



HOPALONG ANIMAL RESCUE

A NON-PROFIT ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION

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Hopalong Animal Rescue is a non-profit organization whose mission is to eliminate the euthanasia of cats and dogs through rescue, spay/neuter and education programs.

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The Family is Growing! Hopalong Teams Up With Second Chance Rescue

It is with great excitement that we announce the joining of Hopalong and Second Chance Rescue. Based in Marin County, Second Chance shares our philosophy and love for animals. We've had the great fortune to collaborate with their staff and volunteers over the years - it's a wonderful match.

The impact of this merger is tremendous as it will allow us to rescue, foster and place animals throughout the nine Bay Area counties. The Hopalong office will be the base of operations and Second Chance will continue to have a facility in Novato with its own coordinator to make it easier for Marin residents. We are delighted to welcome Paula Vlamings, former Interim Executive Director of Second Chance as our new Development Director.

Together, we can expand our educational outreach programs for children as well as community awareness of the critical need for spaying and neutering. There is so much opportunity to reach out and help animals in need at every level.

We're delighted to welcome Second Chance into the Hopalong family and very excited about the good work we can do as a team. Visit secondchancerescue.com to learn more.



Kali

We Love Our Fosters

It goes without saying that without the support, commitment, and love that our foster families provide for the dogs and cats of Hopalong, we would not be able to do the work that we do. When we go to the shelters with the intention of finding animals to place into new adoptive homes, there is an intermediate step that is the glue of animal rescue. The number of dogs and cats that we save is entirely dependent on the number of foster homes.



Charlie

More often than not, we have no history on the animal. Our temperament tests look for major behavioral issues like aggression toward people and other animals, food guarding and extreme shyness. Along comes a foster parent who is willing to take in an animal sight unseen without knowing all of their little quirks. We depend on our foster parents to let us know about the animal's personality and to work with us on any behavioral issues. It's not always easy.

Then there are the special needs foster homes that take in animals that may have medical issues and may require weeks to months of treatment, care, vet visits, and rehabilitation. These are the animals who are the first to be euthanized at the shelters because of their problems. This year



Cappy

we've had Charlie the Shih Tzu with the autoimmune skin disease, Cappy the Aussie with the fractured rear leg, Taylor the Rat Terrier with the fractured front leg, and a dozen dogs from New Orleans all with heartworm disease.

It's not all a one way street, however. Our fosters tell us over and over how much they get from their furry companions. Leigh Zander put it very nicely, "Fostering for Hopalong has helped to keep my own cats young at heart, especially when fostering kittens. We've enjoyed many hours of hilarious, entertaining antics performed by these wonderful little creatures. Not to mention that seeing the foster cats playing with toys has made them re-discover some of their toys from younger days. For me, it's a wonderful and fun way to help save a cat or a kitten that might otherwise end up euthanized at some overcrowded animal shelter."

So, thank you, to our foster families for what you do for us, but more importantly for what you do for the animals. ❖



Letter from Sarah Cohen, Executive Director

In 2005, we rescued a record 1,253 animals, doubled our community spay/neuter numbers and doubled the number of children we reached through our bite prevention and humane education programs. For the first time, we contributed on a national level, leading a collab-

orative effort to help animals left homeless by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Your donations enabled us to do great things.

I move forward into 2006 with much excitement. Our merger with Second Chance Rescue will open up new opportunities for the animals and will allow us to support foster and adoptive homes in Marin, Sonoma and Napa Counties. To aid in this effort, we will be adding a new program coordinator in Marin who will help us manage the animals across counties and increase coverage of the Pinole and Martinez shelters. We will also continue rescuing from the Northern California shelters that Second Chance supports.

We are already getting calls to spay cats and the first kittens are in our system. Last year we started the Eva Zuber Spay/Neuter Fund. I urge you to continue your support of our spay/neuter and rescue efforts by giving as generously as you can. If you would like to become a sponsor of a specific program, please let us know. We welcome all donations and give special thanks to our planned givers, those who give monthly or on a regular basis to the animals. We know how frequently you get solicited for funds but urge you to think of Hopalong when you are giving. We leverage nearly a million dollars worth of in-kind and donated services with your donations. While we are slowly having an impact on the numbers of animals entering the shelter, the need for rescue is critical as we save the lives of our precious friends, one by one. Spaying one female cat saves the lives of thousands of kittens that would otherwise have been born and be breeding. Help us with our proactive programs to prevent animals entering the shelter and help us be the life-line for those that run out of time at over-crowded shelters or are found as strays and rescued from injury and death by caring citizens. Every collection by the kids, every school project that gives to Hopalong makes a difference. With your help, we will continue to fight the good fight- to save lives one at a time through rescue, and hundreds at a time through preventative spay/neuter.



Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations. A big hello from me to your feline and canine friends and thanks to all who have adopted, fostered, volunteered or donated. We can't do it without you and we thank you on behalf of those that purr and wag.

Kind Regards,
Sarah Cohen
Executive Director

THE POWER OF A PENNY

Hopalong Animal Rescue was the lucky recipient of a large donation of pennies collected by first graders at Hillcrest Elementary School in Oakland's Montclair District. A coordinated effort between the kids and Good Cents for Oakland resulted in a total donation of close to \$1,800.00. The "check" was presented to Andy Sharkey, Deputy Director of Hopalong, on Saturday, April 29 at the school's fundraising Walk-A-Thon.

The Penny Roundup Program, run by Good Cents for Oakland, works with children in the Oakland Schools to raise funds for other non-profits based in Oakland. It's a free educational program based on the premise that kids have the power to help. Children learn life skills, critical thinking, leadership, and teamwork while honing math and literacy skills. This program is free to Oakland schools.

The money raised will help Hopalong rescue and care for the dogs and cats they save from euthanasia in the shelters. We want to thank Good Cents for Oakland, but more importantly, all the children at Hillcrest who worked so hard to collect this impressive amount of very heavy coins!



A note from Paula Vlamings Development Director

Everyone who works with an animal rescue organization has a story to tell. They are always personal and often profoundly moving. In my years as a member of the board of directors for Second Chance Rescue and later, as the organization's interim executive director, I learned that every animal, whatever its' history, deserves a chance to find their "forever" home -- that place where they can feel loved and accepted no matter what. I discovered that even the littlest effort can make a huge difference in an animal's life and that sometimes it requires a big effort, but it's worth it.

So it is with great pleasure that our Marin-based organization found its soul-mate in Hopalong Animal Rescue in the East Bay. We've had the good fortune - and so have the animals we've rescued - to team up many times over the past two years. We share a philosophy and a passion for our work and it made sense to put our energies together and spread our resources even farther.

Together, we will accomplish great things. There is always so much to do. Recently, little "Gigi," a Tibetan mix, was discovered in an Oakland dumpster in a garbage bag. She's a wonderful little girl with spunk and a will to live that defied imagination. We worked together to find her a foster home in Marin where she could rest and regain her strength. She's going to be fine and very soon will be ready to live in her permanent home.

If two heads are better than one, then together we can accomplish at least twice as much. I am thrilled to be part of the new Hopalong family and look forward to sharing more stories of rescues and happy endings.



Paula with Lola

I look forward to meeting you all.

Warm regards,
Paula Vlamings



Gigi

Using Technology to Help the Animals



Hopalong cart at Hilltop Mall, Richmond

Hopalong launched our first digital multimedia signage program at the Hilltop mall several weeks ago. To our knowledge, this is the only program of its type in animal welfare. Using state of the art digital video equipment which can be remotely updated from our office so that information can be kept timely and relevant, Hopalong will let the public know about the great animals available for adoption in their backyard- the Pinole and Martinez Animal Shelters. This information will be broadcast during mall hours, thus reaching thousands of people on a weekly basis. It will also increase awareness about Hopalong, the great animals available through us and ways to get involved with our organization and the shelters. By increasing awareness about the problems of pet over-population and by making people aware of the great animals available for adoption in our community, this program will increase the number of people coming to the shelter. We will also provide information about spay/neuter and other relevant topics. Come check it out at Hilltop Mall in Richmond and at Sun Valley Mall in Concord. Many thanks to our generous sponsor, to Vizicast and Kevin Comora, and to Hilltop and Sun Valley Malls for their fabulous work in making this all possible.

A special thanks to KTVU/Fox 2 for their help in making the videos for this project.

Stay tuned for updates! ❖

JEFFERSON AWARD

Congratulations to Sarah Cohen, winner of a Jefferson Award. Jefferson Awards are given to individuals in the community to honor their contributions to public service. Sarah and Hopalong were featured on KPIX Channel 5, KCBS Radio, and in the San Francisco Chronicle. It is a wonderful feeling to know that the work we do is meaningful and recognized by others. Thank you to all who support us and believe in our mission. And three cheers to Sarah!



Sarah and Catahoula



Cookie



Alex and Shepard pup

HURRICANE KATRINA RESCUE

In February, I went back to New Orleans and Gulf Port, Mississippi to help animal welfare organizations still struggling with the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Why did we choose to go back to the Gulf Coast when we have animals in need in our back yard? Because the level of devastation from these hurricanes goes far beyond what this country has experienced from other natural disasters and the animals are still suffering in unprecedented numbers. A week after I got back I got an email from Ascension Parish saying "thanks to you, we didn't have to euthanize any animals this week." That ray of hope is worth a lot.

