



The High Sierra Barker

2023 Winter Newsletter

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Office Manager, Susanne, with Nilla
(recently adopted) Photo -Brittney Donney

As Giving Tuesday (November 28th) and the upcoming holiday season approach, our rescue is moving forward with a great sense of purpose and determination. For the past twenty-five years, our nonprofit has been dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of homeless dogs in Plumas County and beyond. Our mission is not just about rescuing dogs, but also about ensuring that these incredible animals receive the care, training, and love they need from our facility as they heal past traumas and welcome a brand new chapter in life.

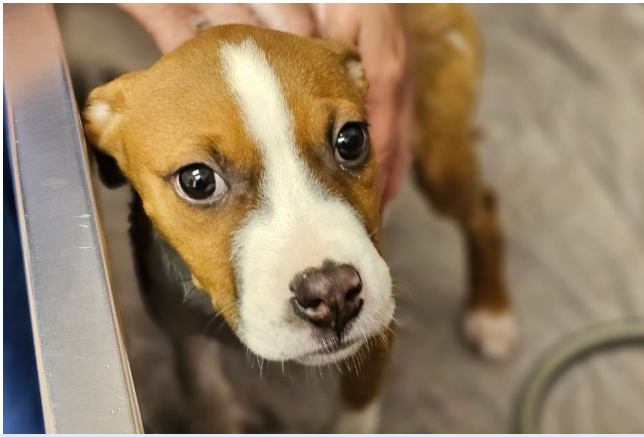
This last year, especially, our rescue has revitalized our dog enrichment and training protocols with the help of our Volunteer Trainer, Hannah Tomatis. Hannah, along with our dedicated staff and volunteers, recognizes that these tools are crucial in helping dogs adapt to new environments and, most importantly, their

future homes. It has been a true joy to watch our dogs progress as we have shifted into this new program, wherein each staff member and volunteer is assigned a dog (or two). This training involves the use of marker words such as "good," expanding their knowledge of commands, and working on specific issues such as jumping or reactivity, all while observing body language to gauge their comfort level. It has been especially beneficial for long-stay dogs like Jezzy and Memphis, who now show more patience and a greater sense of contentment. Both of these dogs recently had positive interactions with other dogs, which is an enormous step in the right direction. Through the efforts and hard work of our staff and volunteers, a few of our long-stay dogs were recently able to find understanding and loving homes.

We are constantly looking for ways to expand and improve our operations, and this Giving Tuesday and holiday season, you can be a part of our efforts. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good and support causes they care for.

High Sierra Animal Rescue owes our success to the unwavering support of our community and dedicated supporters. It is individuals like you who have allowed us to continue this mission for a quarter of a century. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have been a part of our journey. This year, consider giving the gift of hope and a second chance to homeless dogs in Plumas and Lassen Counties. To donate to our Giving Tuesday campaign or to just make a donation throughout the holiday season, go to highsierraanimalrescue.org or send a check to HSAR at PO. Box 548 Portola, CA 96122. If you would prefer to send us a Chewy gift card or wish list items, head on over to highsierraanimalrescue.org/donate to find the link to our Chewy page.

We wish you and your pets a very happy and cozy holiday season.



Rex and his littermates found their perfect forever homes after battling Parvovirus. Our staff was able to save their lives with your support.

Our staff, board, and volunteers form profound connections with dogs who've endured their darkest days. These animals, once at their lowest, find solace and hope in our care. It's a journey with both challenges and rewards, as we watch these dogs reach toward their full potential. The most poignant moments happen when we say goodbye, as dogs leap into cars and enjoy their "freedom rides" home with their new families. This connection to our dogs and their families lasts a lifetime. We share in the happy stories, provide resources and advice when needed, and in times of sadness, when adopters lose their beloved dog, we grieve together. The bond formed between us and these remarkable animals is a testament to the healing power of compassion, and we are so grateful to have been a part of so many happy beginnings over the last twenty-five years. In dog rescue, we're united in this shared journey, where highs and lows remind us of how important it is to come together as a community.

Monthly Giving is vital for nonprofits such as ours, as it provides consistent and reliable support that enables us to carry out our mission. Our monthly donors play a pivotal role by standing with us every step of the way, ensuring we have the necessary funding to provide shelter, food, medical care, training, and love to these animals.

The ongoing support of our community allows us to plan and execute long-term initiatives, such as our enrichment and training programs and important additions or repairs to our facility. It also helps us through medical emergencies and allows us to continue our efforts to promote responsible pet ownership and kindness toward animals in Plumas and Lassen Counties. You can easily become a Guardian of HSAR by setting up an online monthly donation at highsierraanimalrescue.org/donate or by check or automatic bank account withdrawal.



Yes, I want to help High Sierra Animal Rescue save lives!

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