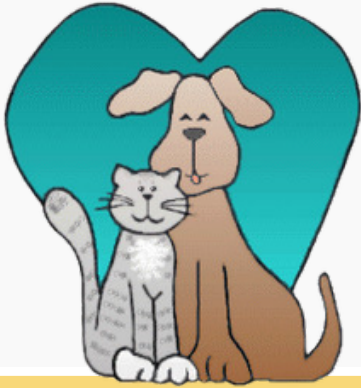




PET FRIENDS & RESCUE FALL 2026

PET--GRAM



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**(WE ARE CURRENTLY
LOOKING FOR MORE
VOLUNTEERS TO FILL BOARD
OF DIRECTOR VACANCIES!)**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Where to start? A lot has happened since my last message back in June. Unfortunately, both good and bad. On the positive side, Pet Friends had an anonymous donor offer a \$25,000 matching-donation challenge for the month of June 2026. Our community rose to this challenge by donating \$13,400. This generous fundraiser provided Pet Friends with a total of \$26,800. Although we did not meet our \$25,000 contribution goal, our donor still wanted to help by donating an additional \$10,000. This provided Pet Friends with a total donation of \$36,800--an outstanding contribution from our donor and all the contributors that rose to this challenge.

Still on the positive side, in the month of August, Pet Friends was awarded a \$5,000 Grant from the San Benito County Community Foundation. The SBC Community Foundation offered local nonprofits the opportunity to submit applications for a potential grant awards. Our grant writer, Giselle Stancic, completed our grant request, resulting in the \$5,000 award. Thank you to the Community Foundation for supporting our non-profits and Pet Friends.

On the downside, Pet Friends had to close our low-cost spay & neuter clinic following a very successful year of operations. Pet Friends' resident veterinarian, Dr. Nadine Reichstadt, left to open her own clinic within our community. We wish Dr. Nadine the very best on her start up. I hope to find another veterinarian to fill this much-needed vacancy within Pet Friends.

Speaking of vacancies, Pet Friends is posting **job openings** for two additional animal care persons. If you are at least 18 years of age and interested in working with dogs and cats, please see our posting in our website, media outlets, and within this Pet-O-Gram newsletter.

TACOS-4-TAILS is back. On September 12th, 2026, Pet Friends is once again holding our Tacos-4-Tails fundraiser. This year it will be held at the Damm Winery in Hollister. At this beautiful venue, Pet Friends committee members will host an exciting event with music and dancing, all-you-can-eat tacos with rice & beans, great beverages, auction baskets, and more. Please purchase your tickets at Hollister's Postal Graphics or online at Eventbrite. Please hurry; tickets go fast!

As always, I sincerely want to thank the numerous donors who, throughout the year, generously send their dollars to support our effort. Every penny goes to feeding, spaying/neutering, medical, and caring for our family of adoptable dogs and cats. Like you, inflation has hit PF very hard. Please consider donating on our website at www.Petfriends.org, through the mail, or in person, to assist with the care of our animals.

Respectfully,
Jack Scutchall
President & CEO of Pet Friends & Rescue

PLEASE DONATE TO PETFRIENDS.ORG



Pet Friends & Rescue presents...

TACOS FOR TAILS

Sept. 12, 2026 | 1pm to 4pm

hosted at

Damm
VINEYARDS

3028 Cienega Road, Hollister, CA

Grand Door Prize/50-50 Draw & Basket Drawings
With live music by the Moondance Band!

Pre-Purchase your tickets!
\$60 per person

Ticket Includes: all-you-can-eat tacos,
rice & beans provided by Tacos El Tijuas
+ 1 drink included (additional beer & wine available
for purchase at Damm Vineyards venue bar)



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

POSTAL GRAPHICS - 1760 Airline Hwy, Hollister

OR ONLINE at:

Pftacosfortails2026.eventbrite.com

***Proceeds from this event support the protection, shelter,
and care of San Benito County rescued homeless pets.***

For More Info... website: petfriends.org/news-events/
Pet Friends & Rescue Office Phone Number: 831-634-1191

Pet Friends & Rescue is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, EIN 77-0300197

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...for some of our adopted 🐾CATS🐾



