

*Light our path to kindness and care.*



# Your support lets us care for the pets that need us most.

Winter holidays are a time of sharing. A time we celebrate moving from darkness to the light. A time when great joy is found in giving. The Irvine Animal Care Center needs your help to shine brightly for animals in need, to share the gifts of kindness, comfort, and care with them, and to be the salvation they seek. In the past year, two-thirds of the stray pets we took in went unclaimed by their owner. We've seen the number of owner-surrendered pets grow by 65% since a 2021–2022 low. Your donation will provide crucial funding for victims of animal cruelty, neglect, and pets whose owners desperately need support. Your donation illuminates a bleak future and creates the path to a forever home. Funding for the center's Enhanced Care, Foster Care, and Third Chance for Pets programs made a life-saving difference for these pets and many more.



**Aldo:** Found stray, unable to walk, with multiple wounds to his face and chest. Enhanced Care surgery was required to treat his injuries, including repairing a broken femur using a titanium plate and screws. Foster Care volunteers nurtured him back to health, and began the work of teaching this shy boy that it was safe to trust. With time, both his body and heart were able to mend, and Aldo found his forever home.



Before

After



**Sadie:** Abandoned, with severe dental disease, anemia, and a gigantic hernia mass. Staff made plans for immediate hernia surgery and followed up with dental surgery when Sadie was strong enough to undergo the second Enhanced Care procedure. Sadie's Foster Care family Fell All In Love (FAILed), and Sadie was adopted through the center's Seniors for Seniors program.



**Spring:** An 8-week-old kitten was found stray overnight and rushed to an emergency hospital. It eventually took two nerve-wracking Enhanced Care surgeries to save Spring from the degloving damage to her paw, chin, head, and spine. Degloving is severe and traumatic. Spring's bandages were almost as big as she was! Donations made the difference for Spring, who is now flourishing with her forever family.

**Mira:** Brought to the center with a leg fracture and severed ear. Surgical intervention treated both. Mira recovered in Foster Care. Soon after her return, Mira was adopted!



**Kaldi:** Blind stray brought in by a driver who accidentally hit her. Enhanced Care surgery reconstructed her leg, avoiding amputation.

Foster Care volunteer provided special accommodation during recovery. Kaldi was adopted into a happy home!



**Prancer:** At just 2-years-old required hip surgery and oral surgery to become adoptable, then adopted he was!

Our Enhanced Care, Third Chance for Pets, and Foster Care programs flourish due to the loyal participation of donors like you.

**Thank you, from the Irvine Animal Care Center Staff and Volunteers.**







## Every gift, no matter the size, enables the Irvine Animal Care Center to continue its life-saving work.

To help, please use the enclosed envelope or visit [irvineanimals.org/holidaydrive](http://irvineanimals.org/holidaydrive). You can also celebrate the season with us by decorating and **returning the enclosed ornament**, which will be displayed in the center during the holidays.

### Thanks to You

Thanks to you, we have been able to gratefully provide:

#### Homes

Homes for nearly **14,000 animals** through the Third Chance for Pets program since its inception in 1999.

#### Enhanced Care

Procedures throughout the year included:

- Knee, hip, or eye surgery for several animals.
- Surgery to heal a cat that had been shot.
- More than 30 dental surgeries.
- Parasite treatment for more than 40 cats.
- Echocardiograms, neurologist visits, and a slate of other specialized consults.
- Advanced dermatology treatment for many animals.
- Treatment for Third Chance animals incubating Giardia, Coccidia, Parvo, and Panleukopenia by surprise.

#### Foster Care

Around-the-clock care and a cozy home environment for **more than 500 animals** through our Foster Care program this year.

### Upcoming Events

#### Foster Pet Donation Drive *March 2025*

Donate items to support animals in the center's Foster Care program.

#### Virtual 5K *April 2025*

A Virtual 5K is done at your own pace, at a location you choose, with proceeds benefiting the animals in our care.

#### Photo Fundraiser *August 2025*

Submit your pet's photo to be featured in the center's wall calendar.

#### Comedy Unleashed *September 2025*

Join us for dinner and laughs at the Irvine Improv as we raise funds for center programs.

*All events are subject to change.*

*For more information, visit [irvineanimals.org](http://irvineanimals.org).*