



## REDWOOD COAST HUMANE SOCIETY

Serving Animals on the Redwood Coast

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Animal Shelter and Adoption Center

39151 S. Hwy. 1 in Gualala

Open Saturday and Sunday 12-3pm

The Redwood Coast Humane Society is a 100% volunteer 501(C)3 (non-profit) organization located on the Redwood Coast of Northern California serving the needs of local animals and pet owners.

### 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 populations 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.

## REDWOOD COAST HUMANE SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS SAY IT BEST

It's a privilege to be a volunteer at RCHS. We are advocates for animals. Many of our cats have been through a great deal before they come into our shelter, and many of our kittens have feral moms and no trust in people. As volunteers, we each have an opportunity to give our cats food, grooming, cuddles, play time and admiration for their beauty, independence and hunting skills. I hope at the end of each shift to leave my cats and kittens in a well fed and exhausted heap. I fall in love with many of our cats, but the goal is goodbye. Our task is to get to know our cats well enough to profile and then find their perfect home. With every adoption, I feel somewhat wistful, knowing that a special cat won't be there at my next shift. But, more importantly, I feel a satisfaction that no other endeavor brings me, knowing that a family is now complete with the addition of an excellent cat. ~Maggie Crosby and Leo



My volunteer work led to adoption of Lucy, what else is there to say. ~Mike Lane and Lucy

I've been volunteering at RCHS for two years now. I started working with the cats but quickly realized how few people were available to help with the dogs, so now I work with both. There is nothing more rewarding than having one of our dogs lean into my leg looking for a pat on the head or a good belly rub. Or to have a kitty crawl onto my lap and start purring and rubbing my face with their own. Even if it's only for a couple of hours a week, I hope that I help the animals at our shelter feel connected and loved. ~Stacie Nelson, Koa and Ipo



I've been involved with the cat shelter since I retired and started working with Kim Park to develop protocols and checklists to train the shelter volunteers. Due to frequent travel, I haven't been able to have my own kitty, so I get my "cat fix" at the shelter. I'm happy to say that both my sister and other friends adopted cats from our shelter that have become their most treasured pets. They all appreciated the personalized care they received from our volunteers who shared their opinions on each cat's personality as well as how to introduce a new kitty into a household. I also maintain the schedule for the shelter volunteers, which often seems like "herding cats," but it is rewarding as well. But my favorite moments are when I first arrive at the shelter and see those expectant faces looking through the screen to see who's arrived, as they look forward to cat treats and head rubs. I often take photos and videos of the cats to send to my friends, and while I tell them to "smile for the camera" they don't always comply, but hopefully you can get an idea from these photos. ~Judy Kohn and shelter cats Morris and Trudy



I may be one of the longest-serving RCHS volunteers. I started when the Shelter opened (2010). It's good to get my "cat fix" there since we no longer have kitties of our own. Here I am with our wonderful dog Frank. We adopted him from Southern California Lab Rescue in 2010. He turns 15 on December 9, and although a very senior citizen, is in good shape and still enjoys walks on his Sea Ranch trails, just not very fast. ~Janice Batchelder and Frank



A few things I have heard, read, learned and experienced volunteering that fit how I feel when volunteering at the shelter:

- 1) Every time you volunteer, you are fueled by love. And that kind of fuel is different from greed, or fear, or competitiveness. It will give you the strength to do things you never thought you could do. And then some.
- 2) It is okay to talk to the animals. Tell them about the advice you give but cannot follow. Tell them your secrets and fears. And then let their tongues and thumping tails and clumsy paws remind you that there are still plenty of reasons to smile. That life is not as serious as it seems.
- 3) When someone says it's too sad to volunteer at a shelter; they could never do it—tell them that you once felt that way, too. Tell them how shocking it was to find out that you could in fact do it. And that sadness is not the enemy after all. The enemy is doing nothing. The enemy is fear beating out compassion and empathy and love.
- 4) Dog poop is gross, but not life-threatening.
- 5) Shelter animals are seeking what we seek. They want to be warm, not cold. They want to be safe, not vulnerable and unprotected. They want to be seen and heard and loved, not invisible. They want to be themselves, not somebody else. They want to forget the pain of their pasts, even if it takes some longer than others.

~Sandy Hughes

**President's Note:**

It is with great sadness that I report that this fall, our community and our RCHS family lost one of its dearest volunteers and guiding light, Jan Stewart. Jan spent almost 20 years caring for the domesticated cats within our shelter and also the feral cats that roamed our streets. She had amazing intuition and compassion for all beings, but her work with cats gives inspiration to us all about spreading kindness to all of earth's creatures. Thankfully, she continues to shine and guide us from above.

