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MOXIE JOINS THE CIRCUS

By Kathleen Mills



I wanted a dog but I didn't plan to get one on exactly that day. I hadn't had a dog in many, many years but now I longed for one. Every year for let's see...about the last ten I would pull out my encyclopedia of dog breeds and read through it and dream. Then I would put it away discouraged at my inability to make a decision: this breed or that one? They all had pluses and minuses. What I did decide was that if I got a dog I wanted a small dog that could travel under an airline seat. My husband Charles and I travel a lot. I wanted a short-haired dog, the easier to groom and the easier to spot ticks.

About the umpteenth time I mentioned that I wanted a dog Charles said "Why don't you try fostering a dog and see what you think?" What a great idea! The next thing I knew Charles sent me a posting from the Sea Ranch mailing list and there was a photo of a little, short-haired dog. She was very cute. She had been found dodging cars on Highway One in Point Arena by our Redwood Coast Humane Society. I volunteered to foster her and she arrived the very next day. She was about 11 months old at the time. We named her Moxie and liked her so much that we quickly found ourselves adopting her.

Moxie adjusted well to her new home. All she needed was a course in going potty outside, not inside on the carpet. She acted as though she had never been indoors, never seen a doorway or stairs. She was a bit flummoxed when we put her in our car. She thought she needed to defend us from the windshield wipers!

Did I say we travel a lot? When Moxie came to live with us we had four trips on the calendar, all taking place in the next two months and none had been planned with a dog in mind. Poor little Moxie got dragged to San Francisco for five days, then four days later went with us to Healdsburg, then to San Francisco for an overnight and then two weeks later she joined us on a trip to Southern California that involved four different hotels and a day at the Disneyland Kennel Club. She now loves riding in the car, loves big fluffy hotel pillows, loves ordering room service and totally "gets" elevators: she waits for people to get off, hops inside, turns and faces the doors and then when they open again she trots on out like she's been doing it all her life.

Moxie is nicely settled in at home now, but those first few weeks she was convinced that she had joined the circus. Next up is riding on an elephant's back and learning to wear a clown suit.

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Redwood Coast Humane Society is a 100% volunteer 501-C3 (non-profit) organization located on the Redwood Coast of Northern California serving the needs of local animals and pet owners.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Lisa (Scott) Dundee
- Harriet Wright
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OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Redwood Coast Humane Society to advocate for the welfare, rights, respect and protection of all animals through care, intervention and education.

OUR GOALS

- * To provide temporary foster and medical care for animals that are surrendered, abandoned, injured or rescued.
- * To locate permanent homes for companion animals through adoption programs.
- * To control dog and cat population by providing financial assistance for and education about spay/neuter services.
- * To act as an information resource for a variety of animal related issues, including lost and found, feral cat management, referrals and counseling.
- * To educate the public on animal related issues through workshops, special events and publications.
- * To develop and sustain a skilled volunteer network to support the organization’s activities.
- * To attain financial resources through fundraising activities to support our mission and goals.

The Redwood Coast Humane Society is as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. Please check with your individual tax advisor for the appropriate deductibility of your donation. Tax identification Number is 68-0451469

PRESIDENT’S NOTE:

A WELL-OILED...

Some time back I was stopped in the post-office by a local woman who has been a long-time volunteer for our local Humane Society. She asked me how it was going, as she “hadn’t heard anything about the organization lately”. I launched into a list of the various programs and activities being conducted and all of the animals that have been provided care and placed into new homes. It was then that I realized she was referring to the absence of any “drama” within the group that she hadn’t heard. I further realized and then acknowledged that we have successfully endured the growing pains of opening the shelter (“Jake’s Place – 39151 South Highway One) over 4 years ago. And through the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors, we now have a quietly operating, efficient, well-oiled... machine organization serving the animals of the coast.

