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SOSHB is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of lost and stray pets of Huntington Beach.

Save Our Strays - A Look Back

by Karen Chepeka

15 YEARS

In October, Save Our Strays celebrated 15 years of serving animals in the community of Huntington Beach. While it has always been our primary goal to establish a low-kill animal shelter in our City, I am so very proud of what we have been able to accomplish these last 15 years. I thought it appropriate to take a look back so we can all celebrate these accomplishments:

- 🐾 **2001** – presented animal shelter proposal to City Council members who allocated \$50,000 to hire a consultant to prepare a feasibility study
- 🐾 **Since 2003** – assisted pet parents with over 1515 spay/neuter procedures
- 🐾 **Since 2004** – assisted over 300 families with veterinary medical assistance
- 🐾 **2002** – successfully worked with HB City Council members to pass an ordinance to prohibit the use of wild and exotic animals for entertainment
- 🐾 **2007** – worked closely with community groups and City Council members on an ordinance for mandatory spay/neuter and micro-chipping of dogs and cats. Unfortunately, it did not pass.



- 🐾 **2011** – successfully worked with City Council members and staff to prevent County Animal Control officials from imposing kennel fees on local non-profit animal organizations who operate pet adoption centers through national pet supply stores
- 🐾 **2012** – successfully worked with City Council members to pass an ordinance to prevent the sale of puppies and kittens obtained from puppy mills
- 🐾 **2012** – successfully worked with City Council members to prevent the eradication of coyotes in the community
- 🐾 **2014** – successfully worked with City Council members to thwart the efforts of the current Mayor to rescind the 2002 “wild and exotic animal” ordinance
- 🐾 **2014** – met with Mayor Pro Tem Joe Shaw, City Manager Fred Wilson and Police Chief Robert Handy and identified a potential site within City limits for an animal shelter

For the last 15 years, we have worked for the betterment of ALL animals. We could not have accomplished so much without the support of our City officials. However, our work is not done. Our efforts on behalf of animals requires the support of our entire community and the lawmakers who have been voted in to serve the community. Everyone must do their part and as residents, we must insure that our City Council continues to act favorably on those issues that are most important to us and to those who cannot speak for themselves – our wonderful animal friends. We will continue to reach out to all so that our goal of a low-kill animal shelter becomes a reality.

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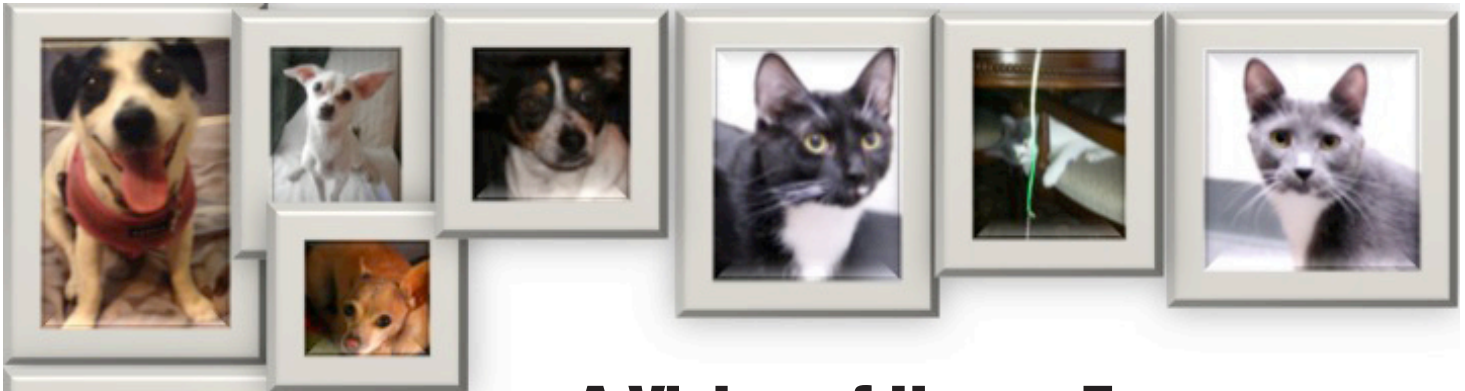
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A Vision of Happy Faces

by Anna Monaco

Take a look at these faces. Do you recognize them? These are the faces of the friends we have helped place in forever homes. This represents just a small handful of the many, many animals that are direct recipients of your kindness, generosity, and heartfelt caring.

