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JOIN US FOR OUR POUR FOR THE PAWS

HUMANE SOCIETY OF TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Pour for the Paws

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
3:30PM-5:30PM**

Event Location:
Humane Society of Tuolumne County – Conference Room
10040 Victoria Way • Jamestown, CA 95327 • 209-984-5489

We know that great food and fine wine go hand in hand. That's why we're working with Gianelli Winery and Chef Dave Cooks to provide the ultimate in a food appetizer and wine pairing event.

We invite you to join us for this fall event in our shelter conference room on Saturday, September 22, 2018. Attendees will be greeted with wines and a brief primer on food and wine pairing. Plus you'll enjoy our new wine pull raffle along with a wine-themed silent auction. Space is limited so reserve your spot soon!

Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:
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Mountain Bookshop • 13769 Mono Way
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Tickets:
\$30.00 Members • \$55.00 HSOTC Member + Guest
\$35.00 General Public • \$65.00 General Public + Guest

KOHL'S CARES VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Kohl's Cares Volunteer Program Helps Revitalize Our Paw Prints in Heaven Memorial Garden Walkways!



We want to thank the Kohl's Cares Program in our community for the hard work of their volunteers who donated their time to work on our Memorial Garden. Due to the heavy rains the last two years, our

walking paths needed more pea gravel and raking and these amazing volunteers worked tirelessly, in the heat, to get all the ruts filled in and the pathways cleaned, revitalized, and once again, easy to walk on!

Special thanks to Erin Demercurio, who was instrumental in scheduling this event for us! In addition, we extend a huge thank you to the following volunteers.

Emily Pamplona (& boyfriend Dave)	Jesse Martinez
Kimber Truelock	Alicia Adams
Rachelle Palomino	Lauren Foster
Quinton Colten's	Liz Quirk

About Kohl's Cares Volunteer Program

Kohl's associates are committed to service—whether it's in one of more than 1,100 stores nationwide, at corporate headquarters or in the community—our team is committed to making a difference.

With this program, Kohl's associates donate their personal time to make a difference in their local communities by volunteering with eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. In support of their associates' volunteerism, the eligible organization will receive a \$500 volunteer reward for every five associates that volunteer for each event. Since the program's inception in 2001, Kohl's Cares has donated more than \$155 million in corporate grants to eligible nonprofit organizations across the country.

In 2017 alone,

- More than 30,000 community events organized nationwide
- Our associates contributed nearly 500,000 volunteer hours
- More than \$18 million in corporate grants were disbursed to nearly 8,500 nonprofit organizations throughout the country

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?



We always need volunteers to work with the dogs and cats, help with events, and the front desk reception area. Giving your time and love to our animals is one of the most rewarding gifts there is. For information, call Linda Bass at 209-984-5489.

LOOKING FOR YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND?

Let Us Help with Our HSOTC Pet Search Questionnaire!

If you're looking for your new best friend, visit our website! There, you can find photos of each of the animals that are available for adoption, as well as a description of their characteristics and unique personalities. If you don't see the animal you're looking for, you can fill out our Pet Search Questionnaire, so we can learn more about the animal you're interested in adopting.

The questionnaire asks what your preferences are in terms of the type of animal, gender, age, breed, color, and size. This not only ensures that we match adopters with the perfect pet, but that the animals at the shelter are placed in a forever home as quickly as possible. Each time a new animal comes into our care, the submitted questionnaires are reviewed for potential matches. So far, we have been able to find a match for roughly 20% of the submitted questionnaires. While this percentage may seem small, it means the world to the animals who are now in a safe, loving, and permanent home. So if your perfect new family member isn't at our shelter now, simply fill out the questionnaire and we'll help match you with the perfect four-legged friend as soon as he or she arrives at our shelter! For more information visit <http://www.hsotc.org/adopt/pet-search-questionnaire/>.

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Did you know we have some HSOTC items for sale on our website? Simply go to hsotc.org and click on the Shop Online tab at the top to get started!



STAYING IN TOUCH ELECTRONICALLY

Utilizing a Paws-a-While e-newsletter can be an effective, low-cost method for staying in touch with our valued members. Because there are no mailing and printing costs involved, it's gentle to the bottom line, an almost instantaneous delivery, and helps with greening! We produce quarterly e-newsletters and will have a few printed versions available at our shelter.

If you have an e-mail address, please send it to shelter@hsotc.org so we can add you to our e-mail list to receive your copy electronically.

SAVING ANIMALS ONE STEP AT A TIME AND THE TEAM THAT MAKES IT HAPPEN!

The staff here at the Humane Society of Tuolumne County (HSOTC) may be diverse, yet our mission is the same. Each of us is dedicated to finding homes for abandoned, abused, and unwanted animals, promoting humane education, and maintaining a clean and safe environment for homeless animals awaiting adoption.



Elias Lomeli is a kennel caretaker here at the HSOTC. Growing up around animals, he has always had a strong passion for them. At the shelter, Elias feeds, walks, and plays with the dogs, making sure that they are happy and healthy. When asked why his position and our mission at the shelter is so important, he responded, "I feel like I'm actually doing something for my community, rather than regular work for a corporation. We save the lives of dogs and cats. So many of them don't receive proper care or a good home and for every dog or cat that gets adopted through us, I feel honored to have been a part of their journey."