Lisa Dundee, RCHS President



**Volunteer Spotlight:**

The Redwood Coast Humane Society wishes to pay tribute and express its sincere gratitude to Harriet Wright for almost a decade of volunteerism serving on our Board of Directors, Treasurer of the Organization, and shelter volunteer. Harriet will be leaving RCHS to pursue her passions for travel, gardening and reading. We love you Harriet!!!



**ADOPTIONS  
12/1/18—11/30/19  
CATS & KITTENS:**

77 Cats & Kittens  
Received by RCHS

84 Adopted

**DOGS & PUPPIES:**

14 Dogs & Puppies  
Received by RCHS

11 Adopted

2 Transferred to Another  
Humane Society

**REDWOOD COAST HUMANE SOCIETY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**2019 Year-to-Date**

**INCOME:**

Adoption Fees	\$5,345.00
Monetary Donations	\$36,918.01
Medical Care Reimbursements	\$276.60
Spay/Neuter Deposits	\$595.00
Miscellaneous	\$29,105.00
Fundraising	\$100.00

**EXPENSES:**

Medical	\$35,067.33
Insurance	\$746.00
Merchandise Taxes	\$335.00
Rent	\$9,600.00
Advertising	\$521.92
Operations	\$2,721.50
Supplies	\$6,543.71
Dog Foster	\$4,071.58
Building	\$26,538.45
Fundraising	\$130.00
Miscellaneous	\$36.80

**2019 YTD TOTAL INCOME = \$72,339.61**

**2019 YTD TOTAL EXPENSES = \$86,312.29**

**2019 YTD NET NEGATIVE = \$13,972.68**

**Corporations, Foundations and Matching Donations:** Alliance Data, Amazon Smile Purchases, Cisco powered by Bright Funds Foundation, Chewy.com, Fidelity Charitable, Industrial Volleyball League, Network for Good, Renaissance Charitable Foundation Inc., Schwab Charitable, and YourCause for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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**RCHS  
Donation  
Dog House**

**MEMORIALS AND HONORS:**

**Donations in Memory of the following people:** Jerry Finnerty, Mel Gerst, Hilda Larke, John Littig, Laurie MacAdams and Ron Madero.

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**Donations were given in memory of the following pets:** Amber, Mr. Big, Bubba, Clifford, Derby, Dos, Fergie, Gracie, Halle Arthur; Hannibal & Miss Jekyll, Indy, Maddie, Pita, Riko, Rourke, Scamper, Sondie, Sophie, Stella, Taz & Bandit and Zeus.

**Donations were given in honor of the following pets:** Curley & Izzy, Derby, Elvis, Frank, Hailey, Izzy Diefenbach, Jess Tess & Wrigly, Oscar, Our Special Kitty, and Spot.

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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

**RCHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Lisa Dundee—President  
Harriet Wright—Treasurer  
Kim Park—Secretary  
Sandy Hughes—Director  
Laura Bridge—Director  
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**I want to help The Redwood Coast Humane Society serve the animals and people in our community.**

**Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing City State Zip Code

**Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing City State Zip Code

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Yes, I am interested in receiving RCHS information via email.

For questions please call 707-884-1304  
Please return this form with your donation to:

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**BECOME A VOLUNTEER WITH THE REDWOOD COAST HUMANE SOCIETY**

*It's Fun, It's Rewarding and It's Heartwarming when a Pet Finds Their ForeverHome!!!*

**The Redwood Coast Humane Society is looking for people who love animals and are interested in volunteering to tend to the needs of homeless cats, dogs, kittens and puppies in our care while they wait for adoption.**



If you are interested in caring for cats and kittens, volunteers are needed to cover morning and late afternoon shifts at the shelter. Each shift lasts about two hours and duties include feeding, cleaning and playing with the cats and kittens.

If you are interested in caring for dogs and puppies, volunteers are needed to cover 4-5 shifts a day (breakfast, mid-morning, mid-afternoon, dinner and late night). Each shift lasts about 1½-2 hours and duties include feeding, playing, brushing the dogs and cleaning.



People can volunteer to work with both cats and dogs. We welcome any time commitment that is offered but committing to 2 shifts a month would be greatly appreciated when possible. Volunteers must be 18 years of age.

Find out about volunteer opportunities working with the Redwood Coast Humane Society's cats and dogs, please call 707 785-3683 or send an email to [redwoodcoasthumane@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodcoasthumane@gmail.com).



Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering. The gift of time is invaluable; no matter how much or how little time you can share with us, we appreciate it. Helping your Humane Society can be both fun and rewarding. Our goal is to find an activity you can enjoy. Please complete this questionnaire and return it to the address below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #/Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Activities of Interest:**

Work in Cat Shelter       Kitten/Cat Fosterer       Feral Kittens/Cats Program

Work in Dog Shelter       Puppy/Dog Fosterer

Other talents you would like to share: \_\_\_\_\_

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