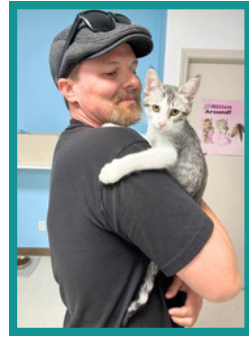
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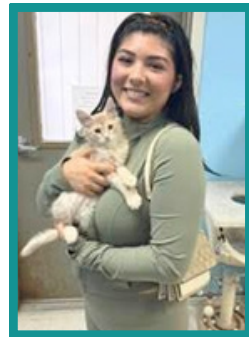
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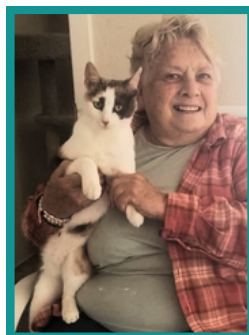
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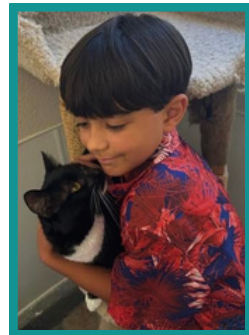
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...for some of our adopted DOGS



BENJI



GINGER



RICO

YEAR-TO-DATE
ADOPTIONS
FROM
PET FRIENDS

JANUARY – JULY
2026

- Cats: 28
- Dogs: 6

Total: 34
pets adopted!

FOSTER HOMES
NEEDED!!!



**We need your help
with our Kitten
Foster Program!**

Fostering kittens is
about an 8-week
commitment.

You must have a
room or place in
your home where
the foster kittens will
be cared for and
housed.

Apply online or call
our office to explore
options to foster!

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♥ ADOPTABLE PETS AT PET FRIENDS ♥



FELINE FEATURES



← **NICO** is a sweet tabby & white kitten who was born in May of this year. He is the perfect kitten for any family.



← **FREEDOM** is a "nice cat." He came to us from Animal Control, then acclimated with a local foster. He likes being held belly-up!



^ **NILDA** is a sister to Nico who is as sweet as she is beautiful.



← **DRAKE** is a beautiful Orange Tabby and White year-old cat. He's friendly, but he'll letcha know when he's had enough affection.



STARLIGHT → is the quint-essential independent cat. Some folks have dubbed her as "The Queen." (Basically, she doesn't like Drake, the "Primo Don.")

A Moment of Silence, Please....

Our in-and-out friendly office cat, **O'Malley**, recently died of natural causes. He enjoyed mooching off our food when no one was looking – much like Abby did – and often sat outside the door greeting volunteers and workers. O'Malley's ashes will be sitting on the bookshelf as you walk in the door. Right next to Abby's. He will be missed.



ANIMAL RESIDENTS AT PET FRIENDS

At the time this publication went to print...

- Kittens: 13
 - Cats: 9
 - Dogs: 7
- +13 Outdoor Cats
(Fed by Volunteers with donated food)

Total in House: 26 +2 foster kittens!

CANINE COLUMN

ADOPT
Me

BUCKEYE came to us with a wound to his eye that was already taken care of when he arrived here. He is estimated to be around 10 years old. His personality is Second-to-None! He will get hyped up when you first start talking to him, and then plop down next to you when you're reading.



CHILI is a two-year-old dog who is easy to train. She enjoys her walks with the volunteers who take her out. Might you want to come meet Chili, and see if you like her?

