

# GOOD MEWS

REDWOOD COAST



HUMANE SOCIETY



## RESCUE STORY

Wrynn, a Tail of Kindness & Generosity

## GOLF COURSE KITTENS

Newborn Kittens and their Momma

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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# THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE

## Help Make Our Wishes Come True

We are nearing the end of our 21st year as The Redwood Coast Humane Society (formerly the South Coast Chapter of The Mendocino Coast Humane Society - Fort Bragg). And for another year over 70 cats/kittens and dog/puppies from our community have passed through the hands and hearts of our team of dedicated volunteers, providing care and compassion until their forever home is found. Many additional pets in our community have benefited from services provided by RCHS, including assistance with veterinary care expenses for spay/neuter and vaccinations, as well as emergency procedures. The stories of the Golf Course Kittens (page 3) and Wrynn the Shepherd (page 6) included in this newsletter are examples of our work.



And yet, there are a few items we could use that would help us continue with our work. To date, our volunteers have been using our personal vehicles to provide weekly animal transport to Point Arena, semi-monthly trips to Santa Rosa, and occasionally far beyond. We also take all those towels and blankets slept on by our "residents" home to our personal washing machine/dryers or patiently wait at a laundromat to have them cleaned. So, if you find yourself with a used small transport van (doesn't need to be pretty, just reliable) or an electric stack washer/dryer unit (we don't have much space) that you no longer need, please think of us, just in case Santa is over-booked this year!

*Lisa Dundee*, RCHS President



# GOLF COURSE KITTENS

It was a summer night in June this past summer when the Redwood Coast Humane Society's president, Lisa Dundee, got a call from Sea Ranch Security. Someone had dumped a cardboard box with a mother cat and four newborn kittens on The Sea Ranch golf course. Lisa and Laura Bridge drove to the 13th tee where the box was found and spoke with the security officer. A golfer was playing a late game and heard a car stop nearby and then quickly take off. He noticed a cardboard box on the grass and when he went to investigate, he found the cat and kittens. The mother cat was a friendly calico, but when they tried to pick her up, she ran off. The nearby bushes were searched but there were no signs of her. Lisa and Laura didn't want to leave the kittens out at the golf course overnight in case momma didn't return and because it was feared a predator might get them, so Laura took the kittens home with her.

The four kittens were obviously only a day or two old. They still had their umbilical cords and their eyes were shut. They were tiny things - one orange, one solid gray, one white with gray spots, and one gray with white spots. Kittens that age should be fed at least every four hours so Laura bottle fed them with kitten formula, set her alarm for 3:00 AM and went to bed.

Lisa and Laura met at the golf course at 6:00 AM the next morning to see if they could find momma. They searched the area with no luck and a humane trap was set to try and catch her. Flyers were printed and the golf course was contacted to let them know what was going on. The golf course maintenance workers were asked to keep a lookout for momma and handed out flyers to the people heading out to play. It was also posted on Facebook that we were looking for this calico cat. There were no sightings that day so Laura continued to feed the kittens and shut down the trap for the night.

The next morning as soon as Laura returned from resetting the trap at the golf course, she got a call from



someone who lives near the 13th tee. The caller had seen the Facebook posting and was pretty certain that momma was in her tree! At the suggestion of Sandy Hughes, one of our volunteers and Board member, Laura grabbed the box of kittens and headed back to the tree where momma was stuck. There was momma, about 50 feet up in a huge tree. She was hesitant to come down, but when momma saw and heard the kittens she perked up and took notice. It took some convincing, but she finally came down from the tree and allowed Laura to pick her up and put her in a carrier, along with her babies.

Unfortunately, the orange kitten didn't make it, but the other three thrived under the care of their mother. Once their gender was determined, they were named with golf course themed names (Sandie, Duff and Ace). When they reached eight-weeks-old, they were adopted out to wonderful families. Momma cat (Judy) has been spayed and vaccinated and as of this publication she is still available for adoption. Despite her ordeal, Judy is a sweet and friendly companion.

It is unknown why the kitties were dumped when the shelter is within just a few miles of the golf course. The Redwood Coast Humane Society would've taken in the mother and kittens, no questions asked. Things could have easily ended badly, but fortunately, this story has a happy ending.





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RCHS board members accept Surf Market's generous 2021 donation.

