



Santa Maria Valley
**Humane
Society**

145,000
families

150,000
pets

**One Countywide
Network of**
Care

Are *YOU* ready to help more?



A WAY TO DO *More*

If I told you there was a chance that thousands of animals would lose a shelter to protect them when they didn't have a home what would your reaction be? My guess is it would first be why? Then it might be isn't there something we can do? If I told you that there was a chance that thousands of families would lose their ability to rely on affordable veterinary care or support for their pets would you also be as concerned? I think you would. And so did the community animal welfare leaders from the Santa Barbara Humane Society and the Santa Maria Valley Humane Society.

This was a reality for the community of Santa Maria Valley. In 2019, due to funding issues, Santa Maria Valley Humane Society faced minimized shelter hours and layoffs preventing them from sustaining their mission. Public veterinary care and transport of animals in need came to a halt. So, talks began to see how Santa Barbara Humane Society may be able to assist.

A strategy was implemented, and the Santa Barbara Foundation stepped up helping provide support to work toward the best solution. As a result, both organization's joined forces to create a sustainable entity that will provide for the welfare and well-being of animals in all of Santa Barbara County.

What an exciting day for both communities when this became a reality on February 3, 2020. Now, care is expanding! The number of animals available for adoption have increased. Medical care has been expanded and we plan to build on this momentum. **We wanted to make sure that you and the supporters of animals in need were able to hear this exciting news. Your continued support and interest in the well-being of animals in need and for the people who care for them, will now provide more.** More adoptions, more support to relieve overcrowded shelters who need us, more veterinary care, more support to all animals and to the people who love them. We hope you will watch, support, and get involved with this historic opportunity to help generations of families and pets in Santa Barbara County and beyond.

Bob Yost, Board President



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A HISTORIC TIME WITH HISTORIC NUMBERS

I am so very proud to be able to bring a positive message of what working together can do for Santa Barbara County. When the merger was being discussed almost two years ago, the initial feelings were of excitement! Excitement that we have this amazing opportunity to expand the work that we do throughout Santa Barbara County.

Arriving at the Santa Barbara Humane Society, I saw the opportunity to do more from the earliest moment. Adoptions needed to increase, and we needed to be expanding services such as Veterinary Care and Training. I am proud to share the amazing story that we have hit record setting numbers in nearly every area of service the organization provides including processing more adoptions in 2019 than the previous three years combined.

Now it is time to bridge the north and south county with the same excitement as when I started. The two largest animal welfare organizations combined will be able to create a unity that is brought together by the cats and dogs. **We really think you will be very happy to see your donation dollars stretch to help more animals and families in need.** We are confident you will be reminded why you chose to support us in the care of animals and the people who love them. We can't wait to share more successes with you! Thank you all so much for staying with this at this historic time in animal welfare in Santa Barbara County.

Kerri Burns, Executive Director

WE'RE BETTER Together

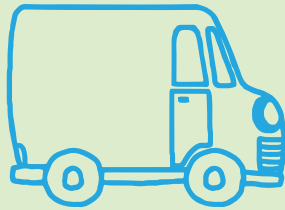
YOUR 2019 IMPACT



2,310
Total
Adoptions



exceeding
totals of
3 previous
years



1,512
Animals
Transferred
in from
Overcrowded
Shelters



103 Families
Served Through
Pet Food Pantry

23,388 Volunteer
Hours



4,896
Animals Spayed
& Neutered



IN A TIME OF Need

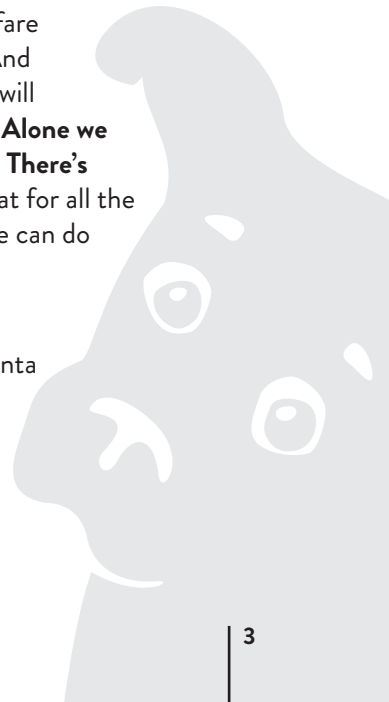
My family have been members of the Santa Maria Community since 1942. Our roots are deep and our loyalty strong.

As a longtime supporter and board member of Santa Maria Valley Humane Society, I knew this merger was a win-win. The reality of the financial status at our cherished shelter has threatened our abilities to do all that is needed for the animals of Santa Maria Valley.

Santa Barbara Humane Society has been a friend to SMVHS since 1998 when we saw that we were not meeting the needs of the overpopulation in our community and needed to provide a low cost spay neuter option. The Santa Barbara Humane Society was there for us and stepped up to fund the entire clinic. That effort has helped thousands of pets and families.

It is time again for us to do more. We need to grow into the premier animal welfare organization in the Central Coast. And we will do that together. I hope you will join me in full support of this effort. **Alone we cannot do what we can do together. There's power in numbers.** I truly believe that for all the animals give to us, this is the least we can do for them. **Let's do more together.**

Claire Sheehy
Board & Community Member of Santa
Maria Valley Humane Society



THEY STILL NEED *You!*

Whether its donating your time or donating directly into our programs, we want to put your efforts to great use. **Your continued support guarantees we can help rescue, shelter, heal, place, and train thousands of cats and dogs together.**

Volunteer - Foster - Donate



Give to areas that matter most to you.

Reach out now and see how you can help us today!
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*Adoption
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