



# Newsletter

## April 2017



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& Spay/Neuter Clinic**  
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**The Ark Thrift Shop**  
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### Dear Friends of Mendocino Coast Animals,

Spring is here at last! Humans and animals alike are celebrating the warmer weather, and our **busiest months of the year** are fast approaching. We anticipate the usual increase in animals arriving at our Adoption Center, and are racing to get ready for them. Every spring, the Center is stretched to the limit sheltering, feeding, healing, spaying and neutering ... and THEN finding new homes for these sweet creatures.

**Mendocino Coast Humane Society** continues to develop programs and services in response to our community's diversifying needs. Animals requiring higher levels of care, medically and socially, challenge us to extend our resources ever further. Our staff does a wonderful job taking care of the pets that come to us, no matter how many months or even years it may take for them to find that special home. Their lives are especially enriched by our **volunteers** who help provide the love and attention these deserving animals need while they wait. Paisley is one inspiring example - read her story on page three.

Of course, it is **your generosity** that enables us to help more animals. We are very proud of our community and its support of our work with animals in need.

Yet our work creates necessity. Our veterinary clinic is in need of a serious upgrade to improve operational efficiency, safety, ergonomics, and storage (find out more on the next page.) The Ark Thrift Shop is in urgent need of a new roof, while we also are considering plans for a much-needed remodel to that aging facility. **Your continued help is vital** to making these projects, and all of our programs, successful in 2017.

Your donations are appreciated and crucial to our mission, but I also invite you to participate more personally in our work at MCHS. If you have a spare hour or two each week, consider **volunteering** at our Adoption Center and make a difference in the life of a homeless dog or cat. Help out at The Ark, the thrift store that supports our work. You can also help animals by becoming a **Kennel Sponsor**, helping us provide the care that each animal deserves (learn more on page three.) Our 3rd Annual Pets on the Prowl calendar photo contest will launch in August, and we are already seeking prize sponsors. Please contact us if you're interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteer.

**We thank you for your support!**



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# Clinic Improvements

Our aging clinic facility was in need of significant work to improve ergonomics, storage and operational efficiency. With kitten season on the horizon, we rushed to complete the remodel before our busiest time for spaying and neutering. **Please consider making a donation to help offset the cost of this important remodel project!**

## Before



- New Storage Cabinets
- New Work Stations
- New Counter Tops
- New Cart for EKG

## New Cabinets



## After



## New Work Stations





## Adoption Update: Paisley

After living at our Adoption Center for more than two years, Paisley wasn't the only one grinning when she was adopted by a loving family last December. We were thrilled to see the perfect home for Paisley become a wonderful reality. Paisley adores people, and during her long stay with us she made many friends. One particularly special volunteer, Sabine Swallow, visited nearly every day to give Paisley lots of love, playtime, and heartwarming companionship. There is no doubt that Sabine's dedication and love for Paisley helped make her extended stay more pleasant. Sabine even entered Paisley's gorgeous smile into the MCHS annual calendar photo contest, and out of 121 entries, Paisley was voted #1. She's truly a cover girl, poster child, and breed ambassador - we're very proud of her, and we know her new family is, too!



## Show Love - Become a Kennel Sponsor!

The Mendocino Coast Humane Society takes in more than 500 animals every year. In our facility, these animals find refuge and receive necessary care with a loving touch. Every animal will remain safely in our care until they are adopted into a permanent home.

Did you know you can sponsor a kennel or cat room at our adoption center? Your **tax-deductible gift of \$300** will make a significant impact in the lives of each animal in your sponsored area. By sponsoring, you're not only providing a safe, clean place for a pet to live while waiting for their forever home, but also food, medical care, behavior help, toys and treats. These small things mean a great deal to every animal as they adjust to their temporary home.

To show our gratitude and appreciation, **each sponsor will be recognized with a customized sign on your sponsored kennel for an entire year.** You will also receive a certificate of sponsorship for your business or home. For individuals, you can demonstrate your loving legacy for animals and honor a pet or friend. For companies or community groups, a kennel sponsorship is a great way to advertise and demonstrate your support, or honor a valuable employee.

**To help us save lives by becoming a cherished kennel sponsor,** please email Chuck Tourtillott at [director@mendocinohumane.org](mailto:director@mendocinohumane.org) to receive more information and to complete the Kennel Sponsorship Form. Your sponsorship is renewable each year, and your continued support enables MCHS to fulfill its mission of making a positive difference in the lives of animals and the people who care for them.

**Huge thanks to our first kennel sponsors of 2017:**

**Joanne Bondurant, Angie Hamilton,**

**Mary Ann & Lou Parlapiano, Clifford Saake**



# Shop at The Ark!

Need Easter baskets, crafting supplies or a warm sweater? From cold weather gear to spring and summer fun, The Ark Thrift Shop has a wide variety of new-to-you items ready to go. And remember, our inventory is always changing, so you never know what you might find at The Ark!

Best of all, proceeds from The Ark Thrift Shop directly benefit the hundreds of homeless pets who depend on the Mendocino Coast Humane Society for shelter, food, and care each year. You're not just saving money - you're also supporting a wonderful cause!

Ready to lighten your load during spring cleaning? We're always looking for great items to add to our store. Give us a call at (707) 961-0365. Your generous donation of sellable items is tax-deductible, and donation pick-up is available - please call for an appointment.

The Ark Thrift Shop is located at 18274 Highway 1, next to the roundabout at Simpson Lane in Fort Bragg. Store hours are 10:00 am to 5:30 pm every day.

*Don't forget to keep photographing your pets!*

## PETS ON THE PROWL

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

COMING AUGUST 2017

PRIZE SPONSORS NEEDED! CALL 964 7729 FOR MORE INFO

