Your generous donations in 2019 enabled us to provide services to over 1,965 dogs and cats in Amador County. To help us continue this success, please consider donating to A-PAL HUMANE SOCIETY on Amador Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

- Visit giveamador.org on 12/1/2020 and select A-PAL HUMANE SOCIETY as your charity of choice. Online donations **must be made on 12/1/2020 only**.
- Or, text Apal40 to 44321 **on 12/1/2020** and follow the link.
- Or, mail us a check **which must be dated 12/1/2020 and must reach us before that date**.

Amador Community Foundation will then generously match a portion of your donation.

It is because of your support and generous donations that A-PAL HUMANE SOCIETY can continue to provide great care for our local animals in need.

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MISSION STATEMENT
To ensure the humane treatment of animals in the communities we serve.

GOALS
- To end euthanasia of homeless dogs and cats in Amador County
- To increase public awareness and acceptance of responsibility for animal welfare
- To place homeless animals in good homes through aggressive adoption and foster care programs
- To raise funds to finance spay/neuter programs in Amador County
- To end inhumane treatment of animals in Amador County
- To support legislation encouraging humane treatment of animals

Some ways you can help us help the animals of Amador County...
- Be sure that your pets are spayed/neutered and don’t be a contributor to pet overpopulation
- Join A-PAL’s Save the Kittens Team
- Volunteer as a foster family and care for kittens
- Adopt an A-PAL dog or kitten and give it a loving and lifelong home
- Remember A-PAL Humane Society in your will and life insurance policies
- Donate funds to A-PAL

A-PAL’s accomplishments are the result of a group effort and would not be possible without our many animal loving partners. Thank you!

BIANCA’S BATTLE
This beautiful tortoiseshell cat came to us when the county shelter closed due to the Coronavirus. A couple had noticed her wandering sick and terribly thin. We named her Bianca, and she weighed in at just above 5lbs. She was not able to keep any food down, so went immediately in to Jackson Creek Vet for examination.

She was initially given medication to keep her from vomiting and a steroid. Though Bianca continued to be so ill she could not eat, she was incredibly sweet -- soliciting pets from everyone who came to visit. Bloodwork revealed that she had an overactive thyroid, testing at 16 when a normal level is 2. We began giving her pills to control her hyperthyroid condition and her number went down to 9.

We still had to get her thyroid levels lower, but the problem was that one of the side effects of this medication is vomiting. Our poor girl was not keeping food down again due to the drug that was helping her improve in another way. We ordered the transdermal form of this drug so it would not go through her digestive system and cause stomach upset.

Bianca is finally gaining weight and is approaching 7lbs. We are hopeful that if she gets her thyroid numbers down, she may be a candidate for thyroid removal which will end the need for medication.
A DOG NAMED AMADOR

Back in mid-April, a young Shepherd/Malinois mix arrived at the Amador County Animal Control and Adoption Center as a stray. He and an even younger companion were found wandering along the road. He was alert, highly athletic, and not surprisingly, a bit of a handful.

Because the Malinois is often too driven to make a desirable family pet, it was decided he would be a worthy candidate for one of the breed-specific rescue groups the shelter frequently coordinates with. The Jefferson Working Dog Rescue in Southern Oregon reached out to ACAC, and arrangements were made to meet with their representatives near the Sacramento airport. Happily, he turned out to be a great fit for them, and was put into a training program with the Oregon State Police. They have named him “AMADOR” and once his training is complete, he will be living and patrolling with his partner, working the I-5 corridor in Southern Oregon as a contraband sniffing dog.

Way to go, Amador, Jefferson Working Dog Rescue, and AMADOR County Animal Control and Adoption Center. Congratulations, all!

SADIE’S SECOND CHANCE

by Margé Blair

Sadie came into the Second Chance program after her adoption from the Amador County Animal Adoption center failed. She was about 6 months old and her DNA report showed that she is pretty much a mutt mix of the following breeds: American Staffordshire Terrier, German Shepherd, American Bulldog and Siberian Husky. Sadie failed in her first home because her owner thought she was attacking her grandchildren and biting them. When we conducted a comprehensive temperament test, we established that her chasing and biting was not aggressive but just very inappropriate “play biting”. In Sadie’s mind, any and all body parts were fair game to bite. Once she joined our program, Sadie began her formal training and socialization. She was quite the wild child and pretty hard-headed when it came to modifying all of her play biting. Her obedience training went great; she was a very fast learner and she really enjoyed getting out and practicing all of her commands. She was such a good girl off lead that she was able to go on all of our evening pack walks. Sadie stayed with us for a month before she was offered up for adoption. A very active couple came up to meet Miss Sadie and fell in love with her. She is now living the good life in San Francisco!
Sacramento SPCA offers a support group for those who have suffered the loss of a companion animal for any reason, or are preparing for a permanent separation.

The group meets online via Zoom the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The next meeting is December 1. Please email mmusser@sspca.org for details and Zoom link.

The volunteers facilitating the group are Diane Karagianakos, CHAIS, PGRS-C, Human-Animal Intervention and Pet Loss Grief Recovery Specialist and a current Love on Loan pet therapy volunteer and Katie Lawlor, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist specializing in PTSD.

Special shoutout to our facilities sponsor, Barbara Brown! She is a donor class all by herself. We thank Barbara for her years of unwavering support!
THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING DONORS!

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In Memory of Dolly from Dave & Mary Taylor
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Find out about the different spay and neuter assistance programs available for Amador County residents:

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#1 - CONTACT:
AMADOR COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL & ADOPTION CTR.
12340 Airport Rd. Jackson, CA 95642
(209) 223-6378

#2 - SCAN FOR MICROCHIP

#3 - PLACE SIGN IN YARD!
Owners may be driving around looking!

#4 - PLACE ADS!
- FACEBOOK LOST & FOUND GROUPS
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- Immediate area
- Up to AT LEAST 3 miles out!

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It’s not just rabbits who multiply like rabbits.
Spay or neuter your pets. Help stop pet overpopulation.

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MORRIS FINDS COMPASSIONATE CARE

Morris was returned to us as an A-PAL kitten from last year, but the treating veterinarian said this beautiful cat was 5-8 years old. The man who brought Morris to us said his son was threatening to dump him, so we took him in.

Morris is a handsome and sweet orange cat, but he had a softball-sized growth on his right hip. With the help of supporters like you, we were able to do a biopsy which revealed that Morris has osteosarcoma – an aggressive cancer with bone components. This growth had a scar, showing it had been removed and had grown again.

We decided that our sweet Morris had come to us for hospice care. There are just no effective treatments for this type of cancer. Morris is getting lots of love, favorite foods and regular vet checkups to keep him comfortable. With help from our supporters, we will ensure that this lovely cat gets the end of life care he deserves.

A-PAL depends on your support to fund our programs!

Donation Levels:
- $20 Friend
- $50 Supporter
- $100 Benefactor
- Other
- Please send me more information about volunteering or becoming a foster parent

Donor Info (please print):
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Mail to: A-PAL Humane Society
P.O. Box 190, Jackson CA 95642
(209) 223-0410

*Gifts of $250 or more receive special recognition in our newsletter.

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WE'RE NOT KITTEN AROUND...

We always have playful, loving kittens waiting for their “furever” homes! All A-PAL cats and kittens are spayed/neutered and current on vaccinations!

*NOTE: The kittens pictured may get adopted at any time and may no longer be available. If that is the case, please take some time to get to know one of the other sweet kittens waiting who will love you just as much as the one that caught your eye!