## 2021 RCHS FINANCIAL REPORT

### INCOME:

Monetary Donations \$89,573\*  
Adoption Fees \$4,222  
Spay/Neuter Deposits \$675  
Medical Care Reimbursements \$309

### EXPENSES:

Rent \$29,350  
Medical \$14,901  
Facilities \$6,009  
Community Animals \$5,784  
Supplies \$3,293  
Miscellaneous \$2,032  
Operations \$796  
Taxes \$766  
Insurance \$746  
Advertising \$362

2021 YTD TOTAL INCOME = \$94,779

2021 YTD TOTAL EXPENSES = \$64,040

2021 YTD NET = \$30,739  
As of 10/31/21

\*Monetary donations include a one-time bequest of \$43,129





# WRYNN

## A TAIL OF KINDNESS & GENEROSITY

By Sandy Hughes

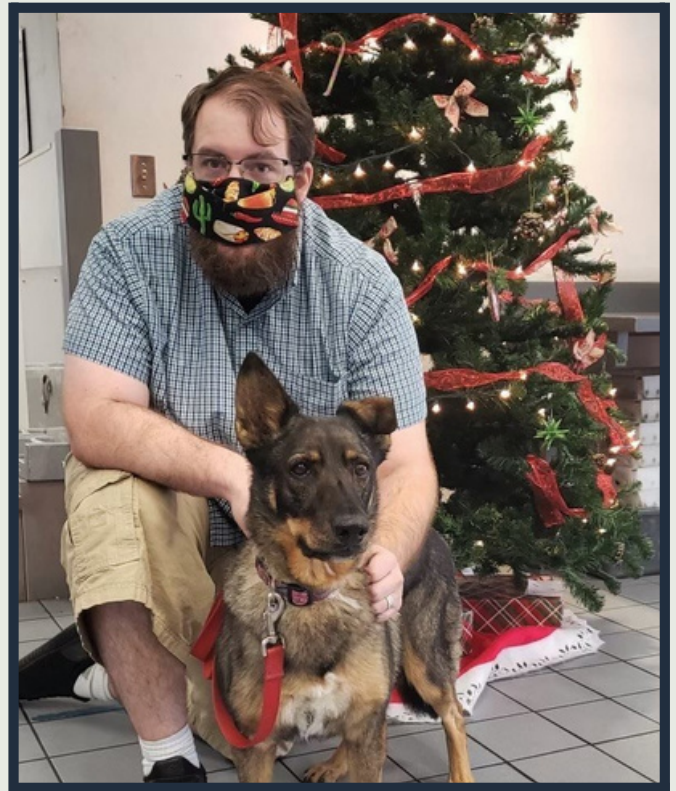
On October 25, 2020, a German Shepherd was reported running from a beach access parking area at The Sea Ranch back and forth along a path to and from the beach. The poor girl was frantic. Observers said this went on for a day and a half. Sea Ranch Security was advised and when they arrived, they found a sweet, senior German Shepherd confused and hungry. She was transported to The Sea Ranch Association's kennel for her safety with the hope that her owner would soon come to claim her. She was at The Sea Ranch kennel for two days. No one came to claim her.

On October 27, she was surrendered to the Redwood Coast Humane Society (RCHS) for care and further inquiries. She was suffering from a severe skin infection and needed veterinary care. RCHS volunteers took her to the Wikiup Veterinary Hospital in Santa Rosa where she was fully vaccinated, given a senior health check and treated for her skin infection.

During her stay at the shelter, she was scanned for a microchip and to everyone's excitement, she had a microchip!

Shelter volunteers were told by the microchip registry that her name is Wrynn, she was just under 10 years old and had been adopted from a shelter in Wichita Falls, Texas when she was a year old. Wrynn was registered to two people; a man and a woman in Texas with contact information dating back to 2012. A phone call went out to both phone numbers, but only one called back – a woman named Christine. Christine filled in the details as to how Wrynn may have gotten from Archer City, Texas to The Sea Ranch, California.

After a relationship breakup, Wrynn was taken from Christine's home. Christine worried for Wrynn. When she called to check on her, she was told that Wrynn was taken to a shelter and adopted. Christine lost hope of ever seeing Wrynn again.



Fast forward five years and Wrynn is found abandoned at a beach access parking lot at The Sea Ranch, California.

Christine was shocked to hear Wrynn had been found abandoned. She had wondered all of these years where Wrynn might be and whether the sweet girl was being cared for and loved.

Christine wanted Wrynn to come home to Archer City, TX. She had a huge yard, a warm home and loved Wrynn. After their first contact, RCHS volunteers had almost daily communication with Christine. Christine sent pictures of a younger Wrynn happily playing with her buddy "Bean" another of Christine's dogs. Christine even sent a video to show her yard and "Bean" whom she still had with her.

Christine filled out the RCHS Adoption Questionnaire and hoped to be reunited with Wrynn. However, Christine's challenging work schedule at a local hospital, travel and post-travel quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19, plus the expense of flying to California and the time needed in California to meet all of the airline requirements before flying back to Texas with Wrynn, had left little hope that she would be able to make the journey to California.