Our lead kennel caretaker is **Brooks Bruner**. She has been a part of HSOTC for 11 years. Brooks is forty-seven years old, has three kids and was raised in Riverbank. Some of her passions include fishing, gardening, and spending time at Basin Creek. Brooks oversees animal intakes, adoptions, inventory, vaccinations, medical records, vet runs, and of course, basic care. Her position at HSOTC is important to her as she has grown up around livestock, ducks, rabbits, chickens, cats, and dogs, and has always had a passion for their well-being. Now she is able to make sure that the animals in our care are provided a safe space while we find them a loving home.



Our Operations Administrator, **Jackie Rogers**, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the shelter including supervising staff, ensuring procedures are followed in the care and well-being of the animals, and other shelter specific activities. In addition, Jackie runs the Paw Prints in Heaven crematorium at the HSOTC. Jackie has been involved in the cremation process for twenty plus years, starting in Merced. She's responsible for pick-ups at the clinics, as well as assisting people who walk into the shelter with their animals who have passed. When she's not working, she loves to spend time with her grandkids and take her five dogs camping. She loves her job and finds it very gratifying as she is able to help people through a tough time in their lives when their four-legged friend passes and provide them some closure.

Michael McMullen is another one of our kennel caretakers and is also in charge of maintenance. Michael grew up in Twain Harte, loves to be outdoors, and often takes his dogs to the rivers and lakes in our area. At the shelter Michael is responsible for feeding, walking, playing with, and providing general care for the dogs. He also, "fixes everything that breaks." Michael has been our kennel caretaker for almost five years, and the more time he spends here, the harder it is to ever imagine leaving. His position is important to him, because if he doesn't care for the animals, who will? Michael makes sure to treat all of the animals in our care as if they were his own while they await their forever home.



Kennel caretaker, **Billy Hughes**, is twenty-eight years old and grew up in Santa Cruz. He enjoys disc golf, cartoons, and spending time with his girlfriend and dog at the lake. Billy is responsible for customer support, feeding the dogs, walking them, cleaning their kennels and, of course, loving them. When he first applied for his position as kennel caretaker, to him, it was just a job in the newspaper. While he always loved animals, he never fancied himself an enthusiast. He's been here for over a year now, and has found that it is so much more than just another job. Billy's position is meaningful to him because he believes every animal deserves a chance, and without our time, a lot of them wouldn't have one.

Megan Scoullar, marketing administrator and kennel/cattery caretaker, is twenty-two years old and moved to Sonora last year from San Diego. Since then she's spent most of her time exploring the Sierra Foothills with her two furry babies, Holly and Bonnie. A few of her duties as marketing administrator include updating our website, creating articles for our newsletter, communications, assistance with fundraising, and social media. At the shelter, she is responsible for making sure the cats have a clean and safe space. She's also responsible for part of janitorial, so the shelter stays sparkly for all of our visitors. There are so many animals that face abuse and neglect. Being a part of the HSOTC has given Megan the opportunity to combat these issues and provide love and care to animals in need, while making sure they each find a safe, loving, and permanent home.



Our event and volunteer coordinator, **Linda Bass**, considers herself an artist. She is always decorating something or planning projects for the house. She has always loved planning parties, and used to work for a party rental company. As the event coordinator at the shelter, Linda organizes our fundraising events under the direction of the Executive Director. Her duties as volunteer coordinator include training and supporting volunteers to help us care for our animals, manage the front desk, and help with fundraising. Since she was a kid, dogs and cats have never been "just dogs or cats." She says, "I guess some people would say I empathize and care too much, but I want them to feel safe, happy, and loved forever! I think what we do here is important for our community and the animals we care for and I like being part of that. It's not always stress-free, yet the shelter is my happy place."

Michael Crisp is also a cattery/kennel caretaker at the HSOTC. Michael enjoys spending time with his son, making music, and extreme inline skating. At the shelter, he is responsible for cattery duties, weekly feline examinations, photography, post adoption check-ins, and updating the animals online profiles. Being a part of the team at the HSOTC is important to Michael, because not only is he able to provide a voice for creatures who can't speak for themselves, but he is also able to give back to the community. He says, "We get to help community members who may be struggling with issues like PTSD, or simply loneliness, by matching them with an animal that can change their lives forever. I'm so lucky to be a part of an organization that saves lives."



Being a part of the staff at the HSOTC can be hard work, but it is also incredibly rewarding. Along with help from our members, volunteers, donors, and board, our team works tirelessly to ensure that the animals at the shelter are given the love and care that they deserve. If you're in the area, please stop by and meet us in person. We're almost as cute as our animals!

EXCITING ADOPTIONS!



We are continuing to celebrate the adoption on July 11, 2018, of our precious Meesha. She had been with us since June of 2017 and in all that time, she remained so sweet and loving. She was adopted by a wonderful gentleman and she has another dog to play with. We learned her first night at her new home went beautifully.

She has been waiting patiently for her new home and her dreams have finally come true. We love you Meesha.



Also adopted was our nine month old Dachshund/Chihuahua mix, England. We transferred him to our facility on March 1, 2018, and it took over two months of working with him every day before he began to trust humans. He evidently was rarely held or had any interaction with

people. When he finally came out of his shell, he became a very happy, energetic, playful, and loving little boy. He went home to a wonderful couple and two small dogs that he already adores.

SAVE THE DATE!



Our **4th Annual Pawliday Portraits** event will be held on November 3rd in our shelter conference room. Thank you to Janice Carabine of Janice Carabine Photography and Kohls Cares Program for offering this wonderful and happy event for both the animals and their paw-parents. For more details, you can email Janice at carabinej@gmail.com or call (209) 694-6338.