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"New Year, New Hope"

As HALO gets ramped up for 2021 we'd also like to reflect on this past year of 2020.

As with everyone, 2020 has been a year of many hurdles but also some very impressive accomplishments.

As you may know, 2020 changed our entire adoption platform. HALO is an all foster based organization. Meaning we have no facility or shelter and all of our animals are fostered in loving homes opened up to us by our communities members. HALO relies strongly on our local pet stores to hold our adoption events and have a place to show our adoptable animals cared for in those foster homes. With Covid-19 that all came to a screeching halt.

To keep crowds down our adoption venues were forced to end all adoption events in order to protect our community from spreading the virus.

Fortunately, we have a very dedicated team of foster parents!! In order to continue to help our animals find their forever homes our amazing fosters and team members revamped our entire adoption process and decided to open up their homes, their front yards and their garages to offer safe & sanitized adoptions! Safety protocols were ALWAYS followed and our deserving animals were able to find their forever families safely!

Despite all challenges HALO was able to place 335 cats & dogs into loving, lifelong homes!!! If that's not an accomplishment during a worldwide pandemic, we don't know what is!

HALO still does not have a date to resume our regular adoption events however, we know that with our dedicated members we will continue to rescue animals in need and see lots of cats and dogs being placed in their forever homes in the next year!



Kitten/Puppy season is fast approaching! If you are interested in adopting please follow our facebook page @ Homeless Animals Lifeline Organization and view available animals on our website at www.eccchalo.org.

Another massive hurdle of 2020 was the loss of all our major fundraisers and events. Organizations like ours depend on fundraisers in order to continue the work that we do. We had the last year to put our heads together and come up with some creative ways to raise funds for our animals in 2021. Please, we ask that you follow our Facebook page and/or check our website frequently for all the new, exciting things HALO has coming this year. Including a month full of games & prizes to celebrate our 20 year anniversary during the month of May!

At the end of such an unexpected year of ups & downs we couldn't be more proud of the team HALO has, volunteering their time to help the animals of our community. THANK YOU to our team members, our foster parents, our adoption partners and every single one of you that continue to show your support for the work we do. Every single volunteer & supporter is part of the machine that keeps us running. We couldn't be more proud!

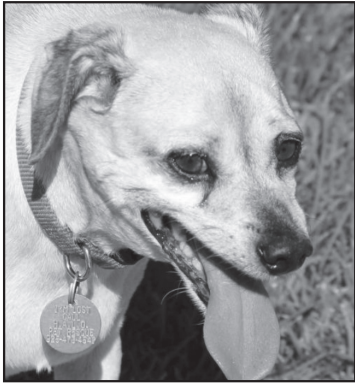
Finding a Kitten

Kitten season is rapidly approaching, here are some tips if you find an infant kitten (eyes and ears closed).

- Keep him/her warm. You can use bottled water warmed in the microwave.
- Feed it warm formula purchased at local pet store or just water if you can't get to the store. Using water only is for extreme emergencies only and can only be used for a very short period of time. A kitten can not survive on water alone and needs formula ASAP.
- If you buy a bottle, cut the nipple just so it drips. A very small hole.
- Feed it every two to three hours.
- Stimulate peeing/pooping by blotting gently on genitalia's.



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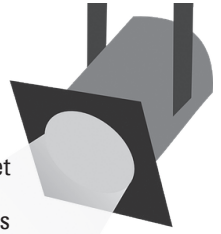


Male • Chihuahua • Born 7/8/2012

SPOTLIGHT ON DUKE

Meet Duke. This big love bug is just that, he is full of cuddles and rubs. He loves to play with his toys with you or chew on his cow hoove. Duke doesn't really like being around other dogs, he wants you to himself. He loves being in the house with you and his family. He enjoys going for car rides and for short walks, due to his weight he is walking short distances for now to lose some and doing very well. Duke will just come up to you and lie next to your feet and hope to get some loving from you; he really is hoping to get belly rubs. Duke is just starving for love and attention and he really deserves it because he is a great dog. He sleeps well in his crate and loves to sleep with you near your bed or in your bed. He is house trained on the potty pads now and always uses them, but he will also go outside. If you have children he would like them to be 8 years of age or older so that they won't be so rough on him. He doesn't like to be left at home all day alone, being alone for a few hours would be fine or a stay at home parent would be great for him. Duke is ready to go to his new home and get lots of love.

