

# SHOP TO GIVE

## Support The Ark Thrift Shop

Shop at The Ark to find great gifts on a budget, and know your money will directly help the animals at MCHS. Cleaning out? Donate useful items to The Ark for resale!

### On a tight budget?

Celebrate your loved one with an ornament from our Giving Tree, located at the MCHS Adoption Center.

**\$10 Suggested Donation**

## Shop Amazon.com to Donate to Animals

Are you an Amazon.com shopper? Ensure a percentage of your online purchases are donated to MCHS with no added cost to you! The process is simple: go online to <http://Smile.Amazon.Com> and select Mendocino Coast Humane Society as your charity before shopping.

## MCHS Adoption Gift Certificates

Give a gift of love that keeps on giving! By purchasing an adoption gift certificate, you not only help a loved one take home a new best friend, but you enable them to be involved in the selection process which is very important for lifelong compatibility.

*Calling all cool cats... Fresh fashions aren't beyond your reach!*



Visit **The Ark Thrift Shop** for like-new clothing and accessories, vintage treasures galore, and unique styles for every occasion. Open 8 am to 7 pm every day!  
**At the Highway 1 Roundabout, Fort Bragg**

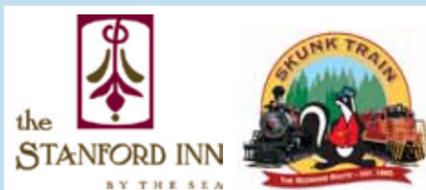


## Make a Gift & Leave a Legacy of Love

- ♥ Make a donation in honor or memory of a beloved person or pet.
- ♥ Name MCHS in your will or trust.
- ♥ Set up a monthly sustaining gift via automatic deduction.
- ♥ To learn more, please visit our office or website.

## Donate Your Old Car, Boat, Motorcycle...

Need a hassle-free way to get rid of your used vehicle? Let us do it, and you'll get a tax deduction while generating funds for the animals at MCHS. To learn more and arrange your vehicle donation pick-up, visit [DonateForCharity.com](http://DonateForCharity.com) today!



**Thank You to our Sponsors!**  
Please support these businesses who donate generously to help our community's animals in need.



# Mendocino Coast Humane Society NEWSLETTER Winter 2018

## Board of Directors

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## Adoption Center & Spay/Neuter Clinic

19691 Summers Lane  
Fort Bragg CA 95437  
**707.964.7729**

## The Ark Thrift Shop

18274 Highway 1  
Fort Bragg CA 95437  
**707.961.0365**

## MendocinoHumane.org

Mendocino Coast Humane Society is a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.  
EIN: 94-3053960

Dear Friends of Mendocino Coast Animals:

As 2018 comes to a swift close, I marvel at not only how quickly it went by, but at how fondly I remember this year. I believe we saw our community at its very best: compassionate, generous, and eager to help one another. MCHS and the animals in our care were touched by many friends, both old and new, and together we found the support to further our mission and enable us to continue to help animals in need.

Below are many of the reasons why I appreciate 2018:

- In April, we were able to purchase a new autoclave thanks to the very generous response we received from our community.
- In July we were joined by over 70 of our supporters for a New Orleans style Cajun Dinner fundraiser at the Mendocino Hotel.
- Our Kennel Sponsorship program (see page 3) continues to grow, with many new sponsorships in 2018 and nearly all 2017 sponsors renewing their support in 2018.
- We received many generous donations in memory of local animal lover and dear friend to all, Danny Christgau.
- We continually enjoy the hospitality of the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, who kindly host our monthly Mobile Pet Adoptions.
- Our friends at Art Explorers have beautified our Adoption Center with wonderful artworks of several of our available animals (see page 3).
- Our 4th Annual calendar contest fundraiser once again generated thousands of dollars for the animals, and a lot of enthusiasm.

Additionally, many wonderful pets were adopted into loving homes, and many caring volunteers helped keep our shelter animals from feeling lonely.