*With much gratitude,
Lisa (Scott) Dundee, RCHS President*



REDWOOD COAST HUMANE SOCIETY 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Adoption Fees	\$3,295.00	Advertising	\$2,907.39
Fundraising	\$5,469.75	Insurance	\$2,660.00
Low Cost Spay/Neuter	\$1,932.50	2012 Merchandise Tax	\$321.00
Merchandise	\$1,096.00	Rent	\$9,900.00
Donations	\$45,082.82	Utilities	\$3,035.77
Rental Income	\$250.00	Merchandise Purchase	\$1,197.00
2013 INCOME =	\$57,126.07	Medical	\$31,802.20
		Operation	\$2,619.05
		Supplies	\$2,174.28
2013 INCOME =	\$57,126.07	2013 EXPENSES =	\$56,511.69
2013 NET PROFIT OF	\$614.38		

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Services

for Cats & Dogs
for low-income families

For more information
Please visit us on the web at
www.redwoodcoasthumane.org
or Call 884-1304

Memorials and Honors:

In **Memory** of Jeff Davis; Charlie Murphy and Duane Katz.

In **Honor and Appreciation** for the following people: Lisa Dundee; Deb Mason; Jeri Taylor & David Moessinger; Kathye & Charlie Hitt; Debra Mundt; Sea Ranch Escapes; Krista Smith; Jacquin & Bill Kipeck; Carol & Gary Malik; Alicia & Tony Celso; Lynn Suer; Gary & JoAnn Aiken; and the Volunteers of Redwood Coast Humane Society.

Donations in **Honor and Memory** of the following pets: Chipper; Jazz Westwater; Kona Bold; Pinot & Noir; Honey Bee; Notchkas; Molly Retzer; Dempsey & Domino; Sonoma; Petunia; Opie; Nikki Delongoria; Stranger; Tillie Thompson; Huckleberry; Fenton; Ebony Rose & Milton; Lucy; Slaughter Black; Q-tip; Molly; Monty Cox; Makai; and the Guardian Angels for Rubio.

DONATIONS

(December 1, 2013 – September 18, 2014)

Generous donations and gifts were given by the following: Eric & Jacqueline Agnew, Anonymous, Anthony Acuirre, Shirley Arora, Joanna Barnes, Janet Bastian, John & Janice Batchelder, Beach Rentals, Carol Beck, Frank & Linda Bell, Diane Boeke, Berenice & Larry Brackett, Judy Brinson, Bruce & Susan Burdick, George & Sandy Bush, Caryl Carr, Jan & Dennis Carter, Susan Clark, Linda & Bradley Clayton, Brian Cooley, Ann & Robert Cormack, Martin & Bette Covington, Anita Craig, Ramona Crooks, Jim Daniel, Claire De Chazal & Francisco Santamarina, Burt & Mona Dean, Nancy Dean, Patricia Sue & William Denevan, Bob & Alice Difenbach, Lawrence Elsener, Beverly Elzig, Richard Erich & Lini Lieberman, Paul & Joyce Escher, William & Dorothy Euske, Amadeus Fahey, Ted Fairbrother, Sydney & Ray Feeney, Fredericks Fields, Paul & Cathy Fitzgerald, Michael Flynn, Al & Gayle Forster, Antoinette Fournier, Bob & Julie Fouts, Frank Howard Allen Realtors, Claire Freson, Carol & Jesus Garcia, Mel & Jan Gerst, Barbara Gomes, Stephanie & Bruce Goodwin, Ann & Phil Graf, Walt & Joann Guenther, James Guffey, Jeffrey Gyving & Lena Bullamore, Heather Hackett, Marghi Hagen, Marcia & Robert Heimburger, Steve Henry & Tony Aguirre, Bryant & Diane Hichwa, William Hickey, Lynnne Hofmann, Taylor Holguin, Deryl & Camille Holloway, Gary & Pamela Hopkins, Sandy Hughes, Rick & Jeanne Jackson, Kim Johnson, Estelle Johnston, Carol Kennedy, Annette King, Mirka Knaster, Doug & Sandy Korten, Michael Kreyling, Mike & Donna Lane, Doug & Jan Le Du, Iris Lorenze-Fife, Gary & Kimberly Marquardt, Kay Martin, Leah Martini, Ellen Matics, Earl & Ingrid Mau, Pam Maycroft, Elaine Mazer, Marianne McCoy, Carole McQuarrie, Diane Meyer, Sita Milchev, Linda Morley-Wells, Linda O'Brien, Bill & Jeannie Osterland, Richard Perry, Roland Pesch, Ted Peterson, Don & Brenda Phillips, Tom & Diane Preece, Roberta Rams, Shirley Raneiri, Rozanne & Barry Rapozo, Bruce Reeves, Barbara & David Rice, Barry Richman, David Robertson, Louise & Charles Ross, Mary & Don Rozenberg, Shev Rush & Kevin Lane, Mike Sanders, Teresa Schmidt, Sabina Schryver, Karen Schryver, Sandy Scott, Krista Smith, Barbara Smith, Lisa Solley, Dick & Ellen Soule, Jim Stockton & Karen Tucker, Vicki Talbot, Jeri Taylor, EllenThompson, Kenneth Thompson, Laura Thompson, James & Beverly Thompson, Thursday Mah Johgg Group, William Toasperm, John & Janet Tweedie, Gale & Mark Valentini, John & Catherine Van Natta, Lena Velez, Julie Verran, Jeanne Walker, Twyla Weinberg, Ruth Weiner, Helen Williams, Bettye Winters and Harriet Wright