Their stories start with a cry for help. The emails fly in and our hearts pour out with care and concern. It can be hard to read about or look at some of the situations or conditions - an animal has been found abandoned, kittens have been placed in the trash can, a dog is being neglected, a puppy is in desperate need of medical attention. We think "how could this happen?" Then we swiftly shift our focus to "what can we do about it". This is where you, S.O.S. members take the initiative to transform a life at risk to a life filled with love. Regardless of the situation

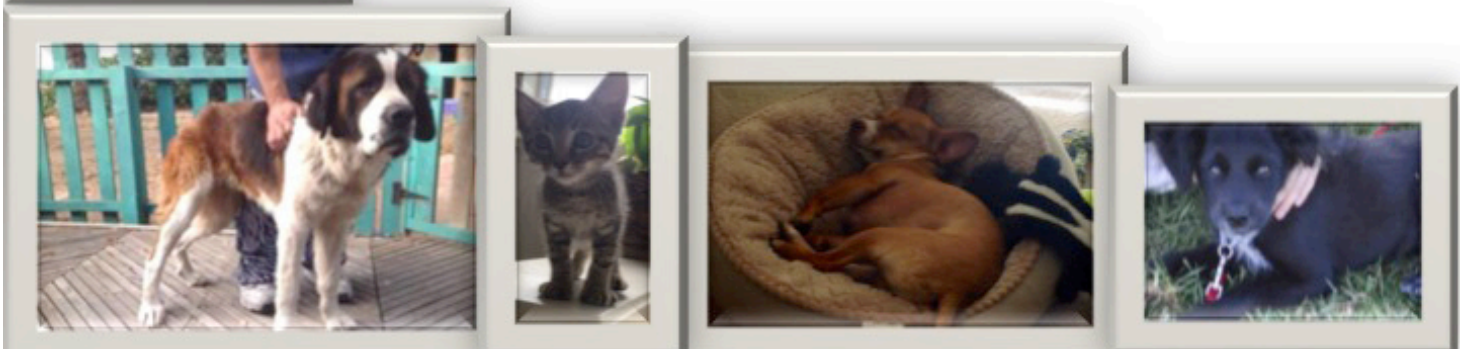
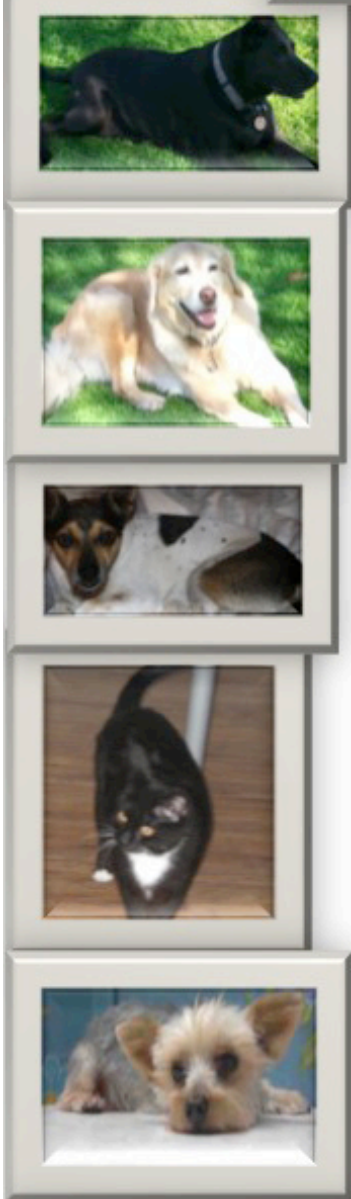
or the size, age or breed S.O.S members immediately move into action relentless in our pursuit to save yet another furry friend. We unleash the communication highway and reach out to everyone we know. This approach has proven to be highly effective and we have been incredibly successful in placing nearly every animal that crosses our path.

Our success rate is comprised of a mix of ingredients. A pinch of luck, a dash of good timing, a dose of social networking...but the true determining factor... that special ingredient that empowers us and delivers the desired results is our unwavering dedication. Our success rate is high because our commitment is high.

S.O.S. members - take a look at these faces and know that your efforts, your energy, and your donations make a significant difference in the lives of so many furry friends.

Together We Do Make A Difference – Life-Changing Difference!!!

I'm not telling you it is going to be easy, I'm telling you it's going to be worth it.



HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*from your friends at
Save our Strays*



'Tis the season to be jolly – tis also the season to be sensitive to the impact the busy season can bring to you and your pets. The hustle and bustle of the holiday can whisk us away as we take time to meet with friends, shop, and make special trips for those special gifts. It is very possible that your daily routines will be altered and new activities such as baking, gift wrapping and hosting or attending parties may occur. These changes are usually welcome changes to you. Your pets may have a very different perspective as their routines get altered. So help your furry friends relax and enjoy the holidays and consider these tips to make the season bright.

Pets that prefer less social activity can get stressed when their environment gets busy, so provide a quiet, calm place for them to relax. Provide food and water and access to allow your pet to relieve themselves.

Guests have good intentions but may be unfamiliar with your home and pet expectations. Be sure to request that guests refrain from feeding treats to your pets. Alcohol, fat foods, chocolate can be very harmful or toxic to your pet.

If you have a non-smoking home ask your guests to respect that decision. Nicotine can be highly toxic to your pets.

Avoid potential loss. Guests and visitors may not be familiar with exit opportunities for your pets. If your pet is allowed to mingle with the guests you could feed your pet prior to guest arrival so your pet will be less hungry. Be sure to keep a close eye on them to ensure they don't accidentally slip out the door. It is very important to ensure your pets are wearing current identification tags in the event they do wander out of the home.

The energy and excitement of celebration is nearing. Be sure to take a few precautions and make a few adjustments to ensure you and your pets can enjoy this wonderful time.



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