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## Meet Otis, a Special Boy

When Otis walked through the A-PAL doors, it was clear that something was very wrong. This poor dog had a horribly swollen face and he was skin and bones. The good Samaritan that found him on a remote road said that he took him because he needed help.

Cooper, A-PAL's Executive Director, rushed him over to Jackson Creek Vet Clinic and Jen's great care. Her thought was that Otis may have been bitten by a rattlesnake. Staff at Jackson Creek Vet determined that it was a large abscess which might have been caused by an attack by a wild predator. Everyone fell in love with Otis because he just wanted attention, petting and to be loved.

Jackson Creek staff tended to him and foster Margaret Tessaro took him home to continue his medications and treatments. At his recheck, Margaret turned Otis back over to A-PAL and Jackson Creek Vet continued his treatment. When it was time for him to need to be treated and boarded, he went to Acorn Hills Animal Center for further care of this abscess that refused to heal.

Everyone agreed that Otis, a German Shepherd mix, was horribly thin and at least 20lbs. under normal weight. This dog was being fed 9 cups of food a day in an effort to bring him back to health. Slowly, but surely the deep hip pockets and rib definition began to recede. We wonder how anyone could just abandon such a sweet boy in a remote location where he would suffer so terribly.

As young Otis gained weight and health, he gained confidence. He needed some manners, so it was time for our amazing A-PAL Board member and trainer Margé Blair to help with training.

We got regular reports on this good boy's improvement. He is sweet and cuddly and loves attention. Otis is good with other dogs and not really interested in cats. Margé even offered to help train the new owner with Otis.

Otis got the best family ever with Cathy and Mike. They met him with Margé and it was a great fit for their entire family. Thank you to everyone who made this happy new beginning possible for Otis. Your support allows us to take great dogs like Otis to give them a second chance at health and life.



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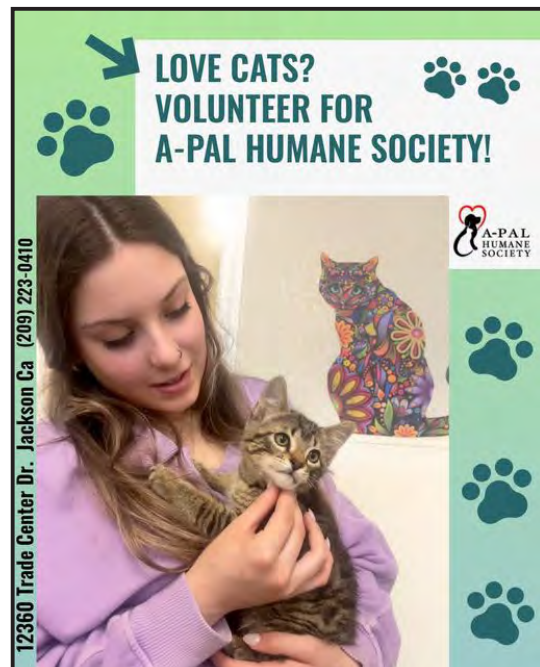
**A-PAL's accomplishments are the result of a group effort and would not be possible without our many animal-loving partners. Thank you!**

# Buddy and His 9 Lives

Buddy is the sweetest little black cat ever. Buddy was an indoor/outdoor loving cat who just got lucky or unlucky depending on how you look at it. Buddy survived a coyote attack. He came to A-PAL Humane Society with a large wound under his front left leg as proof of the attack and amazing escape.

Buddy still has a different colored hair on the spot where he healed and the fur grew back.

Buddy found a great forever home with two new loving parents!





# Phoenix Rising

Phoenix came to A-PAL Humane Society in the Summer of 2024 through Jeff Holman. This beautiful Siamese cat was skin and bones with a horrible wound that covered most of his head and one of his eyes was bulging too. He was left outside fighting other cats and would surely have died if Jeff had not intervened. For month after month veterinarians took cultures from his head to find just the right antibiotic to fight whatever infection he had. The infection would seem to improve only to come raging back. Finally a new antibiotic was tried that is rarely used and he was kept on it for a month. We rejoiced after 6 months and trying so many things to see that his head was finally healing and he was putting on weight and wanting to play and get petted.