Thank You for Your Support -

The Redwood Coast Humane Society couldn't survive without the support from local businesses. We are also very grateful to those businesses that host our donation collection "Dog Houses": Accents by The Sea; Amber Pearce Dog Grooming; Anchor Bay Store; ARFF Feed & Pet Supplies; Attractions; Bed and Bone; Brodie Architecture & Design; Four-Eyed Frog Books; The Good Night Foundation; Gualala Building Supply; Gualala Nursery & Trading Company; Gualala Supermarket; Gualala Veterinary Clinic; Holmgren & Associates; Independent Coast Observer; Jay Baker-True Value Hardware; KTDE; The Loft; Outback Garden & Feed; The Sea Ranch Association; The Sea Ranch Lodge; The Sea Trader; The Sundstrom Family and WestAmerica Bank .

Cool Tip for Hot Days

By Sophia Habl Mitchell

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Just as you take precautions to keep yourself cool in the hot weather, be sure to take similar precautions with your pets. Here are some quick tips to help keep your pet comfortable and safe.

Do Not Leave Your Pet in the Car – If you are taking your pet on the road, do not leave them in the car on a hot day. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature approaches 120 degrees. Also, if you are out and about and see a dog left alone in a hot car, take down the car's color, model, make and license plate information and have the owner paged in the nearest building, or call local authorities.

Stay Hydrated - Dehydration can occur quickly in pets, so be sure to have plenty of fresh water on hand. Take along a bottle of water when you go for walks on warm days so you can give your dog a drink on the go.

Go for the Shade – Whether at home or during your outdoor adventures, be sure your pet has a shady spot to relax throughout the day. Keep in mind that the shade shifts, so think ahead to be sure your pet has a safe spot to relax the entire day.

Hot Feet – Keep in mind your dog's paws if you are taking a walk on a hot day. Pavement and sand can heat up quickly. Opt to walk your dog in the cooler morning or evening hours or invest in a pair of dog booties.

Water Safety – If your adventures include time at rivers or lakes, be conscious of your dog's water skills and don't let your dog overdo it. Never leave your dog unattended in the water.

Know the Signs of Heat Stroke – According to the Humane Society of the United States, signs of heat stroke include: heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness. Additionally, pets that are very old, very young, overweight, or have heart or respiratory conditions may be at a greater risk for heat stroke.



