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## About Us

- We were started in 1950 by a group of concerned residents in San Mateo and are the organization that provides care to the animals in our county.
- We are not affiliated with 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.
- We entered into a new five-year animal services contract effective July 1, 2021.



# 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 2022, our Animal Rescue & Control staff responded to more than 11,000 calls for field services, covering everything from dogs, cats, bunnies, hawks, deer, goats and chickens!





# Sheltering and Care Services

March 2023 marked the three-year anniversary of moving into the Coyote Point Shelter in San Mateo.

We are thrilled to be able to operate out of a new facility that is proving to be very effective in meeting the needs of the animals and the community.



- Animal Care staff are onsite 24/7 to ensure the safety and care of animals housed at the shelter.
- Our veterinary team ensures all animals receive appropriate medical care.
- Shelter operating hours are designed to make our services accessible to all residents, which include claiming lost pets, purchasing licenses, and receiving low-cost vaccinations for resident's cats and dogs.

# 2022



- **Community Support:** more than 1,700 vaccines were administered to 875 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 5,000 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.
- **Trends:**
  - Influx of large dogs, especially Huskies and German Shepherds.
  - Increasing numbers of incoming bunnies and guinea pigs.
  - Kitten season lasting longer and longer. We had many kittens available for adoption well into December!



# PHS/SPCA Services at Coyote Point Shelter

Though based out of 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.

## **In 2022, two full-time Humane Investigators:**

- Responded to over 1,900 complaints of animal cruelty or neglect.
- Initiated 488 investigations.
- Worked closely with the District Attorney's Office in preparing cases for potential criminal prosecution. In 2022, that collaboration led to one felony conviction for crimes against animals and a second case that resulted in diversion for elder abuse and animal cruelty. Two additional cases are currently pending.

## **Spay/Neuter Clinic:**

- 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.
- This service is in extremely high demand and 5,788 surgeries were performed in 2022.

# Emergency Response & Disaster Preparedness



- We 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.
- PHS/SPCA has responded to events such as the San Bruno Gas Explosion and the CZU Lightning Complex Fire.
- PHS/SPCA has a vital role assisting local government.
- We have key volunteers who are trained to activate in the event of an emergency/disaster.



## 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 Care Center**—treats sick, injured or orphaned wild animals from San Francisco to northern Santa Clara County.
- **Volunteer program** — with 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. 2,255 people reached through virtual and in-person programs last year.





**THANK YOU!**