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A PUBLICATION OF RANCHO COASTAL HUMANE SOCIETY

## Oh girls just want to have fun!



**W**hen the working day is done,  
Girls--they want to have fun.  
Oh girls just want to have fun!

While this old Cyndi Lauper song may be a nice philosophy for life (or even for a cat's nine lives), it's definitely harder when you only have three legs.

When Spider Monkey was relinquished to Rancho Coastal Humane Society this past year she wasn't a very pretty sight. Her entire body was covered with scabs. Even though she gave a gentle purr when we rubbed our hands through the fur she had left, every time our care providers touched her they saw fleas leap off her body or run for cover in her sparse coat.

And she only had three legs. We were told that she was the victim of domestic violence six years earlier when she was just a kitten.

This poor baby had been thrown against a wall with such force and suffered injuries so severe that one of her front legs had to be amputated.

Fortunately, nobody ever told Spider Monkey that she was disabled! Each time an RCHS volunteer entered the cattery, she would leap from her kennel. Spider Monkey was ready to run and play...then run and play some more!

We believe there's a family out there for every pet under our care. It's just a matter of time before "their" people walk through our Adoptions department and meet their new best friends. In this case it was seven months before Spider Monkey's family found their new kitty. Today she lives in harmony with her two dogs, a Labrador Retriever and a Siberian Husky mix!

Her family sent this message describing their life today. "Here we are sitting on the couch, reading the Sunday paper. She sleeps in the bed with the dogs too. Man, can she run for a 'peg leg'! I cannot believe how quickly she has adapted to her new environment, including my dogs! The many 'lookers' that passed her by while sitting all those months in the shelter lost out on a sweet kitty. Now she's mine! They say that 'things happen for a reason'."

Spider Monkey...living by her philosophy that, "Girls just want to have fun."

Your support of Rancho Coastal Humane Society allows us to find loving families for pets like Spider Monkey. Find out how you can help. Call RCHS today at 760-753-6413, log on to [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org), or visit us at 389 Requeza Street in Encinitas.

Thank you for helping us make this a great year!

### ABOUT RANCHO COASTAL HUMANE SOCIETY



Serving Southern California since 1960

Rancho Coastal Humane Society (RCHS) is a private, non-profit, 501(c)3, Humane Society in San Diego

County that is primarily supported by community contributions and some fees for service. It was volunteer founded in 1960 and maintains a 10:1 volunteer to staff ratio. It provides quality shelter care, adoption services, and education programs and is the only animal welfare organization in Southern California to provide an Animal Safehouse Program for the survivors of domestic violence. RCHS was also the first Humane Society in the country to be solar-powered.

## Come to RCHS for Dinner with the Dogs!



We're not going to feed your kids a bowl of kibbles! (Well...maybe if they sit, stay, and speak nicely.) On Fridays: September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9 your little critter lovers can tour RCHS, meet our animals, make crafts based on the monthly theme, and enjoy a special dinner from Whole Foods Market. It starts at 4:00 and wraps up at 6:00 pm (leaving plenty of time to watch a Harry Potter movie before bed.) This fills up quickly, so sign up today to have Dinner with the Dogs, sponsored by our good friends at Whole Foods Market.

## Kid's Community Service

Yep, it's a great idea. Teach our children how to help each other and their communities. But it's hard to find good community service projects! Two days each week RCHS offers Community Service hours for students. Space is limited. Watch the website at [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org) for updates on our Fall "Kids Community Service" program.



## FALL BREAK ANIMAL CAMP

YOU DO NOT want to miss Fall Break Animal Camp for kids ages six through twelve. From October 17th through the 21st children will enjoy "paws-on" encounters with animals, games, and crafts. Camp hours are 9 AM to 4 PM. (It's so much fun some kids don't realize how much they're learning!) Register today while there's still space available. Log on to [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org) and click on "Fall Break Camps" for a registration form. Then fax your registration to 760-753-6664, e-mail it to [education@rhumanesociety.org](mailto:education@rhumanesociety.org), mail it to 389 Requeza Street, Encinitas, CA 92024, or drop it off when you visit our Adoption kennels.

## "Out of the mouths of babes...."

The 3rd grade class at Del Mar's Ashley Falls Elementary School cooked dinner, then sold meal tickets to their parents. The money went to RCHS.

The 2nd grade class at Paul Ecke Central Elementary in Encinitas opened a "restaurant," sold tickets, then showed a movie with proceeds going to RCHS.