I went back into neighborhoods in New Orleans where I had been last September.

I was struck by the fact that nothing had changed, except that it was a little drier. A child's beloved doll was still face down in the mud. The deserted houses still reeked of sewage and the neighborhood was silent, except for the barking of a few stray dogs. Except in the French Quarter which was bright and repainted and ready for Mardi Gras, people who were living there were struggling with little infrastructure. In the Ninth Ward, there was an occasional FEMA trailer, but no children playing in the yards, none of the hustle and bustle of a thriving city. We passed by people camping in their tents with blue tarps to help keep out the cold, a whole settlement of people.

So what of the animals? While humane organizations have done an inordinate amount of work, the problem still exists. Many of the humane groups in the region are up and running again but are overwhelmed by the vastness of the problem. The second generation of victims, the puppies and kittens of Katrina strays and of owned animals, whose guardians are now homeless, are now roaming the streets. Our goal was to rescue and return with wonderful animals. We came back with 25 furry friends bringing our total number of animals rescued from the Gulf Coast to 50.

On the flight back, we transported three puppies under our seat. During our stop-over, we brought the puppies out for some TLC and the Lipsey family fell in love with one of them. Their daughter Brooke named her Mica. They were just beginning to look for a puppy.



Jeff and Donna Manguiat with rescued Katrina pup



Amy and shepard pups



Lipse family and Mica

The timing couldn't have been more perfect. There is a silver lining and this puppy found it. Thanks to her new family, Mica will quickly forget her initial rough start. Many of the other animals we brought back have been adopted.

A big thank you to the Dennis and Stacey Barsema Foundation and to Contra Costa Humane Society whose

generous donations helped make this life saving trip possible. Thanks also to Donna and Jeff Manguiat our fabulous van drivers and to Allison Lindquist who was on the ground working with me to get the animals out. A big thank you to Elsie, Leslie and our friends who took us in when we went down the first time, and who opened their homes to us again so that we could help more animals.



Morrie

This experience has raised awareness for the need for a national plan to evacuate animals with their humans. It also speaks to the fact that each pet guardian should have a plan for their animals. The rule of thumb is that if you need to evacuate, never leave your animal. Make sure collars and I.D. tags are on all animals. Carry cats in secure carriers as panicked animals escape. Don't rely on just the microchip, I.D. tags get read but scanners may or may not be used as rescuers struggle to ensure the survival of starving, terrified animals. For your beloved

pets safety, double ensure them- have I.D. tags and microchips so that your animal has every chance of being reunited with you should a disaster occur. At your home, make sure you have a sticker in your window or you post a sign that there are animals inside should you ever leave them. This flags your animals for rescue and speeds up rescue efforts. If you end up taking your animals with you, leave a sign to that effect so rescuers can move on to the next needy animal. ❀



Peanut

A New Job for Mitts: A Four-Legged Hero and a Hurricane

Connie Forslind's second grade class at Rancho Romero School in Alamo has created the children's book *A New Job for Mitts*. It is a story about an elderly man, his dog and a hurricane. It is also a story about people caring for each other in a tragedy, and the amazing ways that animals help. Each page displays a colorful illustration by a student. The last page shows



Rancho Romero School - Second Grade

one of our young Hopalong Animal Rescue volunteers with Rascal, one of the dogs rescued from Hurricane Katrina. This book was developed by Allyn Lee who did her first book with this class to raise money for the Tsunami Relief.

Printing costs were donated, so 100% of the book proceeds go to Hopalong Animal Rescue and World Vision. Many thanks to the wonderful **second graders** who spent their weekends selling books and who raised \$5,000 to help the animals and to **Pet Food Express** for their continued and very generous support of this project.

Books are still on sale. Proceeds will go to Hopalong Animal Rescue and to World Vision.

Suggested donation: \$10 each, plus postage and handling if mailed.

Please call Jane at (510) 267-1915, Ext. 500, Jane@hopalong.org or Allyn Lee at 925-588-8180. ❀



***EASE YOUR MIND
Ensure that Your Pet has
a Safe Haven -
Enroll your pet in the
Pet Survivor Program***

Ever worry about what would happen to your animal if you suddenly got ill or hurt? Just like everyone should have a disaster plan for their four-legged friends, it is important to have a plan for who will take care of your animals if you suddenly suffer from a life-threatening illness or injury. We think it won't happen to us but I have seen people apparently in good health, suddenly become ill and who will take care of their companion animal is first in their mind. The Pet Survivor Program is designed to take care of your animal when you no longer can. We want to ensure that beloved family pets never end up lost and lonely at a shelter. We can help you make a plan for your animals that can be put into action immediately should you ever need it. For more information contact Sarah Cohen at (510) 267-1915, Ext. 522. ❀



Great time at the Fur Ball, Great Auction Items

***GO SAILING on San Francisco Bay
& Raise Money for Hopalong***

Go sailing with Captain Kirk's Sailing Adventures and 100% of the money you spend will be donated back to Hopalong. That's right - go sailing on San Francisco Bay and Captain Kirk will donate all of the funds back to Hopalong.

