



The High Sierra Barker

2019-2020 Winter Newsletter

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Happy Howlidays from High Sierra Animal Rescue!

2019 brought with it many smiles, tail wags, and some very happy tears. We've watched nearly 200 dogs walk through our doors and into their forever homes this year. We are extremely grateful for YOU—the adopters, donors, sponsors, and supporters that have made our work possible. In 2019 alone, you have provided dogs with life saving surgeries, litters of puppies with a sanctuary to grow and prosper, and hundreds of dogs with a second chance to find true happiness. *We are so thankful for your support and generosity.*

For twenty years, High Sierra Animal Rescue has been a safe haven for dogs that have run out of time at county shelters. When we say that we have a lifetime commitment to those in our care, we truly mean it.

Brandy arrived on 9-22-16, afraid and unsure of new people and surroundings. It's hard to say what life was like for Brandy before we decided to take her in but an indication of mistreatment when meeting her can be seen immediately. She was left in an outdoor kennel at a county shelter one night with no explanation, no medical history, and no possessions. After spending quite a bit of time at our rescue, she was fortunate enough to have found her way into the hearts of two very special people and their three dogs. They chose to be her foster family until she was able to find a home of her own. For a year they provided her with love and understanding, something that

up until that point she had only dreamed of. Brandy and her foster parents met with potential adopters throughout the year with no success. After her last visit in November, it became apparent to her foster family that they were indeed her forever family.

Although her past contains trauma and hurt, we are relieved to know that she will feel the love and warmth of a life-long companionship. We are so grateful for her foster turned forever parents and their commitment to giving Brandy a chance to show her true colors in their home.

At HSAR, no dog is under the threat of running out of time. We will always and forever be a place of comfort and understanding for dogs who are victims of their past. For us, there is nothing more rewarding than watching a dog like Brandy progress and then go on to find their perfect fit.



Please consider becoming a Guardian of High Sierra Animal Rescue to help us save dogs like Brandy. As a non profit no-kill rescue, monthly giving may be the *only way* for us to continue to provide for the homeless, abandoned, and innocent companions that deserve to find their forever families.

Guardians of High Sierra Animal Rescue

Monthly Giving is the easiest and most consistent way to help rescue dogs throughout the year! *Their future is in your hands!*

- \$25** Pays for gas to/from county shelters
- \$50** Provides a dog with a microchip and vaccines
- \$100** Covers the cost of a special needs vet visit
- \$250** Helps spay and neuter two dogs

Please sign up [online](#) with your debit or credit card and your donation will automatically be processed each month.

More information can be found at highsierraanimalrescue.org



14 puppies will find their forever homes in time for Christmas!

Did you know that HSAR is the only rescue/shelter in Plumas County that is able to care for puppies under eight weeks old? Unfortunately, county shelters do not have the time and resources necessary to provide for them and they often call us for help. At HSAR, we are able to give puppies a space where they are free to spend their days cuddling up next to their mothers and playing alongside their siblings. This season we took in four mothers, each with varying litter sizes, and two puppies that had been found abandoned at a logging camp.



Sassy and her brand new pups cuddle up after settling in to their space at HSAR.

While we are proud to say that we are able to give pups a chance to grow into healthy dogs, it does take a tremendous toll on our funds. Puppies are almost always unaltered, unvaccinated, and not microchipped. This means that the cost of raising a puppy is much higher than the average dog.

Sassy and her pups were placed in our care two days after she had given birth. She was extremely cautious and protective but as she got acquainted with the staff and felt more comfortable, her personality began to blossom. She was soon sitting in laps and basking in the attention. We are so grateful that we are able to give fragile, vulnerable dogs like her a loving place to raise her puppies.

Thanks to you, Sassy will never spend another day hungry or homeless and her puppies, Kiwi and Coconut, will live full lives free of the hardships their mother had to endure. It warms our hearts to know that Sassy, her puppies, and twelve others are exactly where they should be this holiday season, in a forever home surrounded by people who love and cherish them.



Kiwi's wish for a happy home this Christmas has come true!

Without the support of our generous donors, where would these mothers and their puppies go? What would their fate be? These are questions we hope we never have to face but we need your help.

As a non-profit, HSAR does not receive any government funding or subsidies to provide for those in our care. We rely solely on the generosity of our supporters. Each donation is an investment in the future of homeless dogs in Plumas County and beyond.



Piper's pups find comfort in one another after a long day of play.



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

Please consider becoming a Guardian of HSAR through our online giving page!

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 Phone _____ Card Number _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC Security Code _____



Thank you for your life-saving support! Their future is in your hands!

Your donation is tax deductible. For assistance or questions, please call us at (530) 832-4727

Please become a *Guardian* of High Sierra Animal Rescue

The story below is one that we have watched unfold time and time again at High Sierra Animal Rescue. Dogs that have survived abuse, malnutrition, abandonment, puppy mills, diseases, and hardships we cannot even begin to imagine have been loved and cared for by our non profit.

We are asking you to please become a monthly giver of our organization today so that we can continue to save the lives of dogs who deserve to find true happiness. The link to our giving page can be found on our website when you select "donate". You may also call our office or visit for assistance.

Our work comes at a very high cost but being a part of a rescue dog's success story is absolutely priceless.

When you become a Guardian of HSAR, you are choosing to be an active participant in what makes our rescue so very special. You are choosing to be a part of every single success story.

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A Second Chance

My first go around at life was hard and unkind.
My person no longer wanted me and I was left behind.
I was taken away from my puppies, I didn't have a home.
They put me in a small cage where I was unable to roam.
Each day I would wait for my old owner to walk in.
I started to feel desperate, my body became thin.
Time was ticking but I had nowhere to go.
The shelter was full and I had nothing to show.
I had almost given up but then an angel arrived.
He took me in his arms and my spirits were revived.
We went for a long ride, I was confused and scared.
But when I got to HSAR, it was clear that they cared.
Each day the nice people fed me and took me outside.
They told me that my day would come but there were still
nights that I howled and cried.
I wanted a home of my own and didn't know why I was there.
Was I a bad dog? Did I do something to deserve this despair?
After a few months a family took me home and answered my
prayer.
I was unsure at first but now I'm certain I'll be with them
forever.
Will I suffer again? No, never.





Featured Dogs



Luca



Luca is a 3 year old Siberian Husky mix who's looking for a very active companion interested in investing the time, love and experience that this breed needs and deserves. This free spirit is a young, smart, beautiful boy with oodles of potential who will give back a doggie lifetime of love, devotion and fun to the humans who give him his forever chance. He loves snow, being outside, and playing for hours and hours. Could you be the right family for Luca? Come find out at High Sierra Animal Rescue!

Rusty is a 4 year old sweetheart who really enjoys meeting new people! This boy has the intelligence and personality to match his handsome looks! He calms quickly, walks nicely, and loves to be next to his person. He has a lot of energy but he listens well and knows "sit", "down", and "shake". With regular exercise and mental stimulation, he will fit right in with his new family! Stop by HSAR to meet this wonderful pup.



Bonnie



Bonnie was found as a stray up near Greenville and she is still learning how to be the best dog she can be. She is very timid and shy when it comes to visiting new people or places but she just needs some help to come out of her shell. If you are looking for a bigger dog with less energy, Bonnie may be the right fit for you. She loves other dogs, galloping around outside, and relaxing in her space. She will definitely need patience and all the love in the world to help her become the best friend you are looking for.

**Did you know that High Sierra Animal Rescue has a Facebook and Instagram?
Follow along to see our available dogs and keep up with our most recent news!**