Mrs. Mills' 5th grade class at El Camino Creek Elementary in Carlsbad raised \$1,720 for RCHS!

Daisy Troop 3105 bought items on our Wish List. (It's on the website at [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org).)

And Mrs. Fletcher's class at Flora Vista Elementary School in Encinitas raised funds "For medical purposes, to get animals healthy and to a good home."

How can you help RCHS? Ask a kid! They're full of ideas!

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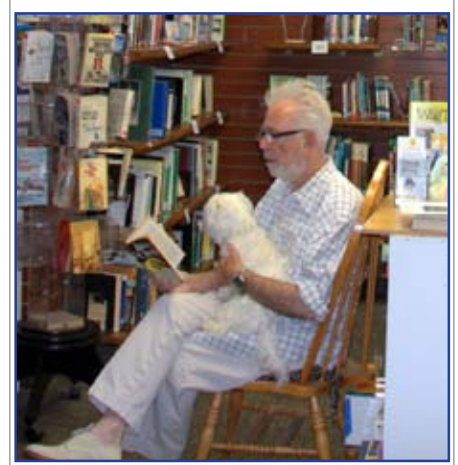
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## Shop. Donate. Save a Life.

Donate your new and gently used items to directly benefit the homeless animals in our care including Clothing, Books, Furniture, Antiques, Electronics, Tools and more.



## 50% OFF Holiday Sale Saturday, December 10th

Great deals get even better! Save 50% off merchandise during our next monthly sale. Visit our website or fan our Facebook Page for updates on additional sale dates!

**Hours: Mon.- Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

*Closed Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5  
 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24,  
 Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24,  
 Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25,  
 New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31,  
 & New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2012*  
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Wally, a four week old kitten, being bottle fed.



Marie and Shirley.

Richard & Ann say, "Fostering dogs from the Animal Safehouse Program is such a rewarding experience for us because of the immediacy of their need for care. Knowing that their 'moms' can rest easy and not be worrying about their pup brings a sense of real helping for someone in a time of stress. We consider it a real privilege to be able to foster ASP dogs."

It was eight years ago when Foster Volunteer Jan saw a photo of a newborn kitten being bottle fed. Today she tells us, "They all have such different personalities and it's good to know that you've helped get them off to a good start in life."

RCHS Foster Volunteers save lives! Find out if fostering is for you. Download your volunteer application online at [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org) or e-mail us at [volunteers@rhumanesociety.org](mailto:volunteers@rhumanesociety.org).

If you can't foster full time, you could be a "reliever" and take a pet overnight or for a weekend. Become a sponsor. Or take hold of the envelope in the middle of this Wag Times and make a donation that will support the lifesaving work of Rancho Coastal Humane Society.

## VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Once they were someone's best friend. Now some are old. Others are still young. Some are injured or sick. Others need a place to heal or adjust after living alone, abandoned, or abused.

Like movie heroes in white hats, RCHS Foster Volunteers accept these precious pets into their homes. Then they announce, "My work is done" and return their fosters to RCHS where the Adoptions staff places each one in its forever home. In April, May, and June our fosters opened their hearts and homes to more than 80 pets.

Shirley needed eye drops every four hours. Marie had surgery to remove her eye and went to a foster home for extra TLC and quiet time. And Pixie, who has been here since January, just needed a few good nights' sleep, away from the noise in the kennels.

One volunteer told us, "By fostering I honor the passing of my sweet dog, provide much needed TLC to dogs in need of a stress-free environment, and get my fix of canine energy and plenty of slobbery face licks".



## the President's Message

  
Jim Silveira  
President/CEO

Gizmo, the beloved dog of one dying veteran, is giving meaning to the life of another veteran. Here's a true story that is guaranteed to warm your heart.

Gizmo, a seven year old Shih Tzu, had lived his life with a Korean War veteran. Knowing that his days were numbered, the veteran desperately wanted to find a forever home for Gizmo. He contacted Pets for Patriots and as Beth Zimmerman wrote, "Word spread like wildfire, fueled by the urgency of the veteran's grave condition and the prospect of his pooch being suddenly without a home or anyone to care for him". RCHS leaped into action. Potential adopters were screened and those who qualified met



Gizmo and his dying "dad".

Lyman "Tim" Peterman, a WWII veteran, was looking for an animal companion. Just weeks earlier, Tim's fifteen year old Shih Tzu died after a long illness. The name of Tim's dog? Gizmo! Tim was accepted as a member of Pets for Patriots, which provides financial support to ease the costs of pet ownership. At 90 years young, Tim is the most senior member of that program!

