

SAN CARLOS RESIDENTS HELP SUPPORT PETS IN NEED

Education, Adoption, and Lots of Love

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The next time you see a happy, healthy dog out for a walk, or a curious cat with its face pressed up against a window, consider that the animal you're encountering may have been rescued by Pets In Need, Northern California's first no-kill animal shelter.

Headquartered in Redwood City, Pets In Need has been serving the community for over 50 years. We rescue cats and dogs from public shelters in the Bay Area and beyond when they are in danger of being euthanized due to space or financial limitations.

We operate a second shelter in Palo Alto, where we care for a variety of at-risk animals, from cats and dogs to rabbits, goats, ducks and even chickens.

In recent years donors from San Carlos have invested more than \$120,000 in Pets In Need and hundreds of adopted animals now reside in your hometown. Thank you, "City of Good Living."



FANTASIA

Introducing Fantasia, a girl who purrs loudly and regularly requests belly rubs and neck scratches. At just a year Fantasia is still a kitten and acts like one. Sometimes she'll pick up a toy with her mouth, carry it to the nearest human, drop it and then meow as if asking to play. Fantasia is available at our Redwood City location.



LUNA

Meet Luna, a bright and loyal girl with a contagious smile and a zest for life. At nearly 60 pounds this 1-year-old Pit Bull mix is full grown. She is friendly and playful, handles wearing a leash well and loves a hike or a long walk. Luna would do well with a family that has spent time with dogs. Luna is available at our Palo Alto location.

"Between the loving animals and compassionate staff at Pets In Need, it's easy to forget I'm giving my time because I feel I get so much back. Anyone interested in adopting should first visit Pets In Need to meet their adorable residents."

— San Carlos resident
Charleene Bizily, a devoted
volunteer at Pets In Need.

In addition to animal adoptions, spay and neuter and vaccination clinics, we offer several unique programs for your community, including:

Youth Programs

Your children, ages nine to 12, can enroll in Camp PIN Pals over winter, spring and summer breaks. Each weeklong camp session offers fun and educational activities like veterinary science lessons, K9 officer demonstrations, pet-themed crafts and more.

We offer teens the chance to shadow staff members to learn the ins and outs of running an animal shelter. Girl Scout troops may earn a pet badge with us. Your animal-loving child can celebrate their birthday with us.

We also visit schools to teach lessons on animal welfare and introduce students to our friendliest dogs. In San Carlos, we have visited several schools, including Central Middle School, Mariposa Upper Elementary School and Tierra Linda Middle School.

Corporate Programs

Companies can treat their employees to a fun experience and give back to their community. Corporate teams partner with us to host "yappy hour" events, when employees engage with dogs, or "kitten cuddles," a mixer for people and kittens.

Volunteer Programs

We rely on a devoted team of volunteers to provide animals with training and one-on-one attention at our shelters. Our network of foster families care for especially vulnerable animals, like young kittens or pets with medical needs, in the safety of a loving home. If you're interested in enrolling your child in camp, adding a new member to the family or just want to know more about us, please visit us at

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Marsa is program director at Pets In Need where she oversees youth and corporate programs. She has been with Pets In Need for nearly five years during which time she has been instrumental in growing adoption, volunteer and community outreach programs. Marsa lives in Belmont with her sidekick, a Boston Terrier mix named Cha Cha.