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This gift is: In Memory Of In Honor Of Person Pet

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For questions please call 707-884-1304

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THE ORANGE STORM

By Marion Patterson

Alice, my 16 year-old, and Moses, my 14 year-old, Redwood Coast Humane Society (RCHS) adoptees were truly old souls and great pals. They played together, slept together, and shared their deep love with me. When that dreaded day came to let Moses, my beloved guardian, go, I wept and wept, but Alice seemed unconcerned. Then a few days later, she began sleeping most of the time, moped around the house, and let out mournful cries for her Moses. Her loneliness and sorrow were just too painful. I couldn't adopt an older cat who might be competition for Alice, and one kitten would need another kitten to play with. I really wasn't ready to take on kittens but I thought I might just see who RCHS had. Too soon, yes, but there was 5 week-old Sunny, and that was that. I had to cool my heels until she was 6 weeks old and then choose a buddy for her.



Breezy and Sunny



Her brother Breezy is orange like Sunny, so no contest! They were promptly dubbed "The Orange Storm" by friend, Matthias, because of their wildly wonderful energy. Alice had been through so many fosterings here that she was tolerant if not thrilled to have little ones, thinking short-term, of course. After only a few days, 16 year-old Alice came alive again, racing around the house with Sunny and Breezy while still setting boundaries. They often sleep together in their baskets and always together on my bed. (Good thing I have a queen-size bed). Alice has shed years and so have I, thanks to my Orange Storm.

SPONSER SPOTLIGHT

THE SEA TRADER

By Kathy Kopfer

The doors of The Sea Trader have been open for 36 years here in Gualala. I guess I would describe the store officially as a card, gift and metaphysical book store, but my visions of it is as a "feel-good" place, where people can reconnect with the peace, joy and wisdom of their own spirit. I love people, and my customers bring me great pleasure. I also really love animals. We have been blessed with three store cats over the years. Sabrina, our first store Queen, eventually went to live with my mother, where she still happily resides. Next came Ollie, the perfect store cat... he loved everybody, and everybody loved him right back. People used to come to the store just to see Ollie, and some out-of-town customers still come looking for him! Sadly we lost Ollie to a car accident a few years ago, but shortly after he left us, Cleopatra, our current Queen, showed up. She divides her time between us and Gualala Nursery next door,



gathering loyal admirers in both places. I have immense admiration and gratitude for our wonderful local Humane Society, run by hardworking volunteers, who work tirelessly to care for the many homeless animals. I know the Humane Society depends on the community for funding, and since I am lucky enough to have space in my store for a special sale room, I have dedicated a few shelves in this room to gently used books that I sell on behalf of the Humane Society. The books are donated by generous fellow animal lovers, and generally sell for \$1.00-\$3.00. These books cover a wide range of subjects, and we get lots of beautiful hardcover books in just about new condition. Also, lots of mysteries, there must be lots of amateur sleuths in Gualala! There is also a basket of music CDs that sell for \$5.00 each. All the money collected goes directly to the Humane Society. We welcome you to come in and browse through the many books. You might just find a treasure, and you'll be helping a furry friend!

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR PETS

Researched by Jean Ortiz

In case of any emergency, the following guidelines have been formulated by the California Animal Safety Services:

Knowing that simplicity can help with remembering important items, I took the liberty of changing the paragraphs into abbreviated essences:

I LOVE MY PET - Keep all of these items in an easy to get to area.

- I** - ID on your pet or micro-chip is vital to safeguarding an animal. Have a current picture of your pet available so that you can use it to help find your pet if you are separated.
- L** - Leashes and collars, litter and boxes.
- O** - Other small animals like hamsters or rabbits need carriers and extra bedding.
- V** - Vaccinations and current records of those.
- E** - Eating supplies and water for at least one week.
- M** - Medical supplies.
- Y** - Your neighbor or a friend should have signed permission to take your animal to a vet.
- P** - Plan for an indoor site to board your pet in case you need to separate.
- E** - Evacuate early with your pet and supplies.
- T** - Transportation helps of one pet per carrier are best.

CHARLIE FINDS A HOME

By Rita Yakubik

Life changed starting the minute Charlie (formerly Felix) got into my car.

We made the winding three and a half hour trip to Daly City with minimal meows! After a few introductory days in my bedroom, Charlie has had the run of my 2-story condo, and acts much more like a kitten than a young cat.