On June 30, Tim, his wife, and daughter made the pilgrimage to Rancho Coastal Humane Society. When they drove away they had another passenger. Gizmo had officially become a member of their family.

Tim told us that this was the happiest day of his life since he was serving in Berlin and heard the town crier announce that the war was over. There wasn't a dry eye in the house. As Tim's wife wrote, "This just seems like this is a gift from God".

Unfortunately, Gizmo's original owner did not live long to witness his best friend going to a new home. But we're certain that he's smiling down on us for making his last wish come true.

Your support of Rancho Coastal Humane Society made this possible. Thanks to you, we're able to save the lives of pets like Gizmo every day. To learn more call RCHS at 760-753-6413, log on to [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org), or visit us at 389 Requeza Street in Encinitas.

## IN MEMORIUM



It wasn't the bullets or bombs that she faced as a Military Working Dog in Iraq, but pancreatic cancer that robbed us of Chyba on July 30.

She began as a drug sniffing dog in Germany before serving as a patrol dog in Iraq from 2004 to 2005. In 2010 she was retired and adopted by Madeleine and T. Boone Pickens. They asked RCHS President Jim Silveira to be Chyba's guardian.

Jim says, "Chyba had a precious spirit. Her eyes were gentle. Her face was kind. Today she is pain-free, reunited and running with the brave dogs that she worked with detecting drugs, sniffing out explosives, and giving their lives to save others."

*They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.*

*You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart. Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....*

**Donations in honor of Chyba and all MWD's can be made to Rancho Coastal Humane Society.**

# RAJA – The cat that loved too much



The note began, "Raja's owner had to return him because she was 84 years old and Raja wanted to be with her everywhere." Sounds like something that Oprah might talk about. "Cats that love too much." So what's wrong with a kitty that wants to be with its person? It continued, "He would get under her feet as he went along with her and caused her to trip. The family was very concerned that she could break something if she fell."

Now we understand.

Notes from the care providers agree, "Raja is a loving cat. He is friendly with everyone, wants to be on your lap, and loves attention." The only glitch was, "He doesn't care for other animals and wants to be the king of his house." Not a big deal.

Our first order of business is to find Raja's new family. He likes older people, younger adults, our junior RCHS volunteers, and kids. Raja loves everyone! He likes climbing into boxes and playing with paper bags and cat toys. And he really, REALLY enjoys his cat naps.

So why are we sharing this story about a great cat that needs a home where he can adore his people, play, and snooze? Finding his new family is kind of a no-brainer.

Fortunately, Raja's mom and her family had a plan. But not every pet owner does. Time after time we see dogs, cats, and other animals left homeless, abandoned, unwanted, and unloved when their owners die or their families are no longer able to care for them. Frequently for older pets or pets with medical needs, the loss of their loved ones leads to their own demise.

Through the Planned Giving program at Rancho Coastal Humane Society, we can assist you to make sure your pets are cared for in the event that you are no longer able to be there for them. We're happy to discuss ways that your estate plan, will, or trust can continue to benefit not only your own pet, but other animals and the programs you're already supporting at RCHS.

Please don't wait. Find out how we can help you. Call RCHS today at 760-753-6413, e-mail to [plannedgiving@rchumane-society.org](mailto:plannedgiving@rchumane-society.org), or visit us at 389 Requeza Street in Encinitas. And take a moment to visit [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org) to see if Raja has been adopted. Thank you!

It's time to re-register for a new term in order to participate in the Ralph's Community Contribution Program. You can register or re-register online at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) or by using the scan bar letter at the register starting September 1. Since there is no pre-registration, you won't be able to register or re-register for the new term until September 1. (Re-registration is required even if you have registered as recently as the past couple of months.)

When you participate, up to 4% of your purchases helps to care and feed our animals. With your Ralphs REWARD CARD, you can register your card with Rancho Coastal Humane Society, NPO number 90388. Click on "Sign In/Register" and the prompts will give you the information you need to complete the registration.

*If you're a Ralphs shopper and don't have online access, please contact 760-753-6413. We will send you a letter furnished by Ralphs with the RCHS Scan Bar Code. Thanks for your support!*

**PAC continues to grow with new members**

*We Joined the P.A.C.!*



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*Put your best paw forward as a member of PAC! For a complete list of our club members or information on how you can join, email [pac@rhumanesociety.org](mailto:pac@rhumanesociety.org) or visit [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org)*

**Rancho Coastal Humane Society accepted into the Combined 2011 Federal Campaign**



Here's an easy way to help the RCHS animals RIGHT NOW. The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) provides government employees, including the military, a direct way to donate to charities.