Kirk Miller (aka Captain Kirk) has a sailboat charter business - Captain Kirk's Sailing Adventures. Check out the website at (www.sfbaysail.com). Captain Kirk saw a video about Hopalong's work in New Orleans and wants to help support Hopalong.

- Sailing trips can be arranged for 2-6 passengers.
- Bring your friends, family, co-workers, or out-of-town guests.
- Gift certificates are available for special events (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc).
- The sailing trips range from 2-6 hours and you see Sausalito, Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, the San Francisco waterfront, Angel Island and more.
- The trips are hands-on adventures where the passengers take an active role in sailing the boat - great fun for all.

Sailing on San Francisco Bay on a custom racing yacht with your own captain - while also raising money for Hopalong. What could be better?

Just call Captain Kirk and mention Hopalong.
Captain Kirk will donate the entire amount of the trip to Hopalong.
 Call or e-mail Captain Kirk
 (650) 858-1640, (650) 492-0681
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***SAVE THE DATE
ANNOUNCING THE 2ND
ANNUAL FUR BALL
Friday, November 10, 2006***



Fur Ball - Erin Taverniti, Tammy Quirin, Dan Krummes and Dawn Carlson

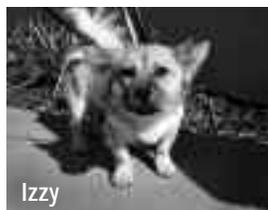
This year Hopalong's Annual Fur Ball Fundraiser will be at the elegant International House in Berkeley. Last year's event was so much fun we knew you would want to plan for it this far in advance. Festivities will include an auction, great food, and music. It's all for the animals. Mark your calendar now!

If you would like to be on our planning committee or help with logistics, contact Andy Sharkey, Deputy Director, at andy@hopalong.org or 510-267-1915 X501. ❀

SMALL ACTIONS, BIG RESULTS

Looking for a way to contribute to Hopalong, but pressed for time?

Consider these easy options:



Tiny Tickets

Do you have those pesky BART tickets taking up space in your wallet? Did you know that they can be put to use helping non-profits? Every time we collect five hundred tickets, we can turn them in for cash dollars through the Tiny Tickets program. Put a collection jar at your office, have your child's school collect tickets. This is a cheap way to help out in a big way. Donate those extra BART tickets. The animals will thank you!

Donate Your Car

Looking to help Hopalong and receive a tax deduction at the same time? You can donate your car to Hopalong All Bay Vehicle Donations, located in Concord. Just call or email them with information about the car, including the year, make, model, vehicle identification number, license plate number, and location. Their number is 877-700-GIVE, and the website is www.carsforcharities.com. They will arrange to tow your car if necessary. For more information call Jane at 510-267-1915 X500.



Recycle for Hopalong

Hopalong has a new program that helps the environment and raises money for our programs. You can now bring in your old inkjet and laser cartridges (no Epson please) and cell phones to the office or to the mobiles. We will then recycle them.

Pre-paid bags will be available at our mobile sites for inkjet cartridges only.

What a great way to help the earth and the animals!

Please contact Jane at 510-267-1915 X500 or email info@hopalong.org for further information.



Would you like to volunteer?

You'll be very glad you did. Please contact Dawn Carlson at (510) 267-1915, Ext. 510

for information on volunteer opportunities

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A Special Thanks to our Loyal Supporters

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Yes, I want to help Hopalong Animal Rescue!

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First Name

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Address

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City

State

Zip

Fax Number

Email Address

Other

- I would like to **VOLUNTEER**. Please call me.
- I am interested in **ADOPTING** a companion animal.
 - Cat Dog Kitten Puppy
- I am interested in **FOSTERING** an animal in my home.
- I would like information on **PLANNED GIVING**.
- I would like information on your **PET SURVIVOR PROGRAM**.
- I would like to make a tax-deductible **DONATION**.
 - \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____
- I will donate by CREDIT CARD via www.hopalong.org, *click on How You Can Help*.

Please make checks payable to Hopalong Animal Rescue and mail to P.O. Box 27507, Oakland, CA 94602 or call us at 510.267.1915 ext. 500 for more information. (An envelope is enclosed for your convenience)

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