



A dream is a wish your heart makes...

Bear, a magnificent large breed, brindle dog was found as a stray and taken to a local shelter. Sadly he remained there for a heart-wrenching six months, continually overlooked by potential adopters. When SoHumane staff learned of Bear's plight, they quickly made arrangements and transferred him to our adoption program.

Not long after his arrival staff noticed something special about Bear, and they began to dream of a better future for him. Seeing his potential, they began filming Bear as he eagerly engaged in the specific tasks set before him. After some consideration, an application to the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation was sent in on Bear's behalf. The foundation, which has chosen dogs from SoHumane in the past, recognized Bear's potential. They believed he would be an excellent candidate for their rigorous Search Dog training program.

Bear's life changed instantly as he boarded a private plane and headed for California, bound for his new home at the Search Dog Foundation. Foundation staff shared their excitement, stating, "Bear spent some time exploring the campus and getting acclimated to his new home, and has now officially been accepted into our program! We can't wait to work more with Bear and we're so excited to follow his progress as he begins this new chapter!" Bear, once languishing alone and unwanted in a kennel, unnoticed and in need of a savior, has now embarked on a journey where he will spend the rest of his life helping to save people all across our country. Bear's story is a shining example of the life-changing impact that rescued dogs can make and of the remarkable potential found in every overlooked shelter animal.



★ ★ *Senior dogs are made for snuggling...* ★

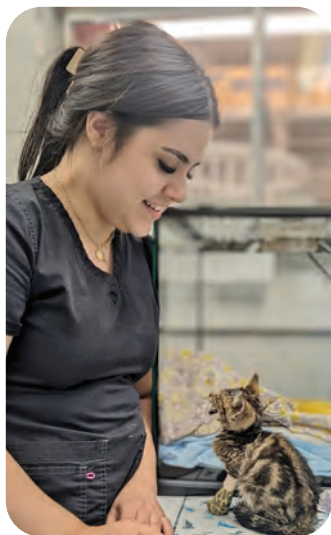
Originally eight-year-old Zig was surrendered to SoHumane by his owners who felt he was too active. After three months he was adopted. But two years later staff discovered that Zig had been surrendered once again, this time at another shelter. Our hearts sank as we realized Zig was without a home, an eleven-year-old, big, black dog in a world where senior animals often struggle to find a second or third chance at life.



Once at SoHumane, Zig was loved and well taken care of, but his situation was disheartening. People passed him by day in and day out. He grew increasingly despondent in his kennel, his once-bright spirit dimmed. Our team knew we had to act swiftly to change Zig's fate. A family that had long supported SoHumane's programs and had a special place in their hearts for senior dogs was contacted. They had previously adopted Grace, a female lab. This kindhearted family agreed to meet Zig, and it was a meeting of kindred spirits. Love blossomed at first sight.

Zig and his newfound canine companion quickly became fast friends, and the family didn't hesitate to say "YES" to giving Zig the loving home he deserved. Now Zig resides on a beautiful farm, spending each day with Grace and a family that understands the value of every one of his gray hairs. Zig's story demonstrates the power of second chances and the gift of receiving enduring love. Because of your generosity and love for the animals, SoHumane can provide time and exceptional care for older pets like Zig who are making the transition to a new home and family.

We believe in miracles...



Triumph's arrival at SoHumane during the summer was the beginning of his remarkable journey. Found by caring community members, Triumph was experiencing a health crisis which included a severe burn on his head, burns on three of his paws, and an infestation of fleas. He was very underweight for a young kitten, and he suffered from both hypothermia and anemia due to his burns and the fleas covering his body. SoHumane's vet care team acted swiftly by tending to the wounds on his head and paws and keeping him warm. They then treated Triumph for fleas and administered antibiotics, vitamins, and parasite preventatives.



Despite his initial challenges, Triumph's loving personality and determination were evident. He showed a strong will to survive. Triumph received the veterinary attention he needed to heal, and staff quickly bonded with him. After a month of intensive treatment he had gained weight, the wound on his head was healing and the bandages were removed from his paws. Triumph's story is a testament to the resilience of the animals in our care. We are thrilled to share that Triumph was adopted by one of SoHumane's most dedicated cat volunteers when he became available. He is now in a loving home where he will live an amazing life filled with love and comfort.

The exceptional care Triumph and all of the kittens at SoHumane receive costs much more than an adoption fee. Our work is made possible by generous donors like you who enable us to care for more than 1,200 pets each year and place them in loving, forever homes.

When Dwight arrived at SoHumane on the Saving Train staff felt certain his stay would be brief. With his playful and friendly nature, he was a true delight to be around. Dwight loved spending time with other dogs and could often be found romping and playing with his furry friends. He had a big heart, a gentle soul and an affectionate nature. He was adopted and then returned - three times. Finding the right family for this young, energetic dog was a high priority. For Dwight, the fourth time proved to be a wonderful match. New beginnings come twice for the dogs and cats at SoHumane – the day they arrive and the day they go home. And the love and care they receive in between those two days are what make the happy adoption day possible. Your kindness touches more lives than you could ever know. Sending a gift today means pets like Dwight will have a second – or even a third or fourth – chance to meet their forever family.



Your gift could be doubled!

You create miracles for the dogs and cats during this season of hope. Your generosity will provide vital care and ensure lifesaving second chances for pets who are homeless.

Thank you for joining with us in a partnership to save lives. Angel supporters are ready to match all gifts received, dollar for dollar, up to \$12,000 – now through December 31st.

*Wishing you all the best the season has to offer!
May your days be filled with warmth and love.
And the new year bring you boundless joy.*

Karen, Ryan, and the SoHumane staff