Phoenix now has a great home and is playing like a kitten. At last he is safe and LOVED in a home with Michele and Matt.

All A-PAL kittens and cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped and current on vaccinations. Stop by the Feed Barn to meet the available cuties and bring home your new bestie! Feed Barn is located at 11261 Prospect Drive, Jackson and is open 7 days a week. Call for hours: 209.223.2809



The official Paws Partners Center greeter for A-PAL Humane Society and Tri County Wildlife Care



I have seen both wildlife critters and kittens affected by what is called a parvo virus. There are different types for cats and dogs and wildlife too. This virus is deadly to mostly young animals and can live in the environment for up to a year. This is scary stuff, so please vaccinate your cats and dogs.

Jen from Jackson Creek Vet recently sneaked into my office while Cooper distracted me with snacks and she vaccinated me. I let them think I was fooled because I can never get too many snacks.

Be careful out there and thank you for your kindness to the 4-legged!



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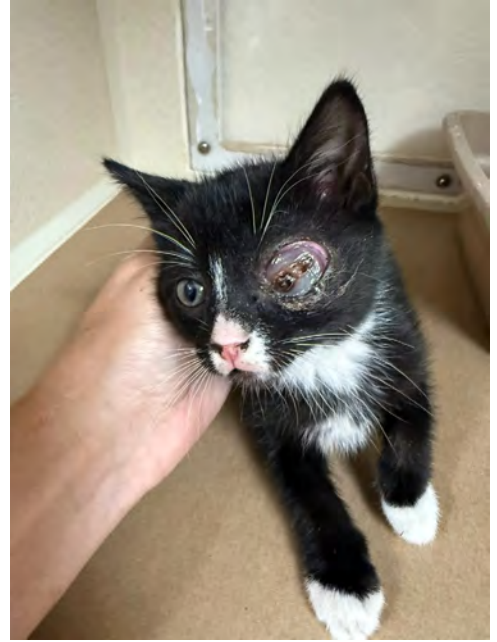
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# Captain Fantastic

Captain came to us at the beginning of June from a kind resident who found him and his two siblings. He needed help right away because he had what appeared to be a ruptured eyeball. Captain and his brother and sister were strays at a colony where Captain would likely not survive.

Jen at Jackson Creek Vet Clinic took one look at him and got him in immediately for care. The eye needed to be removed because it was not functioning and would lead to infection. Most of our kittens come from feral/stray populations and kind people feed them. The challenge is that if not sterilized, their numbers will get out of control quickly.



A-PAL has great programs to assist residents with getting cats and kittens fixed. Truly feral or unfriendly cats may be spayed or neutered free for Amador County residents. Residents must make an appointment at a local participating veterinarian letting them know they intend to trap and transport to the vet where it will be sterilized, given a rabies shot and have the ear clipped for identification after release.

Please call 209-223-0410 if you are interested in meeting Captain or one of his siblings.

## **A-PAL Spay/Neuter Programs**

### **FREE FERAL CAT SPAY OR NEUTER**

Call your local veterinarian to make an appointment for your feral cat spay/ neuter. Please call before trapping.

### **FREE DOG & CAT SPAY/NEUTER**

For Medi-Cal recipients (limit 2 per household per lifetime). Proof of eligibility required.

### **ANIMAL SHELTER MOM DOG or MOM CAT FREE SPAY**

Amador County residents who surrender a litter of kittens or puppies at the animal shelter will be given a free spay certificate for the mother cat or dog.

### **SPAY/NEUTER CERTIFICATE**

Our certificate program allows Amador County residents who need financial assistance to spay or neuter their cat or dog at a local veterinarian for a reduced price.

**More info: Call 209-223-0410 or visit [pawspartners.org/spay-or-neuter.html](http://pawspartners.org/spay-or-neuter.html)**



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