



Love is in the air.

Millie arrived at a small shelter in Northern California, she was given two weeks to find a home. Kennel space was limited and heartbreaking decisions had to be made every day.



When Millie's name showed up on the euthanasia list her future seemed uncertain. Because of you, Millie was given a second chance. She was picked up by our Saving Train and brought to SoHumane where she was given the time she needed to find the kind of love that lasts — the kind of love that Valentine's Day reminds us is worth holding out for. But even with excellent care, shelter life is still waiting. Day after day, Millie watched people pass by her kennel. She heard doors open and close; tails wag and leashes clip and then quiet again. Staff and volunteers were her constants, offering comfort, play and reassurance that her turn to find love would come. Still, when the lights dimmed at the end of the day Millie returned to her kennel to wait alone. It was heartbreaking to watch her each day sit patiently, tail wagging, eyes searching faces, still believing someone would choose her.

Then, finally after several months, love chose her. Millie's family walked through SoHumane's doors and fell head over heels — the kind of connection you don't question. Today, instead of waiting behind kennel doors, Millie is living her forever life; exploring pumpkin patches in the fall, finding presents under the tree during the holidays, and starting her best year yet in 2026 surrounded by people who adore her as much as she adores them. **Because of you, Millie's story didn't end in longing, it ended in belonging, second chances, and a heart finally home.**

Will you join with us today by making a gift of \$35, \$50 or \$100 to continue your support for the vulnerable animals in our care?



♡ *Time heals some wounds, but love heals them all.* ♡

Mercy was first spotted by a member of our community, dragging her back legs across the pavement. She was hurting, scared, and moving only by sheer will. When the community member couldn't safely catch her, they reached out to SoHumane. One of our dedicated staff headed out and, after a few patient hours, brought Mercy safely back to the shelter. She arrived in rough shape, and our veterinary team feared she might have a broken leg — or even a broken back. It was hard not to wonder what her future might hold.

Tests showed that Mercy had no broken bones, offering a moment of relief — but her journey wasn't finished yet. Shortly after her exams, Mercy surprised everyone by giving birth to a single kitten, something no one realized was coming. Around the same time, another orphaned kitten arrived at the shelter, about the same age and completely alone. Staff carefully placed the orphaned kitten with Mercy and her newborn, hoping she would accept the baby. Mercy immediately began caring for both kittens as her own, giving the orphan the warmth and protection it desperately needed.

Mercy and her kittens, Dreamer and Wishes, soon went into foster care. Just one week later, we received a call that felt almost unreal: Mercy had regained control of her back legs and was walking as if nothing had ever happened. When she returned to SoHumane, Mercy didn't have to wait long for her next chapter. She was adopted into a home where she is healthy, cherished, and finally able to settle into a life of comfort and security. **Because of you, Mercy's story became a reminder that love doesn't always arrive with grand gestures** — sometimes it looks like showing up, staying patient, and believing in healing.



Your kindness has a direct lasting impact on the cats and dogs you help. At SoHumane we believe in doing whatever it takes to move pets out of danger and into homes. In honor of Valentine's Day we want to thank you for the love and compassion you offer homeless pets.

With gratitude,

Karen Evans, Executive Director



P.S. Donate today and help heal at-risk animals and give them a second chance.

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