Duke is neutered, microchipped and up to date on shots. **Dukes adoption fees are being sponsored.**



Little Troopers

The Little Troopers Fund is a special program dedicated to raising money for treatable dogs and cats that are in urgent need of medical care. Through the Little Troopers Fund, H.A.L.O. foster animals with special needs obtain the care they would not otherwise receive.

As an animal rescue organization, H.A.L.O. takes in a variety of animals that make great companions for their human counterparts. While many of these animals are healthy, some dogs and cats that come into the program are in physical duress or have existing health problems. Little Trooper Fund enables H.A.L.O. to provide these animals with a second chance.

Meet Lemonade:

Lemonade and two siblings were rescued from living in the bushes at a local restaurant with a very busy parking lot and against a busy road. The odds were against them. Luckily they were rescued and their journey with H.A.L.O. began. After being rescued it was obvious that the little boy who would be named Lemonade had a badly injured tail.

After a trip to the vet it was determined that his tail was badly infected. There was damage that was too far gone and he had to undergo a tail amputation (Surgery #1). Lemonade went back to his foster home with only 3 inches of tail remaining and some stitches. Foster parents were excited for his recovery! Ten days later it was off to the vet again to have his stitches removed. Unfortunately, the excitement of Lemonades recovery dissipated after we were informed that lemonades infection had continued and it was keeping his incision site from healing.

Unfortunately, he had to immediately have another 2 inches of tail amputated (Surgery #2). With only 1 inch of tail left, he remained in the hospital for two nights post-op. He was then discharged and able to go back to his foster home. However, just a few short days later he was brought back into the vet with more symptoms. Despite the countless hours of wound care provided by his very dedicated foster mom Lemonades infection was just not resolving and the vets just couldn't understand why. After several more weeks this poor boy was back in for surgery #3 to open his tail area back up and do a whole internal cleaning.

Lemonade has been undergoing treatment for almost 2 months now and it seems that we have finally gotten this under control. His "tail stub" has movement and stood upright for the first time since we've had him in our program!

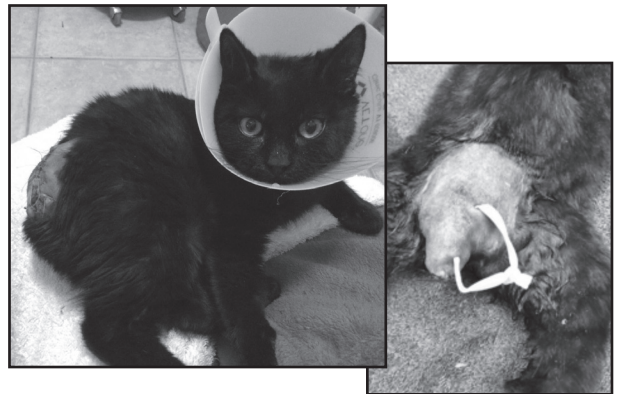
He has been such a champ through all of this and has remained in good spirits.

The best part? Lemonade has found his forever home!

H.A.L.O. takes pride in providing the very best medical care for our animals. Helping animals like Lemonade who's lives depend on medical intervention is a large part of what we do. But of course that doesn't come without a great deal of medical bills.

Although, Lemonade has found his forever home we still have accumulated many vet bills. We are asking, if you are in a position, to please help with a donation towards Lemonades care cost. No donation is too small! Even just \$5, the cost of a cup of coffee, helps tremendously.

Thank you for your support to help animals like Lemonade!

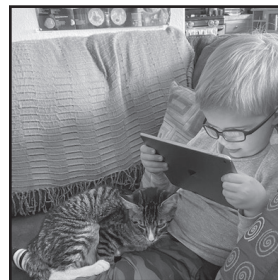


Happy Tails

Logan

Wanted to let you know that Logan is adjusting well and has really taken to my older son. Caleb simply adores him. Caleb was so heartbroken when our oldest cat passed away, it makes me so happy to see him with a new cat to love. Thank you for making his Christmas extra joyful!

-The Lewis Family

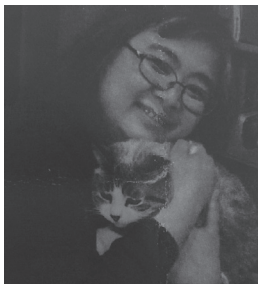




In Loving Memory

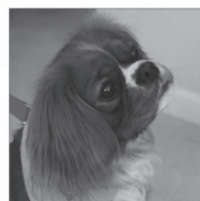


In loving memory of previous HALO foster kitten Butler (left). Butler was well loved and cared for and will be missed greatly by his human parents and furr brother Cruz, also a HALO foster.

