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Honoring Pets

In September 2020, [Companion Animal Hospital](#) donated to **PUP** on behalf of the following pets:

Java A, Roxy B, Bella F, Mimi H, Poppy O, Stetson R, Butter W, and Cody W



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Thank You for Helping PUP Rescue More Cats and Dogs!

We are able to help more pets find their forever homes because of our generous donors.

October PUPdate

"We are dedicated to helping dogs and cats find their forever homes."



So Far in 2020...

PUP has helped 58 dogs and cats find forever homes in 2020!

PUP's Thanksgiving Message

There have been times in rescue that we ask ourselves, "What did we sign up for? And why? And how in the world are we going to manage?" Unfortunately and fortunately, we pull in dogs, cats, and others that someone has deemed as not important, a problem or inconvenience, a throwaway. We see the absolute worst of humanity in the bullet wounds, broken bones, diseased skin, infected eyes and mouths, abject fear, and other things not appropriate to mention here. Might make one jaded, if you let it. But, we are surrounded by those who want to help – thankfully, because we could not do this on our own. One of our goals of **PUP** was to build a community of animal loving people, and we have.

The answer to the "what did we sign up for" can be found in the touching photos we see every day from our transport, medical care, training, and adoption work. To write out what we all do to keep **PUP** and our animals moving forward through everything is something for a book. We will never be able to thank all of our volunteers appropriately, at least in my mind, no matter how much we do or how hard we try. How do you say thank you for hands being raised to save a life just minutes from being euthanized? Or working full- or part-time days at a job that doesn't pay, or dealing with issues you'd rather not deal with? How do you quantify love for animals? If not for everyone here, there would be no **PUP**.

The answer to the "why we signed up for rescue" question can be found in the thousands of animals saved and the numerous photos of our animals being loved by our adopters. Each update (or as we say, "happy tail") lets us know our work and love is continuing in a new home. Our **PUP** animals have done amazing things for our adopters: being there when things are tough, loss, medical scares such as cancer, fear, sadness. This list goes on. Or, being there at the games of their children or at hospitals with the sick, on bike rides, walks, hiking, camping, or just to snuggle up with their person or family. Or to be that second dog or cat they've always wanted. Hearts soar around here, and we see lots of thumbs up and hearts on our FB page posts when we see how wonderful all are doing. How blessed we are to find the adopters we do. Minds relax knowing our animals are safe and loved, seeing a job well done. We are forever thankful to our adopters and their families for giving our animals a place in their lives. If not for you, there would be no **PUP**.

When we pull animals from our California shelters, we don't always know what's hidden within each, such as when one had to have heart surgery, or we had to create a way for a dog to properly urinate, or hundreds of other surgeries we didn't plan on. Or the seven litters of kittens breaking with ringworm after arriving. We could have euthanized the animals, as some might have done or suggested we do, but if our well-respected vets and surgeons think we can save an animal, we will do all in our power to make that happen. Each animal comes to us for a reason, we believe. And this is where our donors and supporters come in. Without your donations and sharing of our animals needs with others, these animals might not be here. I don't know how to make this

September Donors:

Jesse B,
Companion Animal Hospital,
John E, Mary F, Becky F,
F5 Networks, Judd H,
Kroger, Liberty Mutual,
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Monica & Wes P, Alex P,
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Dawn S, Matthew & Jenni T,
Amanda T, David W, and
Elizabeth W

Mark's 50 Mile Run for PUP

Brenda C, Suzanne F, Rene G,
Andrew K, Marilyn M, Laura S,
Ana V, and Lauren W

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animal rescues to
create fundraisers and wishlists
to support animals in their care.
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can purchase and give in a
modern, transparent way.
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organizations on board,
CUDDL Y's mission is to help save

more clear. You have saved lives right alongside us. Our monthly subscribers, our Giving Tuesday donors, our end of year donors, our critical need donors, our costume contest winners or work contest winners. The list goes on. You have been here for our animals. Sending you a thank you and listing you in our newsletter will never be enough. I have to tell you that tears flow and the excitement is overwhelming when we know together we can run another transport or have surgery performed on another dog or cat, making their life and the life of our adopter better because of you. If not for you, there would be no **PUP**.

Our vets... wow, how do we say thank you to doctors and staff that give to our animals daily in their rescue discounts or their donations of time, supplies, knowledge, and expertise? Our vets have learned of new diseases, illnesses, procedures, medicines, and surgeries because of our dogs and cats. That is what we bring to them. And the vets and staff cheer alongside us when surgeries or procedures go well and bow their heads with us when our last-ditch effort to make a life easier or better doesn't work, when sometimes it's not meant to be. Without you all, each and every one of you, there would be no **PUP**.

