

“HELPING THOSE WHO CAN’T HELP THEMSELVES.”

Dear Friends of Happy Tails:

As we celebrate the successes Happy Tails has made this past year, I'd like to share the story of our humble beginning. While many of you may know me and the great work the organization does every day, you may not know how I came to start Happy Tails.

In the early 90s, I volunteered at another cat-rescue organization. One day, I found two abandoned sweet mama cats and their kittens. This rescue group wasn't able to take them in, so I created a temporary nursery for these two families in my home. When I took them to the vet, I was told they had the contagious fungal infection, ringworm. The president of the organization wanted the vet to put them down. It was then as I looked into their innocent eyes that I decided there was no way I would let that happen. I left that rescue group knowing I had to start a no-kill sanctuary, which eventually became Happy Tails. We started with six volunteers and have since grown that number to 200.

Fast forward to 2003, I was working at our shelter and a woman came in and explained her mother had passed away and left behind five cats. She promised to become a volunteer if Happy Tails accepted them, which we did. That woman is still one of Happy Tails hardest working volunteers to this day, and is in fact our very own President, Becky Maclay.

As the years have passed since Happy Tails opened its doors, we've been committed to our mission of helping the abandoned, abused and homeless cats and dogs of Sacramento. This year we helped several hundred animals and placed nearly 350 cats and 30 dogs in their forever homes, and this is because of supporters like you.



A FEW OF OUR RESCUE STORIES THAT WERE MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GENEROSITY:

Anisette and **Soghati** were found abandoned

by the river. They were so paralyzed with fear they wouldn't leave the carrier they were dumped in. We found them sitting in their own urine, too frightened to escape through the open door. Thankfully, a volunteer found the cats and brought them to Happy Tails. They both were treated for fleas and ear mites, and Anisette was treated for life-threatening pneumonia. Now they're doing well and are ready for adoption!



Sweet **Jane** was found abandoned in a field when she was just a kitten. She was adopted, but then returned because the adopter became pregnant. Jane was adopted again, but later was turned over to the city shelter. When we agreed to take her, we could tell she was in excruciating pain and the vet performed surgery on her broken jaw. It looked as if she was hit with a baseball bat. She's now safe with us and looking for her forever home.

Another recent rescue is difficult to write about. A mama cat, **Nina**, and her kittens were found in a plastic container that was taped closed, cutting off oxygen to the little family, and was left outside in the cold rain. When a volunteer found them, the container was halfway full of urine and rain water. Sadly, one of the kittens suffered some neurological damage due to lack of oxygen, but he was rescued just in time to be nursed back to good health. The mom was recently adopted and the kittens are now available for adoption!





Jack O'Lantern was found in the middle of a feral colony with a badly injured leg. He couldn't put any weight on it, and he was afraid to let anyone get close to him. Eventually, a volunteer was able to trap him and take him to the vet. He had a broken leg, dying tissue in his foot from the severity of the injury, and a dislocated shoulder. Happy Tails paid for the surgery needed for a leg amputation.

Finlay had a rough start to life and was found abandoned in a crate. He started his journey to recovery at the Front Street Shelter, but due to the severity of his condition, he required more care than they could provide. Happy Tails stepped in to foster him and with proper veterinary care and lots of TLC, Finlay made a full recovery and found a loving home he so deserved.



INTRODUCING NEW WAYS TO GIVE TO HAPPY TAILS!

Caring for so many animals is not easy. From vet bills, the cost of spaying/neutering, vaccinations, food, shelter, etc. – it all adds up to more than \$200,000 per year. To help support our endeavors and allow us to help more animals, it's critical for the organization to have a regular source of income. We're excited to launch the following new programs:

Memorial Wall on our Website

Not only can you now make a donation on behalf of a friend or in memory of someone who has passed (human or four-legged), you can now create a memorial for them on our website. The best part is that it can be shared via social media and raise even more awareness for Happy Tails. Check it out on our website!

Our Monthly Sponsorship Program - Coming in Early 2017

Supporters can give to Happy Tails through an automatic monthly deduction. You'll have the option of choosing from several levels of monthly support ranging from \$10 to \$100 per month. Please visit our website for more information in early 2017.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE 2017 THE BEST YEAR FOR HAPPY TAILS!

Here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season and thank you for your continuing support! Without it, we couldn't rescue these deserving cats and dogs, and we hope we can count on you to help even more by donating to our annual holiday fund.

Sending you lots of hugs and purrs,

Melinie DiLuck
Happy Tails Founder

Becky Maclay
Happy Tails President

Holiday Campaign 2016

To: Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary

Enclosed is my donation of **\$50** to help spay or neuter a homeless animal of Happy Tails.

Signature _____ e-mail _____

Miss Tabby is available for adoption



Holiday Campaign 2016

To: Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary

Enclosed is my donation of **\$75** to help feed and shelter a homeless animal of Happy Tails.

Signature _____ e-mail _____

Puppy is available for adoption



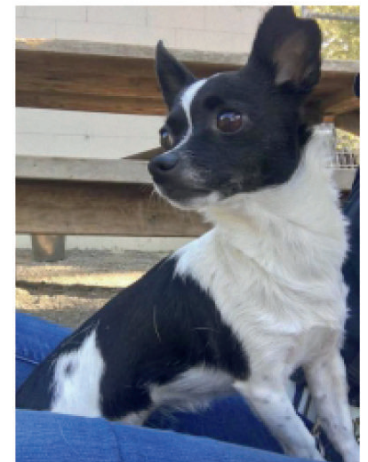
Holiday Campaign 2016

To: Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary

Enclosed is my donation of **\$100** to help provide medical care for a homeless animal of Happy Tails.

Signature _____ e-mail _____

Georgia is available for adoption



Holiday Campaign 2016

Yes, I want to help abused, abandoned and homeless animals this holiday season and throughout the year. Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other _____

Please write your check to Happy Tails and send to 6001 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95819.

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Holiday Campaign for the Animals...

They're counting on us.

Celebrate Furry Blessings

Ways you can help this holiday season:

Please open your heart this giving season, and see how easy it is to help the homeless animals of Happy Tails:

- **Donate:** Make an online donation at www.happytails.org, or use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible gift.
- **Holiday Pet Food Drive:** We go through a LOT of food. Please drop un-expired, sealed pet food donations at either the Sanctuary, PetSmart at 1738 Watt Ave., Sacramento 95825, or any Dimple Records location.
- **Adopt:** To place more homeless cats and dogs this holiday season, we've reduced our adoption prices by 25% through 12/31/16.
- **Online Shopping:** Be sure to use one or all of these online services where a portion of your purchase gets donated to Happy Tails when you select us as the charity of choice:
 - **GoodShop:** A free service where you can shop at over 5,000 popular stores and get coupons! Sign up at www.goodsearch.com
 - **AmazonSmile:** A simple, free service that donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to Happy Tails. Register at www.smile.amazon.com



Sylvan was abandoned at a park and is available for adoption at Happy Tails

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