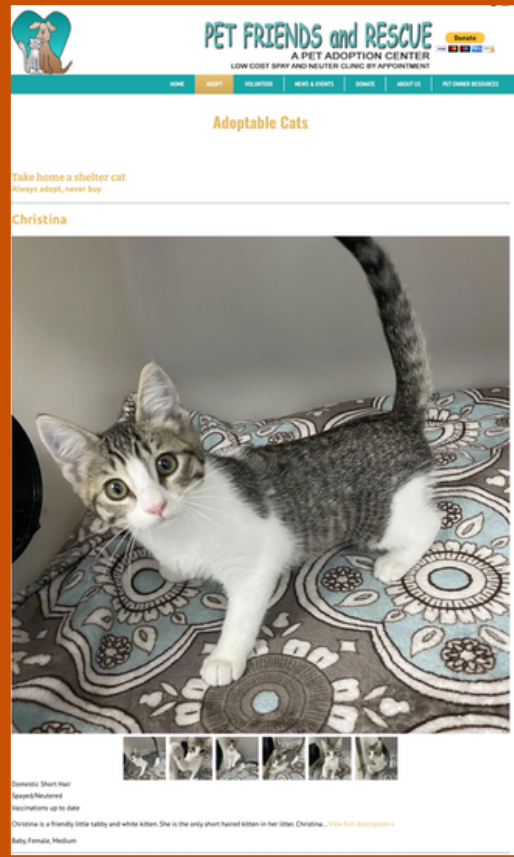


YOTIE is part Cattle Dog, part Shepherd, and 100% ADORABLE! She is only 25 pounds, so there's something else in her breedlines that is keeping her small. Nonetheless, Yotie's personality is just what the doctor ordered.



MINNIE – Despite being in our kennels for three years now, Minnie is still the same sweet dog we knew when she first arrived. She is the perfect big dog. She loves sleeping on the furniture!

MEET & GREET APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE



PET FINDER WEBSITE



Looking for the perfect pet?

Pet Friends' rescue animals are listed on PetFinder, a site that allows you to put your own specific criteria for what you'd like to search for in a family pet: species, gender, breed, etc. There are online applications and contact information...

<https://petfriends.org/adoptable-dogs/>

<https://petfriends.org/adoptable-cats/>

ADOPT IN RICH'S MEMORY

Honor the Life and Legacy of Rich Haggett; Rich was a compassionate advocate for animal rescue and adoption. To celebrate his caring spirit and continue the work that meant so much to him, please consider welcoming a rescue pet into your heart and home.

WHERE TO SAFELY SURRENDER A PET

Pet Friends and Rescue understands occasions arise when a pet owner cannot keep a pet. If you have adopted a Pet Friends and Rescue animal, our policy is that we will always take them back. We believe strongly that it is a lifetime commitment to a companion animal.

Pet Friends and Rescue animal intake protocol is to pull adoptable companion animals from Hollister Animal Control only, and provide them with a permanent shelter environment while awaiting their new home. Pet Friends and Rescue will also provide relief for displaced animals during emergencies.

Local organizations that accept surrendered pets:

SPCA of Monterey

1002 Monterey, Salinas Hwy, Salinas
831.422.4721

Hollister Animal Control

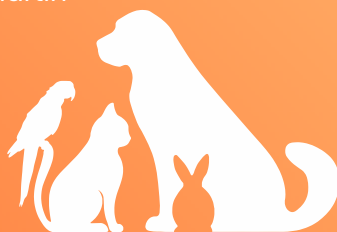
1331 South St., Hollister
831.636.4320

Santa Clara Animal Shelter

12370 Murphy Ave., San Martin
408.686.3900

Peace of Mind

~FOR SENIOR PETS
& OWNERS ONLY~
615 Forest Ave,
Pacific Grove, CA
831.718.9122



In memorial of our dear friend Rich Haggett, Pet Friends & Rescue's staff, board members, and volunteers extend our greatest condolences to his family and bandmates, and remember Rich's legacy.

Rich, who was the leader of *The Moondance Band*, was a staunch advocate of Pet Friends, and played live music with *The Moondance Band* at several of our fundraisers, including annual "Tacos for Tails" and "Fur Ball" events, as a gift to our cause. Rich gave so much to our organization; he adopted from our rescue and was an animal lover, was giving of his time, and touched the lives of so many with his kindness, musical talent, and generosity. He was truly a very special person.

We will miss you, Rich.

Pet Friends
& Rescue
remembers



RICH
HAGGETT
of *Moondance Band*



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VOLUNTEER CLEAN UP DAY!

On June 20th, Pet Friends hosted clean-up crew volunteers, including Board Members, PF staff and family, as well as some local 4H members and individuals from other organizations who lent a hand and chipped in on a morning of clean-up duties, with specific attention to the Memorial Garden, the front area of the rental trailer, the dog exercise area, and the beautification garden.

Following the clean-up, Pet Friends hosted a barbeque as a thank you to staff, board members, management and family, as well as 4H and other organizations that supported the clean-up.