To our trainers. You rise to the occasion to bring out the best in our dogs and to show us how to properly work with them. How to gain their trust, to help them walk through their lives confidently, to interact with all or even few, to not fear the world so terribly, to know there are good people out here who will love and care for them and meet their needs. And I know we've given you dogs that couldn't be helped. When you have wondered how in the world did this dog get this way. Where the damage was so severely ingrained that they would never be safe to place out in the public. We've seen your hearts sink just as ours have. We thank you for your hard work, your knowledge and expertise, your determination, your heartfelt sympathy for all dogs, and for watching out for the public at large. We know it's not always been easy. Without you, there would be no **PUP**.

We thank each animal that has found their way to us. You have all brought us such joy. Even with the smallest step forward, you bring a smile to our face and skip in our step. You've taught us not only about dogs or cats or birds or pigs, but you've taught us about ourselves. Our limits, our patience, our ability to love, to learn, to grow, to teach, to listen. We thank you for everything you have taught each of us. We thank you for expanding our knowledge and our hearts. We hope one day, with the help of all of our friends above, at some point, those following you won't need us and that humanity will see what magnificent gifts you are to all as you've sure been gifts to all of us.

This Thanksgiving, we want to give a special thank you to our parents and those who have guided us on our personal journeys. Whether you're with us today or not, we thank you for teaching us that we can make change. That we can be a light and move through the darkness of pain and heartache of seeing what some have done to these amazing animals to seeing the light shine from others like us. That we have the strength to stand up for those less fortunate. That no matter where our heart leads us, we can be there for others. If not for you all, there would be no **PUP**.

From all of us at **PUP**, Happy Thanksgiving and thank you!

Laura Tonkin
PUP Executive Director and Founder

How to Keep Your Dog Safe in Cold Weather

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It's time to think about how you will keep your pets safe and comfortable in the cold weather.

Stay Inside. Sure, it's the most obvious answer, but even the heartiest animal has their limit. Let them inside when it gets cold out.

Wipe Down. Clean and wipe your dog's paws, stomach, and legs after letting them out in the winter. Aside from this being generally hygienic, it can help prevent accidental ingestion of antifreeze, road salts, and other dangerous chemicals. **HINT:** This is a good tip any time of year, not just in the winter.

Water. Provide a lot of clean drinking water. Staying warm requires energy, so it is important to make sure your pet has plenty of water.

Food. Providing a little extra in the wintertime, possibly even a higher protein diet, will help give your dog the energy they need to play all winter. **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to speak with your vet before changing your dog's diet.

Dry Time. Sometimes the wipe down just doesn't do the trick after playtime in the snow, so be sure to bathe your dog regularly. Completely dry your dog after a bath and before letting them out.

Coats x 2. If your dog has a long or thick coat, let it be in the winter. That is, do not shave it down or cut it extremely short. If you have a short-haired dog, consider getting them a shirt, sweater, hoodie, or coat.

Speak Up. If you see an animal either lost or in an unsafe condition this winter, do not hesitate to speak up! Use your phone to record pictures and videos of the situation and then immediately contact your local animal control or police department.

We Love to Hear from You!

We love to hear from **PUP** adopters! Here are our October Happy Tail and Gotcha Day articles to brighten your day.

Mina's Happy Tail!

I adopted Mina (formerly Moana) almost a year ago and I thought I'd give you an update on her. She is such a great dog and loves to run and play. We have been working on brushing teeth every night and she comes running to have her's done each night. She enjoys walks and hikes, but not a fan of the car ride so we haven't taken her too far. She gets along great with our 2 other dogs and has really become part of the family.

- Jacquelyn H



Does Your Pet Have a 'Gotcha Birthday' in

November?

If you adopted your dog or kitty from **PUP** in November of any year, send us a photo of your pet along with their story. We'd like to wish him or her a Happy Gotcha Birthday in our next newsletter. Remember to tell us their name, both current and original (if you remember). Please send your pet's photo and name to info@pupdogrescue.org.

Calling All Happy Tails!

Your companion has a special place in our hearts! We love to hear from our adopters and see photos of **PUP** alumni. How has your new pet settled into your family? We'd like to know! Send us your Happy Tail! Whether you adopted last month or years ago, please send us a quick email at happytails@pupdogrescue.org.

Become a Foster for PUP

Click [here](#) to find out more about how to become a part of this great organization.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program



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For more information, visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

PUP's Amazon Wishlist



PUP is always grateful for donations, and with a number of kitties still in our care right now, we could certainly use more cat food!

We're making your gift giving easier than ever by offering this [link](#) to our wishlist of needed items.

Every little purchase counts and is appreciated!

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