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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

Intake Center

150 Corporation Yard Road, Roseville, CA 95678
(916) 782-7722

Pet Adoption & Resource Center

1482 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn, CA 95603
(530) 823-7722 (By Appointment Only)

Pet Food Express - Satellite Cat Adoption Center

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A Message From Leilani

Dear Friends,

Recently, our guest services team shared the heartwarming story of a five-year-old orange tabby who had been with us since February. After more than six months of special care, he finally found a forever home with an older couple seeking companionship. The very next day, the woman returned, her phone full of photos and her heart overflowing with joy, sharing how quickly he settled in and how the bond was instant.

This is why we do what we do. While we will always be a refuge for animals in need, our deeper mission is to bring people and animals together. Every adoption is a reminder of the power of the human-animal bond and the joy it brings.



So far, 2025 has been a remarkable year. Through June, over 1,000 animals have found loving homes, and our dedicated volunteers have contributed more than 19,000 hours of service to help make that possible. Thanks to our low-cost spay and neuter program, we've been able to alter 299 community animals. Programs like spay and neuter assistance will only be enhanced with the opening of our new Veterinary & Foster Care Center. We're thrilled that construction is in its final stages and on track for completion this fall. This transformative facility will allow us to provide even more advanced care for animals in need.

We've also celebrated two wonderful fundraising events this year, and this fall, we're excited to launch a new event that will replace Barktoberfest—Wag & Walk. With a dog-friendly 5k or 2.5k walk, plus pet-friendly vendors, food trucks, demonstrations, and activities for the whole family (furry members included), Wag & Walk promises to be a fresh and meaningful way to come together and make a difference for animals in need (see page 6 for more information).

Every one of these successes is possible because of you. Your compassion and generosity are the heartbeat of our work. Thank you for being a vital part of this journey.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leilani Fratis".

Leilani Fratis
Chief Executive Officer

A Tradition of Giving Back Together

Steve and Jennifer Speak, along with their children, Alex and Elizabeth, have built a family culture rooted in compassion and community—values that shine through their decades' long involvement with the Placer SPCA.

Jennifer Speak first got involved as a dog walker and ambassador, seeking connection and a way to give back to her community. After taking a break to raise her children, she returned, this time with daughters Alex and Elizabeth, who now are Junior Team volunteers. "The happiest hour of the week is when I am hanging out with my girls and the animals," Jennifer shares. "It's quality time and a way to give back while making memories."



For the Speak family, giving back isn't just something they do—it's who they are.

Steve also began as a dog walker, and though a busy career changed how he could serve, he found ways to stay involved, most recently by participating in his company day of giving project that supported building kennels at Placer SPCA's Intake Center. The Speaks support the organization in every way they can: through volunteering, monthly donations, and event participation. They have also included Placer SPCA in their estate plan. Their family dog, Ice, a Placer SPCA alum, even serves as an ambassador dog, helping promote Placer SPCA's mission in the community.



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

We support organizations where we can see real impact," says Steve. "Placer SPCA builds for the future and takes care of the animals who need us now." Through programs like the Pet Food Pantry, Placer SPCA helps ensure that families facing hardship don't have to give up their beloved pets, a part of the mission that resonates deeply with the Speaks. Whether it's spending time with the animals, celebrating adoptions, or giving generously, the Speak family leads by example, proving that one family can make a difference and encouraging others to do the same. "Animals always need our help," says Jennifer, "and we're proud to be part of a community that shows up for them."

"Animals keep us grounded. They remind us that life's simplest joys—companionship, love, comfort—are the most important," says Steve.



Mamala's Miracle: A Story of Hope and a Forever Home

It was a rainy November morning when a tiny, trembling Chihuahua arrived at Placer SPCA. Mamala, as we called her, carried more than just the weight of her journey. She was heavily pregnant.



Days after arriving, Mamala went into labor. But something wasn't right. Her breathing grew labored, and her strength began to fade. Mamala was struggling to deliver her pups. Time was critical. In a race against the clock, veterinarians performed an emergency C-section. Two tiny puppies were delivered safely, their first cries a fragile but powerful sign of life.

