



*Thanksgiving is a time to connect with the people we care about most. Our thoughts turn gratefully to those who make the shelter and care we provide for dogs and cats possible.*

### 🍂 Family – Where life begins and love never ends 🍂

Fourth of July celebrations are great fun for people but they can be terrifying for many animals. This year staff and volunteers at SoHumane spent the evening of the holiday comforting the animals. They read to frightened animals and played music to soothe them. A Coonhound mix named Scooby was inconsolable so a volunteer sat with him in his kennel. Because he was still anxious and trembling, Erin decided to take Scooby inside the Adoption Center to help calm him. Having formed a special bond that evening, Erin asked if she could take Scooby home for the night so he would continue to feel safe. Once in a home, Scooby settled in as if he had always been there. Erin and her family knew that adopting him would be a challenge. Scooby is a very large dog, and he experiences separation anxiety. But they had all fallen in love with him. **Scooby never spent another night alone or afraid.** He stayed with his new friends, and they adopted him three days later.



SoHumane recently received this heartwarming update about Scooby from his new family. Erin wrote, “Scooby was an unplanned addition to our little family. After unexpectedly losing our last beloved fur-baby to cancer only three months before, we were still heartbroken and grieving. **Scooby brought light back into our healing hearts** and has been the perfect gentle giant for our two-year-old son, Tyler, to grow up with. Scooby had a bit of a rough start in life, but we aren’t giving up on him. Taking on this challenge has really helped us to grow as a family, and we look forward to many new adventures with together with our favorite gentle giant.”

**Family is a gift that lasts. Thanks to you, Scooby will be enjoying the holidays surrounded by love and family.** You make it possible to help pets who are homeless just like Scooby. Your gift today means a second or third chance for a dog or cat.

### 🍂 Donate now and double your gift! 🍂

Please rescue a dog or cat before 2019 comes to a close. Healthy food, a warm and cozy bed, needed veterinary care and love in abundance – these are the gifts you give. **Thanks to a gift in memory of Herbert V. Hymas, donations made by November 30th will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000.** Give today so that your gift will have an even greater impact and save twice as many lives!



## *Impossible odds set the stage for amazing miracles*

A few months ago the SoHumane team received a disturbing phone call from our good friend Dr. Cassandra Bliss, asking for our help. She had examined a beautiful young husky named Zeus who was suffering from advanced glaucoma. Unfortunately, Zeus's eyes were so terribly damaged that she believed they could not be saved, and he was in severe pain. His guardians felt that without sight Zeus's life would be over, and they were planning to euthanize him. Fortunately, Dr. Bliss was able to convince his guardians to surrender him to SoHumane instead, but an eye removal surgery would be a financial hardship for us. Dr. Kristen Mason graciously agreed to do the surgery at a deeply discounted rate. **After the surgery Zeus's life was transformed. All of his pain and suffering was over.** He gained confidence as the staff and volunteers showered him with love. He started to explore his surroundings and discovered things like treats, long walks and hugs! Zeus was ready for a family of his own, and it didn't take long to find a match. **In only ten days Zeus won the hearts of a wonderful couple who now dearly love him.**



Here is what his new family recently told us: "Zeus is doing great! It's really amazing how he learned his way around. The only time he runs into anything is when he is chasing something." As far as we are concerned, disability means possibility! **Because of you, Zeus was able to beat the odds and receive the lifesaving care that he needed. We are truly thankful to you for helping make miracles like this possible for the pets we care for at SoHumane.**

### *Believe in the Power of Kindness*



Eeyore was brought to SoHumane just before Valentine's Day. A large five-year-old male cat that had been abandoned, his fur was matted and dirty. He had a wound and scabs on his tail and at some point Eeyore had suffered an injury to his left back foot. Upon examination it was determined that he was missing nine teeth, and several teeth were fractured. **A sad sight at best, Eeyore desperately needed the help that SoHumane could provide.** The vet care team cleaned his fur, treated his tail injury, began his vaccine series and administered medications for parasites. Eeyore had a warm, clean place to sleep, plenty of nutritious food and people who cared for him. The vet care team regularly cleaned and bandaged his tail wound which was slow to heal. He was neutered and received a dental exam which included cleaning and an extraction. In late spring with his tail finally healed, his long soft grey fur brushed and clean Eeyore was ready for a home. The vet care team had all fallen in love with his loving and gentle nature. "Eeyore was one of the most patient of patients. He was a big talker, loved having his belly brushed, and gave the best kisses." **Thanks to you, Eeyore now has a home – a place to take long naps in the sun and share kitty hugs. At SoHumane we believe every pet deserves their own home. Please give generously so more pets like Eeyore can be helped.**

*Love is at the heart of this beautiful season.  
We are so thankful for you and the love you share  
with the dogs and cats at SoHumane.  
Warm wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.  
Karen, Barb and the staff at SoHumane*