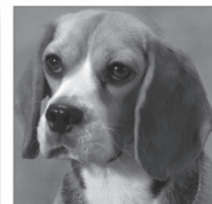


In Loving Memory of my beloved cat Yuki, whom i adopted from HALO on December 7, 2018. I always told her she was and always will be the best Christmas present ever.

In Loving Memory of two of our Angel Ear team members Guinness and Pandora. They spent countless hours at the East Contra Costa libraries with the children helping improve there reading skills. They will be greatly missed



Guinness



Pandora

How You Can Help

HALO survives because of the generous donations from the people around the community. Besides monetary donations H.A.L.O. can always use volunteers, fosters and items off of our "Wish List", which can be found on our website

We are a non-profit organization classified under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our Federal Tax I.D. Number is: 94-3389190.

You can also support H.A.L.O. by various programs listed below.

Direct links can be found on our website at www.eccchalo.org. From our home page click the green "Donate" button or the "How You Can Help" link in the menu bar at the top of the page.



When shopping on Amazon please use the link that can be found on our website. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to HALO.

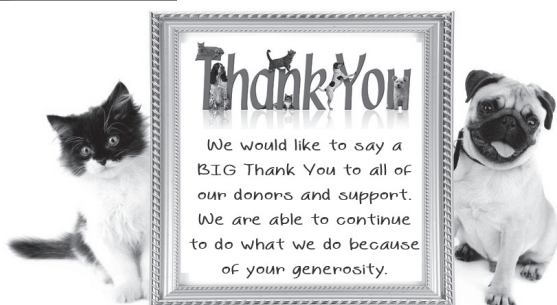


Donate your car, truck, RV or boat. The proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle are very helpful to H.A.L.O.! To donate, please call 1-888-686-4483 and tell them you want to donate your vehicle to H.A.L.O., or complete the online donation form at www.cardonationervices.com.



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VOLUNTEER



GET INVOLVED AND JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM TODAY!

Dog Manager Needed

H.A.L.O. is currently looking for a dog manager for to help run our dog program. You must be local to East Contra Costa County. Training is available in this volunteer position. Need someone experienced handling dogs.

Fosters needed: We are currently looking for cat and dog fosters. HALO provides all the supplies, you supply the love!

For more information please contact us at contacthalo@yahoo.com



Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Enclosed is my check, made payable to H.A.L.O. in the amount of: \$_____

☐ I send this donation in memory of _____

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H.A.L.O. Happenings

Join Us for Our Online See's Candies Easter Fundariser



Link to order can be found on our website at www.eccchalo.org under events or you can contact us at contacthalo@yahoo.com and we can email you the link. Candy is purchased online and shipped directly to you. Makes the perfect gift to send to a love one. They ship anywhere in the United States. Link will be live until March 19, 2021.



In May HALO will be celebrating 20 years of finding forever homes for cats & dogs.

Join us on our facebook page for a month of celebration with games and prizes!!

www.facebook.com/ECCCHALO



Make your HALO pet a Star!



HALO is looking for past adopters to share photos of their HALO pets with us for a chance to be used in our 2022 Calendar. You can send your photos to contacthalo@yahoo.com. Please include your pets name and year adopted. By submitting your pets photo you give HALO permission to use your photo in our calendar. We will be accepting photos until November 1, 2021. Calendars will be available for purchase in December 2021.

Paint Your Pet Virtual Fundriaser

Join us for our virtual paint night fundraiser with Paint the Town.

Saturday April 24, 6:00-8:00pm

Tickets are \$70. 25% of the proceeds go to HALO.



Here is how it works:

Event will be held via zoom. You do not need to have an account to join.

You send in a photo of your pet, pets of any kind are welcome! Paint the Town will then ship you a pre-sketched canvas, along with all painting supplies necessary to bring the portrait to life! They will ship to anywhere in the US.

Sign up and submission deadline is April 7.

Please go to the events page on our website for more information and to sign up. You may also send us an email at contacthalo@yahoo.com and we can assist you with sign up.



Help HALO Go Green!

We are working on converting our newsletter to digital. If you would like to continue to receive it, please email us at contacthalo@yahoo.com and provide us with your full name, current mailing address and email address. Going green not only helps the environment but it helps us save on printing and postage costs while allowing our supporters to continue to keep up-to-date on HALO news, events and fundraisers.



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