**CAN YOU VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENTS
TO PROMOTE PET FRIENDS' SERVICES?**



**Office Hours: Wednesdays-Fridays: 11am to 3pm
Saturdays: 10am to 4 pm; Sundays: 12pm to 3pm
2975 Buena Vista Road; Hollister, CA 95023**

VOLUNTEERS ACCEPTED

**PET FRIENDS ACCEPTS VOLUNTEERS
TO WALK DOGS, SOCIALIZE
KITTENS/CATS, CLEAN, & MORE!**

Call ahead or email the Pet Friends office to schedule your visit or swing by during office/adoption center hours so you can sign in and receive appropriate directions as for where to dedicate your time and efforts. Youth must be accompanied by a guardian.

Express your interest:

- office@petfriends.org
- 831-634-1191



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STAFF HIGHLIGHT: KATHY PUTHOFF



Kathy with PF's Office Cat, Abby, whom we recently lost to "old age." Abby and Kathy were Best Buds when no one else was around.

If you've ever been to Pet Friends, then you've met our Office Manager, Kathy Puthoff. And if you've ever needed minor vet care (and there was no vet to be found), and you were stressed when calling Pet Friends, after talking to Kathy you could take a deep breath and relax, because Kathy can do it all. All of Kathy's expertise and skills, coupled with her calm manner, could ease your frenzied state of mind.

Originally from Indiana, Kathy and her husband, Mike, moved to California in 1978. They live on a small property, here in Hollister, with dogs, cats, horses, chickens, and the occasional goat. Kathy was a vet tech for an office in Santa Clara County. She has transferred those skills quite readily here at Pet Friends in our spay-neuter clinic and with various peoples' animals they bring in for a quick remedy. She provides assistance to clients who bring their pets in for surgery. She is able to counsel some folks who are not sure what to do in the event their pet needs extra care.

And no sooner does Kathy tend to a wound on a kitty in our Kitten Room, that someone comes in asking to re-home their dog! While this is a service we do not provide, she gently offers alternate suggestions on what to do to solve their problem.

Kathy is a huge asset to Pet Friends & Rescue, its staff/volunteers, and we are so thankful to have her!



Kathy is always sharing her lap, and her arms are always full with furry pets, in addition to office paperwork.

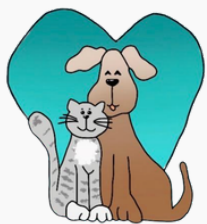


FAREWELL TO PF STAFF MEMBER, SARA SMITH

Pet Friends and Rescue staff, board members, and volunteers came together on July 31st to honor Sara with a certificate of recognition, cake and ice cream, celebrating with gratitude and in acknowledgment of all Sara's time, effort, and energy she put into our facility and pets--both rescues and those in-house, as well as those who have been adopted. We will miss Sara and her fabulous photography skills, as well as her expertise and heart for all of Pet Friends--animals and people. *Good luck in your future endeavors, Sara!*



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WE ARE HIRING!

PET FRIENDS & RESCUE

SEEKS PART-TIME ANIMAL CAREGIVER

** Must love dogs & cats! **

Duties include (but are not limited to):

- Caring for and feeding cats & dogs
- Cleaning cat areas
(litter boxes, sweeping, mopping, etc.)
- Cleaning dog areas
(scooping dog runs, power washing, etc.)
- Cleaning feral cat areas
(litter boxes, sweeping, changing bedding, etc.)
- Socializing and comforting rescue pets
- Maintaining beauty of pet sanctuary grounds



**TO APPLY, PLEASE CONTACT
PET FRIENDS & RESCUE OFFICE:
(831) 634-1191**



PET FRIENDS & RESCUE SEEKS VETERINARIAN (& VET TECH)

FOR ONE DAY PER WEEK SPAY/NEUTER & VACCINATION CLINICS



Pet Friends and Rescue is looking to hire a Veterinarian and Vet Technician to work in *Pet Friends & Rescue's Low-Cost Spay & Neuter clinic*, which services San Benito County.

These are paid positions and will operate out of the Pet Friends & Rescue facility one day per week, preferably Fridays, but the day is flexible.

We are hoping to hire no later than late-July and August 2026.

