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About Us

- We were started in 1950 by a group of concerned San Mateo County residents and are the organization that provides care to the animals in our county.
- We are not affiliated with or funded by any other humane society or SPCA. All private funding raised by us stays in the community.
- We are a proud community partner with the Cities and County of San Mateo to provide animal control and sheltering services throughout the county.
- The current animal services contract runs through June 30, 2026, with the option for it to be extended for an additional three years. We look forward to beginning conversations around an extension in the coming months.



Locations

- **Coyote Point Shelter** –Animal Intake, Animal Rescue & Control, Spay/Neuter, Lost & Found, Public Vaccination Clinic. *Largely funded by animal services contract.*
- **Tom & Annette Lantos Center for Compassion** – Programs that distinctly make us a Humane Society: Adoptions, Education, Behavior & Training, Pet Assisted Therapy. *Privately funded.*
- **Wildlife Care Center** – We are one of only a handful of humane societies and SPCAs that extends its caring services to sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Located in Saratoga, this new state-of-the-art center is home to our wildlife rehabilitation and imperiled species breeding programs. *Privately funded.*





Field Services

Animal Rescue & Control staff provide field services 24/7/365, responding to a wide variety of calls, including:

- Pick up of stray domestic animals.
- Responding to animal bites and attacks.
- Rescuing sick and injured animals.
- Removing dead animals.
- Assisting public safety agencies when requested.

All calls for service are organized by priorities outlined in the animal services agreement with response time goals of between one and 24 hours depending on the specific nature of the call. In FY25, we again successfully met all response time goals.

In 2024, our Animal Rescue & Control staff responded to almost 9,700 calls for field services, covering everything from dogs, cats, bunnies, hawks, deer, goats and chickens!





Sheltering & Care Services

The Coyote Point Shelter is open to the public 11am-7pm weekdays & 11am-6pm weekends (except major holidays.) Operating hours are designed to facilitate residents in accessing services.

Shelter Animal Care staff are onsite 24/7 to ensure safety and care of all animals housed at the shelter

Services include:

- Intake of lost and abandoned animals 24/7/365
- Veterinary medical care to stabilize and make comfortable sick and injured animals
- Lost and Found information and assistance to reunite owners with missing animals
- Issuing of dog/cat licenses and collection of license fees
- Affordable and accessible euthanasia services for owned animals
- Low-cost vaccination clinics for San Mateo County residents' dogs and cats

Volunteers help exercise and socialize dogs, cats, and small animals and play a key role in our creative, cost-effective enrichment program that seeks to reduce stress for animals housed in a shelter environment

March 2025 marked the five-year anniversary of operating the Coyote Point Shelter. This beautiful, modern new facility has proven to be very effective in meeting the needs of the animals and the community.





PHS/SPCA Services at Coyote Point Shelter

Though based at the Coyote Point Shelter, the Humane Investigations program and Spay/Neuter Clinic are both fully funded by PHS/SPCA as part of our charitable mission.

Humane Investigations:

- In 2024, two full-time Humane Investigators responded to over 1,600 complaints of animal cruelty or neglect and initiated 560 investigations.
- We continue to work closely with the District Attorney's Office in preparing cases for potential criminal prosecution and submitted two new cases for consideration last year.
- We also provided assistance to police departments in six cities for cases they took the lead on. Assistance can include housing animals at the shelter, advising on animal seizure laws and/or providing veterinary support for examinations, x-rays and necropsies.

Spay/Neuter Clinic:

- Operates five days a week. Provides low-cost spay/neuter services for owned cats, dogs and rabbits as well as feral cats and shelter animals being made available for adoption.
- Appointments are reserved for San Mateo County residents ONLY for the first two weeks of each month. This allows us to prioritize providing services to our community members and their pets.
- In line with our charitable mission, fees are among the lowest anywhere in the Bay Area, particularly for dogs. For residents who may need additional financial assistance, vouchers are available through San Mateo County.
- This service is in extremely high demand and 5,526 surgeries were performed in 2024.



