



HAPPY TALES NEWSLETTER FOURTH QUARTER 2023



Traumatized Elmer needs an understanding person

Nine-year-old **Elmer** has had a rough time since his owner died over a year ago and Happy Tails is trying to turn his life around. The 17-pound terrier-mix suffers from anxiety that likely contributes to the fact he’s been adopted and surrendered back to Happy Tails four times in nearly two years. After his most recent return he’s now on an antianxiety medication and doing much better.

Emer’s foster family says he loves walks and is a “terrific walking buddy.” He needs a patient, dedicated adopter that can give him a reliable routine with at least two long walks a day. His foster said, “choosing to live with a fearful dog can be emotionally challenging. But the rewards of building a strong bond and trust with a fearful dog can be amazing!”

Taking in dogs with issues is one of the things that makes Happy Tails special. We put extra TLC into that pooch so he/she can find the perfect home.

Talos “Reggie” finds a home

Talos, formerly Reggie, found his way to Happy Tails in the winter of 2021. He appeared one day at one of the feral colonies. It was clear from the outset he was far from feral. Volunteers brought him to Happy Tails where he lived temporarily in Catnip Gardens, the Happy Tails sanctuary for feral felines. He underwent much needed checkups and vaccines by the veterinarian team. He quickly stole the hearts of all the volunteers he met. Talos was always happy to see the volunteers, loved chin rubs, head bumps, and being held. You could hear his purr from across the room. In late December, 2021, Talos was finally ready to be adopted and moved to the main center.



It wasn’t long before Talos decided he found his people – Julia and Jeffery B. It was love at first sight. The moment Talos met Jeffery he jumped in his lap and started to purr. He joined Julia and Jeffery’s home that same day. They are grateful that Happy Tails brought them together!



Happy Tails honored by Sacramento Bee

We received the **bronze in the 2023 Sacramento Favorites** contest presented by the Sacramento Bee. The public awarded us in the Animal Nonprofit category.



As a Bronze winner, we received a complimentary listing in the winner's magazine and a digital presence on the Bee's website. Results were published in the Winners' Magazine distributed in the Sacramento Bee Sunday newspaper and mailed to select households and businesses. Results are also online year-around [here](#).

Happy Tails benefits from state employees' charitable campaign

Our rescue organization was accepted as one of the many nonprofits that will benefit from the "Our Promise: California State Employees Giving at Work" campaign. From October through December, state workers are encouraged to donate to the nonprofit of their choice, either through a one-time contribution or an ongoing payroll deduction.

Happy Tails was one of more than 120 non-profits to participate in the campaign kick-off at the State Capitol on October 5. If you are a state employee or know any, choose Happy Tails! To donate, go to [Cal Employee Connect](#).



Board celebrates our Volunteers

If it were not for our volunteers, Happy Tails wouldn't exist. To show its appreciation, the board of directors hosted a pizza party on October 1. It was held in the lovely backyard of former volunteer Betty Miller. About 50 people attended.

Giving Tuesday

Thanks to your support, we rescued and adopted 375 animals so far this year! Your generosity will help us continue saving animals in need. **Giving Tuesday is on November 28.** This online 24-hour fundraiser is important to Happy Tails, as it's our second largest fundraiser of the year! We hope you think of Happy Tails during this exciting event to help nonprofit organizations across the globe.



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