Apply/express interest:

- E-mail: office@petfriends.org
- Office Phone: 831-634-1191
- Call President & CEO Jack Scutchall: 408-234-9677

Office Hours: Wednesdays-Fridays: 10am to 3pm
Saturdays: 10am to 4 pm; Sundays: 12pm to 3pm

Location: 2975 Buena Vista Road (Hollister, CA)

Mail: P.O. Box 1191 Hollister, CA 95024

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WISH LIST

Your kind monetary donation, or a donation of any of these items, will help us reduce some of our overhead costs.



CAT ESSENTIALS

- Iams adult dry food
- Fancy Feast adult canned food
- Iams for Kittens dry food
- Fancy Feast Kitten canned food, turkey or chicken
- Any dry or canned food for outdoor/feral cats
- Arm & Hammer Cat Litter
- Cat treats

DOG ESSENTIALS

- Iams Mini-chunks (green bag) dog food
- Any canned dog food
- Treats (bully sticks, biscuits)
- Large dog toys, tennis balls, squeakers

HOUSEKEEPING ESSENTIALS

- Paper Towels
- (Viva brand preferred)
- Clorox Wipes
- Vinegar
- Bleach
- Comet cleaner
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Tall Kitchen Bags
- Nitrile exam gloves (all sizes)
- Bath rugs
- Blankets (small throw- size)
- Knee High Hosiery

DONATE MONTHLY

If you would like to regularly support our local rescue work and help us provide medical care, plus food and supplies while we care for our pets at our rescue sanctuary, please sign up online at: PetFriends.org



THROW US A BONE



THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP & SUPPORT PET FRIENDS...

LEGACY OF LOVE



Consider contributing to the Pet Friends & Rescue Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of San Benito County.

Donations to the fund effectively last forever, in that distributions to the fund are made from investment earnings on the donations. Your gift is a legacy of love in perpetuity.

There are many ways to make a donation to our endowment fund including: cash, appreciated stock, wills & estate planning, IRA beneficiary designations, & more.

ADOPTION CENTER

Visit our wonderful cats and dogs awaiting their adoptions!

Adoption Center:

2975 Buena Vista Road
Hollister, CA 95023

Adoption Center Hours:

Wednesday - Friday

10 am - 3 pm

Saturday

10 am to 4 pm

Sunday

12 pm to 3 pm

Contact:

831-634-1191

email: office@petfriends.org



BENEVITY DONATION-MATCHING

Increase Your Impact!

Many employers will match your financial donations and even donate on behalf of your volunteer hours at Pet Friends and Rescue. Check your internal company website to see if they offer a matching gift to help your support go even further for the cats & dogs at Pet Friends.



Scan QR code to donate to Pet Friends' fund through the



Community Foundation

FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY



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DONATE TO PET FRIENDS

MEMORIAL BRICKS

Memorialize the loss of a beloved pet with a personalized brick ----->

All bricks are lovingly displayed at Pet Friends & Rescue.

Each brick includes a paw print, your/your family's name, the pet's name, and the life years of your pet. It is a \$100 donation per brick.

Contact Pet Friends for a lasting memorial to honor your pet.





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2975 BUENA VISTA ROAD
HOLLISTER, CA 95023

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TO:

PET FRIENDS & RESCUE DONATION FORM

Tragically, there are homeless pets struggling to survive or abandoned at shelters, scared and hopeless. For over 25 years Pet Friends and Rescue has depended solely on private donations from caring people to adopt as many of these needy animals as possible. Pet Friends and Rescue volunteers keep them healthy and loved at our rescue center.

Please help us to help them - a donation will allow us to keep running our rescue and caring for those in our facility. With your help, we bring love and hope to animals in need.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

EMAIL:

SPONSOR A RESCUE PET

If you would like to sponsor one or more rescued pets from our website and can donate at least \$25 toward the cost of its care, please note the pet's name here. We will make sure they get an extra hug and treat!

Pet(s) Name:

Pet Friends and Rescue is a non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization. All contributions are fully tax deductible. **Important: Please assist us in saving on printing and postage expenses by providing your email address. Every dollar we save means a dollar better spent on direct animal care! If you cannot make a donation at this time, submit your email address to office@petfriends.org and you will be put on our email list for next time.

PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE AT PETFRIENDS.ORG