey
Meredith Lattin
Jon & Gabrielle Self
Bob & Betty Steinhart
Robyn Woody & Aydreya Bogeaus

BRONZE (\$1,000 & up)

Bonnie Ball
Robin Barnes
John Burke
John & Kathleen Christiansen
Edward Donohue
Donna & Paul Estridge
Terry Ference
Peter Fitzgerald
Lilly & Mark Gillam
Dr. Jay & Kathy Griffith
Dr. Dan & Rhonda Hamil
Anne Hauber
June Kawamoto
David Ketchum
Elizabeth Laverty & Kevin Williamson

Lynn Levitt
Barbara & Alan Lowe
David Lutz
In memory of Terri Lyle
Ronald Merrill
Larry & Patricia Payne
Chuck & Susan Nelson
Dan Rogers & Jean Cole
Carol Risley
In memory Betty Shepherd
Dr. David & Bonnie Verhaag
Sue Worrall
Jeff Youngman

...and many other
anonymous donors

Paw Club Members recognized for participation between January 2024-February 2025. We do our best to ensure an accurate listing. Should there be an error, please let us know by by contacting funddevelopment@placerspca.org.

Circle of Hope: Legacy Society

Circle of Hope members have included Placer SPCA in their will, trust or estate plan, and have informed us of their intention. Listed with permission.

Andy and Lisa Coro
Anne Hauber
Barbara Benedict
Barbara Pope
Barbara Smookler
Beverly Lewis & Gregg Hutchison
Bill & Nancie Radakovitz
Carol Cope
Carol Weaver in honor of Ann Weaver
Carol Zerbo
Carole Haskell
Carolyn Eakin
Carolyn Hemig
Cathi Meyers & Laura Brown
Charlene Michelson
Charlie & Christie Harrison
Colin Grahl & Karen Hauber Grahl
Colleen & John Valentine
Colleen Watters
Constance Detweiler
Creighton & Nancy Fong
Dale & Faye Bright
Dan & Evelyn Jensen
David Altman
David Crawford
David E. & Lora L. Masche
David Ketchum
David Tavernetti
Debbie Wrigley
Deborah & Richard Smith
Debra Cartwright
Dennis & Rose Forbes
Diane Vincent
Diane Waddell
Doug & Rita Wagemann
Dr. David & Bonnie Verhaag
Dr. Robert & Dawn Gould

Elizabeth Laverty & Kevin Williamson
Eric and Denise Fiddymont
Gary & Susan Gutowsky
Gary Wraa
Gerald Bice
Gwen Knittweis
Hilde A. Harris
Hunter and Marion DeCarlo
In Memory of Raymond Leroy Richardson
Jack & Gale Wright
Jacqueline Healing-Groff
Janet Clark
Jeannette & Kent Liebman
Jennifer Crisologo
Jey and Lynn Yelland
Jim and Judi Gray
Jim Lawrence & Lucinda Chipponeri
Joanne Lozenski
John & Gerlinde Millar
Judi & Leonard Bruckman
Katherine Dona
Kent Frkovich
Kimberley Silvers & Sheila Cardno
Larry & Patricia Payne
Launi Cooper
LeeAnn & Lonnie Dickson
Leilani & Steve Fratis
Linda Holt-Martin & Ken Martin
Louie Kelsey
Lynn & Michael Dean
Lynn L. Reeves
Lynn Levitt
Margaret A. Martin
Marie Smith
Marilyn Kennedy
Marlene Stoner
Marolyn Woodson Trust

Marsha Dashiell
Mary Groesbeck
Mary & David Terrell
Melissa Abramovitz
Meredith Lattin
Michael & Lyn Hutch
Nancy Lackemacher
Nikki Portillo
Pamela Aldrich
Pamela and Thomas Coulter
Pamela Franklin
Patricia Keefe & Darlene Romero
Patricia M. Anderson
Paula Righello
Pauline and Dennis Kuklis
Richard and Judy Fernandez
Robert & Norma Flautt
Robert and Rita Baikauskas
Robert and Shelley Nunemaker
Robyn Woody & Aydreya Bogeaus
Scott & Rochelle Butera
Sabrina Horat
Sharon Brown
Sheila Gery
Shirley Norling
Steve & Jennifer Speak
Steven & MaryAnn Clerici
Stu and Sue Clark
Susan & Michael Jacobson
Susan & Pete Willson
Sybil Slavin
The Smith Family Trust/Robert G. and Claudia K. Smith
Valerie Story
William & Jennifer Helgren



200 Tahoe Avenue
Roseville, CA 95678

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 1
BIG DAY OF GIVING



MAY 29
WOOF, WINE AND DINE



Thank you Corporate Partners

Corporate Champions



Corporate Advocates



Corporate Supporters