Donor Funded Services

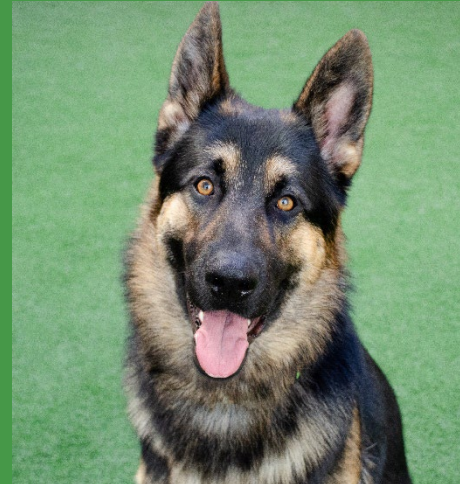
As a proud community partner with the Cities and County of San Mateo, PHS/SPCA also privately funds a number of other services and programs out of our Lantos Center for Compassion in Burlingame including:

- **Adoptions**—we place thousands of animals each year into loving homes.
- **Wildlife Intake**—residents can drop off sick or injured wildlife. Animals receive a physical exam and are stabilized before transfer to the Saratoga wildlife center.
- **Volunteer program** — with over 1,000 active volunteers who work in almost every department.
- **Humane Education**—includes camps for kids, classroom presentations and career-related programs for high school students along with adult/family learning opportunities. 2,675 people reached through virtual and in-person programs last year.
- **Pet Food Bank** — provides food to low-income pet owners in support of keeping pets and families together. Program currently supports 500 pets and provided 365,000 meals in 2024.
- **Emergency Response & Disaster Preparedness** —We have a vital role assisting local government and have a comprehensive plan to help animals and their owners in the event of a local disaster or emergency, including four specialty trailers stocked with supplies dedicated solely to emergency response as well as staff and volunteers who are trained to activate in the event of an emergency.



2024 Highlights & Trends

- **Community Support:** more than 2,500 vaccines were administered to 1,132 cats and dogs belonging to community members through low-cost Vaccination Clinics held throughout the year. Residents can make appointments for this popular service by visiting the PHS/SPCA website.
- **Sheltering Services:** more than 5,900 companion animals received sheltering and care services at the Coyote Point Shelter. While the vast majority were dogs and cats, we also provided care for all manner of other pets including rabbits, guinea pigs, small barnyard animals, birds, reptiles, chinchillas and even fish.
- **Increasing numbers of dogs and cats:**
 - Number of incoming dogs has increased 30% over the last three years. Previously, numbers had decreased each year since 2015. We continue to see an influx of large dogs, especially Huskies and German Shepherds and increasing numbers of puppies.
 - Number of incoming cats and kittens has increased 40% over the last two years. Previously had not increased since 2019.
 - Increasing animal shelter populations is a nationwide trend and is seen as a ripple effect of Covid. Still, while our community is well positioned to respond to unanticipated fluctuations in the numbers and types of homeless animals needing our care, such significant increases have stretched all available resources. While we are only part way through 2025, we are cautiously optimistic that we may be seeing a leveling off of this trend.



PHS/SPCA's Animal Sanctuary: Exciting Expansion Our Life-Saving Programs

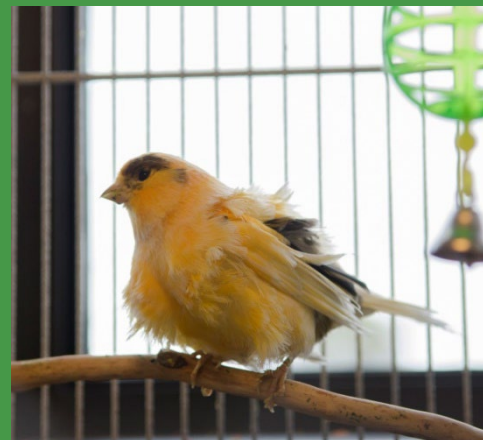
We are pleased to announce the purchase of 216 acres in La Honda that will serve as a sanctuary for dogs, cats and other pet animals who can live a quality life but are not likely to find a home through traditional adoption programs. Some examples are dogs in need of hospice care and fractious/under-socialized cats.



We recently submitted permit documents to San Mateo County Planning and hope to start construction in mid-2026.

The land purchase and all phases of the PHS/SPCA Animal Sanctuary have been and will continue to be funded entirely by private charitable donations.





THANK YOU!