We are truly grateful to everyone who made 2018 so special. Together we can build an even brighter future for our organization in the new year. Thank you for your support!

With Sincere Gratitude,

*Chuck*

Chuck Tourtillott  
Executive Director

*2019 Calendars are on sale now! Only \$15 at our Adoption Center or The Ark Thrift Store.*



# FROM THE HEART

## Volunteers Share Their Stories



### Jim & Sabine Swallow

Being a volunteer at the Mendocino Coast Humane Society is like being a grandparent ... make a commitment to get together regularly, follow through, love them, and try to guide them and show them how they can

trust and live happily with other people. Providing that to some of our homeless pets and our granddaughter is fulfilling. Also, being a "No Kill" shelter means that these lovely critters could be around for a while. We who believe in "No Kill" have a responsibility to see to it that the animals in our shelter get a good amount of love and happiness in their lives. Volunteer at your local shelter! (It's good for the heart.)



### Michelle Deering

I've been volunteering at the Shelter for 5+ years. Walking and spending time with dogs is good for them and helps them get adopted. They let me know their appreciation with countless doggy kisses and tail wags. It's also good for

me to feel a part of something larger than myself. Many volunteers have formed close friendships because we all share a common love of animals. To volunteer at the shelter is about loving animals, stress relief and great exercise all at the same time!



### Patricia O'Reilly

Being a third generation native from San Francisco, where I worked as a school teacher, I moved to Fort Bragg so I could buy my very own home, which I now share with my four furry friends (they double as lap warmers and bed bundles). I first met them at our very own wonderful humane society! It really is natural for me to welcome cats into my home, after all, I am one myself. I'm a Leo!

### Sheri Steinmetz

I remember my first encounter with Grumps. I don't know how he was named Grumps because I don't see him as particularly grumpy, but he is a character for sure... very vocal and wanting lots of attention. I'd see him once a week and one of the things he did ... Grumps would come over to me (I would be wearing shorts or a shorter pant where my leg would be exposed) and Grumps would take it upon himself to lick my proffered leg then proceed to give it a high gloss buff and shine by rubbing his head and cheek on it ... cutest thing ever. I think he must have been a shoe shine man or the owner of a car wash in his previous life! I miss my little soft grey and white buddy, but I know he has found his forever home and I know he is happy and making them smile now with his charm. I love you Grumps!



**Interested in volunteering?**  
Call (707) 964-7729 or find out more at [mendocinohumane.org](http://mendocinohumane.org)

## ART EXPLORERS



Visitors to our Adoption Center will now have a chance to see unique animal artworks inspired by adoptable pets at MCHS. Each artwork is created by the artists of Art Explorers using fine art materials and quality framing.

**To purchase an artwork for \$20, please visit our front desk staff.**

Art Explorers is a 501(c)3 nonprofit creative arts program that primarily serves adults with developmental disabilities. To learn more about their organization, please visit [www.artexplorers.org](http://www.artexplorers.org).

## SHOW LOVE: BE A KENNEL SPONSOR!



Show your love for homeless animals by sponsoring a kennel or cat room at the MCHS. Your **tax-deductible gift of \$300** helps provide a safe, clean temporary home for a cat or dog, plus the food, medical care, behavior help, toys and treats that are so important to their health and comfort. Each sponsor is recognized with a customized sign on your sponsored area for one year. **Help us save lives by becoming a kennel sponsor**, and you will also receive a certificate of sponsorship to display at your home or business. To find out more and to complete the Kennel Sponsorship form, please email Chuck at [director@mendocinohumane.org](mailto:director@mendocinohumane.org).

# TAKE US HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Our adoption fees have been sponsored. All we need is a loving new home!



**Mel**

Female, 5 years old. Wheaten Terrier & Staffordshire mix. Great with kids! No cats.



**Bear**

Male, 5 years old, German shorthair pointer mix. Canine Good Citizen. Loves fetch! No cats.



**Geo**

Female, 6 years old, mixed breed. Cuddly & loves people! No cats.

Thank You **VOLUNTEERS**  for your dedication to the animals!