His entire world revolves around playing. Hunting toy mice, batting at Snapple tops, watching television with great concentration, jumping on and off the bed 20 times when the sheets are being changed, all keep me laughing. I have watched him entertain himself in these ways for 3 hour sessions! He likes to follow me from room to room and occasionally hops on my lap. Best of all, he is very social and is the center of attention when friends come to visit, a first for me whose previous cats usually hid from strangers!

I am very grateful to the Redwood Coast Humane Society and my sister, Judy Kohn (a RCHS Volunteer), for the wonderful work you are doing, which has allowed Charlie to come into my life. Your hard work and volunteering is much appreciated!



THE SEA RANCH LODGE EASTER CELEBRATION



Sophia and Bob at the Coffee Station

Kids, cats and dogs



Terry Johnson of
The Sea Ranch
Lodge & Harriet

Jean, Harriet,
Barbara and Barbara



The Sea Ranch Lodge generously invited the Redwood Coast Humane Society (RCHS) to participate in this year's Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration. Easter Sunday, April 20th, was a gorgeous day on the coast. Smiles and happy sounds were everywhere. A brisk business was done at the coffee, cocoa and tea station with all of the proceeds benefitting The RCHS. Sally, a grey female Tabby, welcomed the attention she received from egg hunters, as did our dogs Lucie and Lucky. We were able to tell people about Pet Adoptions and Volunteer Opportunities and we shared information about some of our programs such as Low Cost Spay/Neuter, Barn Cats and Feral Cats. We invited many people, who had never been, to visit Jake's Place (The RCHS Cat Shelter, Adoptions Center, Store and Garden) in Gualala. We thank The Sea Ranch Lodge for hosting such a wonderful day and for their charitable work. We can hardly wait to do it again next year!!!

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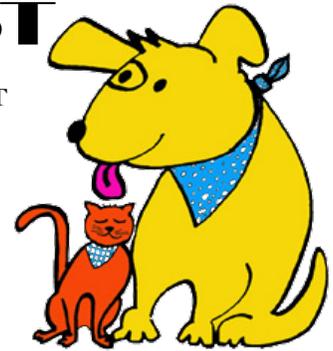
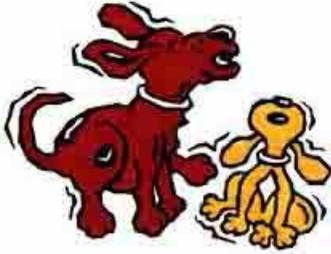
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1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Raffle Drawing at 1:30pm

Jake's Place Garden

39151 S. Hwy 1 in Gualala



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- ♥ Food & Drinks
- ♥ Pet Toys, Clothing & Accessories
- ♥ Lavender Bundles
from our Garden
- ♥ RCHS Clothing & Accessories
- ♥ Dogs on Leash are Welcome
- ♥ Visit Adoptable Cats, Dogs,
Kittens & Puppies

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

- ✓ Look for RCHS volunteers in front of Surf, Two Fish,
Jake's Place Fri—Sun from 12-3pm, Attractions,
Accents by the Sea and Four-Eyed Frog Books
- ✓ Or call us at 707-884-1304

1st Prize: \$300.00

2nd Prize: \$100.00

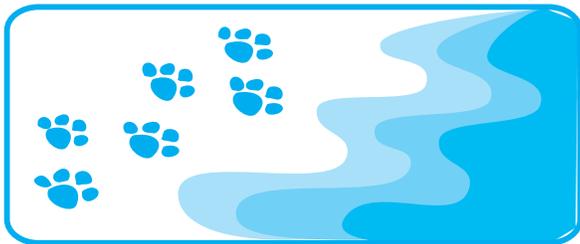
3rd Prize: \$50.00

4th Prize: \$50.00

TICKETS:

1 for \$3.00, 2 for \$5.00, 5 for \$10.00 and 12 for \$20.00

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“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

—Mohandas Gandhi