By using number 27256 you can designate RCHS to receive monthly payroll deductions that directly help the animals in our care. Act now!

The CFC program runs from September 1st to December 15th. Help save the animals at RCHS during this time of giving. Your donation made through the CFC is tax deductible as permitted by law.

Thanks for your support!

**IN RECOGNITION**

*Rancho Coastal Humane Society would like to thank the following donors who have made a contribution of \$200 or more between January and June 2011:*

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- Ashley Falls Elementary School
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 **Mark Your Calendar!**

**RCHS Holiday Closings**

- Monday, September 5**, in observance of Labor Day
- Thursday, November 24**, in observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Saturday, December 24**, close at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Day
- Sunday, December 25**, in observance of Christmas
- Saturday, December 31**, close at 3 p.m., New Year's Eve Day
- Sunday, January 1, 2012**, in observance of New Year's Day

**Harvest Fest Casino Night**

Magdalena Ecke YMCA  
 Saturday, September 17, 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
 Tickets \$40 until September 10 (\$45 after that.)



A sure bet for a great time! The only way you'll lose is if you miss this evening of food and fun including Casino Games, Bingo, Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction. Proceeds benefit YMCA Programs for Kids and RCHS.

Buy tickets online at [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org) or call 760-753-6413. MC and Visa accepted.

**Celebration of Second Chances**

Del Mar Country Club  
 Saturday, November 5, 2011

Meet Jerry and Pam Cesak (*he's "Jer" from the Jeff and Jer Showgram on KXYX 96.5 radio*) and enjoy great music by Jack Tempchin (*Jack wrote "Peaceful, Easy Feelin," and lots of other hits*) at RCHS's Celebration of Second Chances. "Guardian Angel" tickets are \$275. "Life Preserver" seats at \$175. Proceeds benefit the Animal Safehouse Program for the pets of domestic violence victims. Buy your tickets online right now at [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org) or at Rancho Coastal Humane Society. What else could you possibly do that night that would have so much impact?



**Encinitas Fall Festival**

Sunday, November 20, 2011, 9 p.m. to 4 p.m.

More families get new pets during the holiday season than at any other time of year. Kick off your holiday shopping at the Encinitas Fall Festival on South Coast Highway 101 and stop by the RCHS booth to "feel some fur" as you browse the 400 exhibits.

**Encinitas Holiday Parade**

Saturday, December 3, 2011

"Sandy Claws" (or is it Santa Claus?) lights the tree at the Lumberyard Shopping Center at 5:00 then the Encinitas Holiday Parade rolls down Coast Highway 101 at 5:30. Meet RCHS dogs hoping to spend the holiday season in their new homes.

**RCHS Wish List**

*We appreciate all donations, however, the items we use and need most are:*

- White & colored Copy Paper
- White & colored Card Stock
- Automated Defibrillator Machine
- Laptop/Notebook
- Dry-Erase Pens (bright colors)
- Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Rawhides and Bully Sticks
- New/Used Box Truck for Thrift Shop
- Easy Walk Harnesses for training
- Non-Clumping Cat Litter
- Individual packets of Cream Cheese
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Canned Pedigree Dog Food
- Gift Cards to: Michaels (art supplies for educational programs), Costco, Office Depot, Home Depot, Pet Stores, Gas Stations
- Picnic Table (for camps/KCS lunch time and outdoor activities)
- Peanut Butter for dogs
- X-Pens and Canvas Gates
- Top-Loading Pet Carriers

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## Celebration of Second Chances

**Saturday, November 5, 7-10 pm**  
**at The Del Mar Country Club**  
*Benefiting the Animal Safehouse Program*



- Great Food.
- Live Music
- Prizes & Drawings

**Life Preserver Tickets - \$175**

**Guardian Angel Tickets - \$275**

Get your tickets **NOW** for the Celebration of Second Chances.  
Purchase tickets at [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org) or at Rancho Coastal Humane Society.

**SIGN UP TODAY**  
to receive our Fetch! eblast!



Fetch! is RCHS's new monthly e-newsletter.

Sign up now to receive the latest shelter information, pet-friendly events, pet tips and more. Just visit our homepage and fill-in your information on the "Join Us" field in the top right corner.

Or email [info@rhumanesociety.org](mailto:info@rhumanesociety.org) to be added.

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