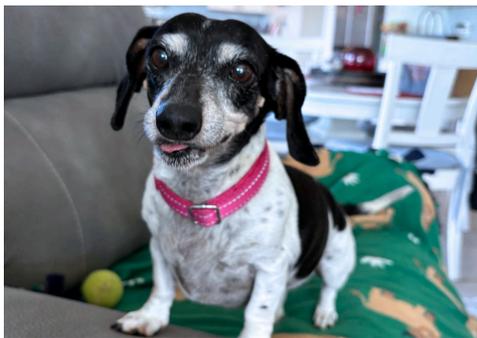
After the surgery, Mamala faced another challenge—quarantine. Exposed to viruses from other dogs, she needed isolation to protect her newborns. It was a lonely time, but she never gave up. And neither did Placer SPCA's veterinary staff.

Once cleared, Mamala and her pups were placed in a foster home. Guided by the SPCA's veterinary team, her foster family provided round-the-clock care. They monitored Mamala's recovery and gave her the one thing she needed most: unconditional love. And then, something beautiful happened.

The foster family, who witnessed every fragile moment and every small triumph, realized they couldn't say goodbye. They had fallen in love—not just with Mamala, but with her family. They adopted all of them, ensuring Mamala and her pups would never be separated again. Today, Mamala and her puppies thrive in their forever home.

"You'd never expect so much resilience in such a tiny dog," said Dr. Lea Early, Chief of Veterinary Services. "Mamala's story is more than survival—it's a powerful reminder of compassion, urgent care, and the magic that happens when a community gives animals a second chance."

#WhereAreTheyNow?



Sadie

This sweet senior was surrendered to Placer SPCA last year. Having lost her lifelong canine companion to advanced cancer, we worried how Sadie would cope. Thankfully, Sadie was adopted soon after she arrived and fit right in with her new family—joining Ivy, another Placer SPCA alum.



Boone

Boone, formerly Simba, is a Career Cat (an outdoor working cat) who was adopted in April 2024 and has settled in beautifully. His adopter shares, "We've had such success with Boone that we may be interested in adopting another Career Cat in the future!"



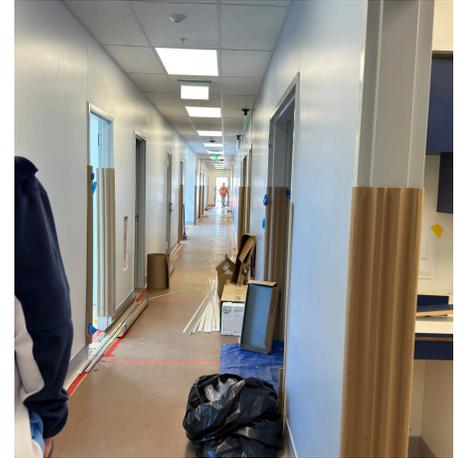
Spiggy

Adopted in March, Spiggy now enjoys her days lounging in comfort, snacking to her heart's content, and snuggling up with her three pig sisters. Two of them were adopted from Placer SPCA, making their little herd a heartwarming reunion of second chances.

Vet Center Special Update

The construction of our new Veterinary and Foster Care Center is entering its final stretch! Within the next several weeks, we'll see the building come to life as final flooring is laid, ceilings and walls are finished, and fixtures for plumbing and electricity are installed. Animal housing units will be put into place, interior doors will be hung, and workstations assembled—every detail moving us closer to the finish line.

Toward the end of the year, we expect to have full occupancy of the facility. From there, we'll begin moving in specialized medical equipment and supplies, and begin training our team to operate with maximum efficiency and compassion in this thoughtfully designed space. The countdown is on!



INTRODUCING...



P L A C E R S P C A

WAG & WALK



5K OR 2.5K DOG-FRIENDLY FUN WALK!

**REGISTER
TODAY!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Johnson-Springview Park
Rocklin, CA**

**Vendor & Sponsor
Opportunities Available!**

★ Food Trucks ★ Vendor Booths ★ Dog-Focused Activities
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\$35 Adult | \$30 Youth Includes Event T-shirt
\$10 Pup Package Includes Dog-Bone Bib & Bandana

*Taxes and Fees Apply. Prices Increase September 1.

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WAG & WALK**

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