

# HOPALONG & SECOND CHANCE RESCUE

## Dog Days of Summer may be over... but our Work Never Slows



HOPALONG ANIMAL RESCUE

Hopalong Animal Rescue

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### Thanks for Your Support!

*With your help, we're giving hundreds of animals a second chance every year through our spay/neuter & adoption services, but the number of animals put to death in California is still too high. In 2006, at least 50% of dogs and cats entering shelters were put to death for lack of space. That's why our work is as important as ever. This year we've expanded our reach into Mendocino County after seeing how badly the animals in that county need our help finding good homes. We're also working with shelters in other rural counties, including Hollister, Los Baños and Madera to help place adoptable animals. And we're continuing our efforts in our own back yard in Alameda, Contra Costa and Marin counties. As always, we need your financial support so we can continue to reduce pet overpopulation in our community and help every animal in need of a good home. Every hour of volunteer help and every single dollar donated is so greatly appreciated. Please help support our work – donate today and save a furry life!*

— Sarah Cohen, Executive Director

### Aubrey— A Cinderella Story— Adopted to a Loving Family After Years of Neglect

Most rescued dogs have a happy ending but in Aubrey's case, her rescue was a 'Cinderella' story. Without a history of their life before, like detectives we try to piece things together from the clues available. In Aubrey's case it was clear that she suffered from years of neglectful care. Aubrey was untouchable when she was dumped in the night box of a local shelter. Her coat was so filthy and matted it was

impossible to tell her breed or age. After 4.5 pounds of hair was removed we discovered an 8 year old purebred Cocker Spaniel with the sweetest disposition ever! In a few short weeks, Aubrey found her permanent home. Terry and Paul in San Rafael were looking to add to their family and Aubrey was the perfect fit! Today she enjoys her daily walks with Riley (a 10 year old Cocker Spaniel), swimming in the family pool, trips to Tahoe and all the love and attention she could desire. She's now the belle of the ball!



### A Big Thanks to all our Fosters for Helping Us Make it Through Kitten Season!

Although it's nearly November, Kitten Season is still upon us. Our Animal Services Coordinator is still receiving calls from the shelters begging us to help rescue moms and babies. Consequently, Hopalong and Second Chance continues to need foster homes for nursing moms, kittens and adult cats. Please call us if you have room in your heart and your home to foster these feline families.

### Hopalong/Second Chance Expands Humane Education Program

We believe that humane education to the youth in our service community is

extremely important. Incredibly, the concepts that animals feel pain, need food, shelter and comfort are new for many children. If we educate them, they are more likely to respond responsibly toward animals as adults. We also expose kids to careers with animals and teach bite-prevention. In the last year, Hopalong & Second Chance Animal Rescue provided education to more than 400 children in Alameda, Contra Costa County and in San Joaquin County. We reached 195 preschool children, and 145 children 5-17 years old. Contact our dog trainer, Tammy Quiren at 510-267-1915.

### Have You Heard About the Unique Opportunity to Give to the Animals This Year?

**If you are 70 1/2 or older, you have a unique opportunity this year to make a gift to Hopalong & Second Chance Rescue using your IRA Rollover.**

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows IRA owners in your age bracket to donate tax-free gifts of up to \$100,000 to their charity of choice, but because the Act expires at the end of 2007, this may be the last year to give tax-free from your IRA to help improve the lives of homeless animals. Please consult your tax advisor.



**Open Your Heart this Fall – and Save a Life!**

Foster homes provide care and love for

these wonderful creatures while we work to find permanent homes. Typically from a few weeks to a few months – whatever time you have. We provide the vet care and supplies while you provide the tender loving care. We work to carefully match up foster pets with foster parents based on what works for your household. We can only rescue another animal if we have a



foster home open – so open your doors and your heart and save a life today.

**We Revel in Wonderful Stories from Our Foster & Adoptive Homes.**

As always, we greatly appreciate the generosity of all who enable us to save these animals, one precious life at a time. We depend on your generous donations to help us save these wonderful lives.



**Don't Forget to Plan Ahead— Inquire about our Pet Survivor Program.**

We can become your pets' guardian should you no longer be able to care for them.

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