

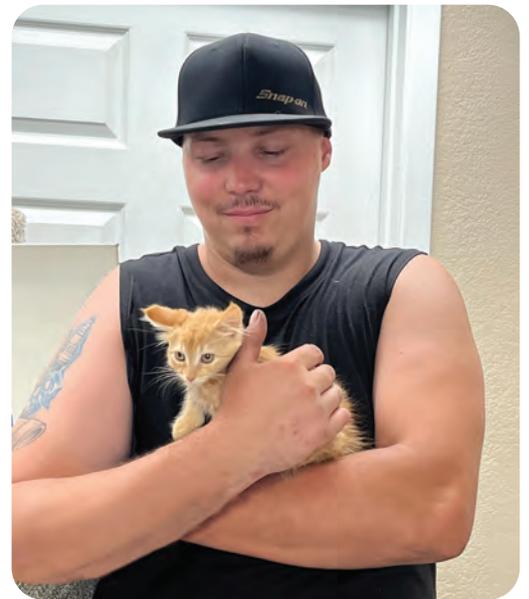


## *A small act of kindness can change a life forever.*

At a mere 8 weeks old, Tesla was discovered darting across a busy road. Thankfully, a concerned citizen intervened to save this brave little kitten. Frightened and disoriented, the kitten sought refuge beneath his vehicle, a Tesla, ultimately climbing up into the underbelly. Determined to help, the gentleman cautiously drove to a nearby auto center. The compassionate shop owner graciously permitted one of his technicians to remove a panel from the underside of the car, ensuring the kitten's safe rescue. When SoHumane arrived at the scene, the technician had already fallen in love with the kitty and fittingly named her Tesla.

**Tesla's condition was heart-wrenching.** She was emaciated, infested with fleas, and covered from head to toe in layers of dirt and grime. The SoHumane team gave Tesla a much-needed bath and provided her with a soft, warm bed. In just a matter of weeks, with nutritious meals and plenty of TLC, Tesla underwent a remarkable transformation. Her indomitable spirit shone bright.

When Tesla was ready for adoption, the automobile technician who helped save her visited SoHumane. He knew in his heart that Tesla was meant to be a part of his life, and today she thrives in her loving new home. **Tesla's story is a reminder that even in the most unexpected circumstances, a small act of kindness can change a life forever.** At SoHumane, we believe that every pet deserves a forever home. Your generous support makes stories like Tesla's possible, offering hope and a brighter future for animals in need.



## *Family – where life begins and love never ends.*



Over the last several months we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of pets being abandoned at SoHumane. O'Brien - a thin, neglected, large breed puppy – was abandoned and discarded in one of SoHumane's introduction yards. Terrified, he growled and lunged at our team when they approached. After spending an hour earning his trust, and receiving lots of treats, a staff member was able to safely carry him to a kennel.

In the beginning, O'Brien remained cautious around people. However, he gradually settled into his new surroundings. At just five months old, he became a bundle of boundless energy and joy. Unfortunately, his size and energy level proved to be a challenge for adopters. He was adopted and returned three times. It was heartbreaking to see his disappointment each time he was returned.

One day a wonderful man and his young daughter saw past O'Brien's initial hesitation and recognized the incredible, loving dog that he had become. United with his new family O'Brien finally had the opportunity to settle into a loving home after spending half his young life in a shelter. Thanks to supporters like you, O'Brien will be spending the holidays with his family, playing and enjoying long walks!





## *My face might be white, but my heart is pure gold.*

A shelter environment is stressful for most dogs and cats, but it's especially hard for older pets. Recently, SoHumane received word about two senior dogs that needed our help – PJ and Boots. Sadly, their guardian had passed away, and they were left alone at a local shelter. After transferring the duo to our facility, staff discovered that both PJ and Boots were in need of veterinary care. Among other things, both dogs suffered from severe dental disease which can be quite painful and have a huge impact on a pet's quality of life.

While receiving medical treatment PJ and Boots were placed in a foster home. They loved their foster family, especially the dog members of the family! Shortly after their medical treatment was completed PJ and Boots were ready to find a new home and they did! A kind-hearted woman saw them on our website and came in to adopt them. We were overjoyed to know that they would spend the rest of their days together.

We have a special place in our hearts for senior pets. Age-related veterinary care can be expensive and a barrier to adoption. **Thank you for making second chances for senior pets possible!**



Zeus arrived at SoHumane as a stray or “found” cat. He was in rough shape with missing teeth and ears filled with debris. Staff determined that he had been previously neutered which meant that at some point in his life Zeus had enjoyed the comforts of a home and a family. After his time spent alone and unwanted, Zeus spent his days in Catville relaxing in his bed and enjoying the attention provided by staff and volunteers. He gradually felt comfortable meeting people who found this well-mannered guy to be a sweet kitty. After three months he was chosen by a young woman to be a much treasured lap cat. **Your gifts make it possible for SoHumane to say yes to pets who need extra time and an opportunity to find their forever families.**

## **Donate today and double your gift!**



There are many dogs and cats who need your help. Without your generous gifts, they might spend their days in overcrowded shelters – disoriented by the strange surroundings and alone. On behalf of all the pets who are now loved and have homes, thank you. Your compassion and support provide a safe place until they ready for forever families.

**Anonymous donors are ready to match all gifts received, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000 – now through November 30th.** Please take up their challenge and donate today. A warm and cozy bed, healthy food, veterinary care and love in abundance – these are the gifts you provide for the animals. **Your gift today will have an even greater impact and save twice as many lives.**



*Autumn leaves are falling,  
and Thanksgiving time is near.  
It warms our hearts to know  
the dogs and cats are in your thoughts this year.*

*Karen, Ryan and the SoHumane staff*