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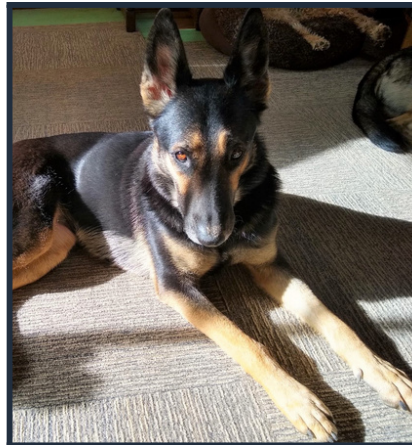
# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS

Meet Volunteers Sally Shine and Linda Mahle



If you haven't already, join over 1,000 other people following RCHS on Instagram! Our presence is managed by our volunteer-influencer, **Sally Shine**. Sally keeps our followers and the broader community informed about cats and dogs looking for their forever homes, shelter events and activities, and opportunities for people to get involved. Sally has been a volunteer with RCHS since August 2021. Sally said she has a soft spot for the Redwood Coast Humane Society after adopting her cat Zoey from the shelter "I have always been impressed with the dedication of the shelter volunteers, and this has been a great way for me to contribute and help spread the word about the animals who are in need of loving homes." Sally also works at Gualala Super, and spends much of her free time hiking and photographing the coast. Our Instagram and Facebook page is: @redwoodcoasthumanesociety.

**Linda Mahle** has been a loyal and tireless volunteer for many years who works countless shifts in the shelter, has enhanced shelter operations, and has improved our pet advertising. Linda brought our pet advertising to Petfinder, a regional on-line resource that advertises pets available for adoption, which has been a very successful mechanism for finding great adoptees beyond our "back yard". We now have people travel from long distances to meet and hopefully adopt one of our pets. Linda coordinates getting our laundry washed and dried with a cadre of volunteers who help. Linda and her husband, Bill Wong, designed and built a lifelike cat tree in one of the shelter rooms, and the cats love it!! Last Christmas, Linda and Bill made glass ornaments to decorate the RCHS Christmas tree entry for the Gualala Arts Center. She has fostered kittens, transported animals to vet appointments, collected data to reflect shelter activities and worked during Public Hours when people can visit the shelter to meet animals available for adoption. Her multiple talents, creative abilities, devotion to animals, and dedicated commitment make Linda a very valued member of the RCHS Team.



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The volunteers at RCHS had enough communication with Christine to know that she truly loved Wrynn and would provide a good home for her so, on November 11, 2020, RCHS reached out to The Sea Ranch community to try to find a private pilot that might be heading for Texas sometime soon. They soon learned that transporting a dog is not all that cut and dry; even if there was a willing pilot, there are also strict regulations.

However, the generosity and kindness of our community came shining through when the

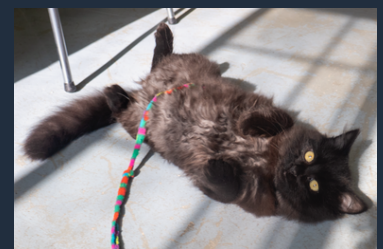
responses to our search for a pilot brought good information, recommendations, several generous donations and a wonderful couple who fostered Wrynn while the arrangements were being made to get Wrynn home to Texas. Thanks to our amazing community, Wrynn's story is a happy one. Wrynn flew home on a commercial airline to Texas Sunday, December 20, 2020 where Christine's son was waiting to pick her up at the Dallas/Fort Worth airport for her ride back home to Archer City, Texas in time to spend Christmas 2020 with her old friends Bean, Cookie, Christine and her furever family.

## OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Redwood Coast Humane Society to advocate for the welfare, rights, respect and protection of all animals through care, intervention and education.

## OUR GOALS

- ▶ To provide temporary, foster and medical care for animals that are surrendered, abandoned, injured or rescued.
- ▶ To locate permanent homes for companion animals through adoption programs.
- ▶ To control dog and cat populations by providing financial assistance for and education about spay/neuter services.
- ▶ To act as an information resource for a variety of animal related issues, including lost and found, feral cat management, referrals and counseling.
- ▶ To educate the public on animal related issues through workshops, special events and publications.
- ▶ To develop and sustain a skilled volunteer network to support the organization's activities.
- ▶ To attain financial resources through fundraising activities to support our mission and goals.





## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering. The gift of time is invaluable; no matter how much or how little time you can share with us, we appreciate it. Helping your Humane Society can be both fun and rewarding. Our goal is to find an activity you can enjoy. Please complete this questionnaire and return it to the address below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #/Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST:

Cat Shelter  Dog Shelter  Foster a Kitten/Cat  Foster a Puppy/Dog  Feral Kitten/Cat

Other talents you would like to share: \_\_\_\_\_

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For questions, please call 707-884-1304 or email to redwoodcoasthumane@gmail.com



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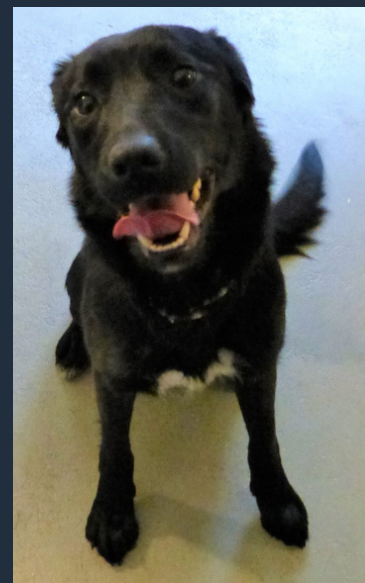
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