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Calendar Companions

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Our 2019 newsletter talked about what it takes for Companions In Waiting (CIW) to function. The 2018 newsletter was concerned that people plan ahead and have a "Plan B" set up for their companion animals. Those are important messages but CIW is always focused on doing the best for the animals. Every so often it is fun to look back and catch up with the animals that have found their forever families through CIW.

Many of our adoptive families keep in touch with us and give us updates on how their companions are doing, which is very special. So many who read our newsletter also support us by adopting one of our calendars and have commented on the animals in it. We thought we might give you an update on some of the calendar animals that Companions has had the privilege of helping.

Where Are They Now

Our companions are in all reaches of the US and the world. Joey, the precious little chihuahua



Rufus

Rufus

who is our calendar cover star for 2020, now lives with his Dad in Florida. He shares the home with 2 cats and is having the time of his life. Our older rescue dog Rufus, on the cover of our calendar in 2014, moved with his family, a little farther east to England and spent the rest of his life playing in the fields behind his home. His family knew how special Rufus was to us. They let us know about Rufus' adventures until



Reggie & Eugene

and their Mom moved south to Texas. They have come a long way from living in a side yard in the middle of winter with no shelter or protection.

Coco, canine calendar alum 2013 and her family moved even further south to Argentina and back to the US. Reggie and Eugene 2018, went on an 8-month road trip around the states, ending with a move to Arizona. Their family would send an update and pictures of their adventures. It sounded like they had a wonderful time!!

The family of Snickett, Daisy 2016 and Diva 2017, moved but not so far - only from Half Moon Bay to Livermore. Moving north, kitties Lucy and Percy 2018, and their family settled in Oregon and our wonderful poodle Frosty 2018, moved even farther north and now plays on the beach in Vancouver, British Columbia and is thoroughly spoilt.



Diva

he succumbed to renal disease. Meanwhile on the other side of the world, our world traveller brother kitties Aslan and Smokey 2016/17, are now back in California after living with their family in Taiwan. Little canine sisters Cookie and Miley 2014,

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Companions In Waiting

Calendar Companions (cont.)

Alumni News

We are always happy to give or receive updates on CIW alum animals. We hope that each adoption is forever and mostly that is true but, we're not perfect and sometimes unanticipated events happen. For instance, three-year-old sibling cats, Lizzy and Billy's 2019 family moved to Singapore and decided that the cats should stay here. Happily the kitties have now found their special Mum. We don't often have animals return to us but for good reason, they come back. We're there for the animals that have been in our care.



Lizzy & Billy

Families send us a Christmas card or an email or drop by the Adoption Fairs to say Hello and give us a report on their special companion or bring them to see us. We so enjoy hearing about "our" babies like poodle mix dogs, Cami, Tippy, Shadow, and Poppet '15 who



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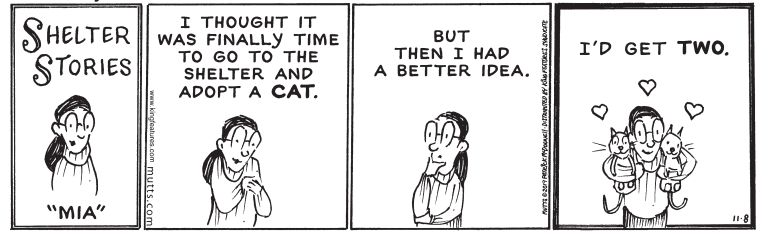
were born in Jo's dining room, wonderful Hershey '18 who lived for 5 years as a back yard dog and couldn't get a dental because she was so anemic from flea bites, Coi-Coi '19 who spent her puppy year confined to a small crate where she could barely move, having visits from Lucy '12, Bailey '20, Cooper '11,

Summer and Sam '15 and getting updates on kitties Sunshine '19, Figaro and Roxanne '18, two of a litter of kittens born in a backyard, or Sushi '10 one of 6 kittens born in a family who had too many

animals that didn't get spayed/neutered, and seeing pictures of Buster and Posey '14 who were born in a box in a greenhouse nursery and so many more. The messages are passed around so we can enjoy catching up with the animals. The hardest call is when a pet has crossed to Rainbow Bridge but we appreciate those calls most because we know how hard they are to make.

CIW is a family. The animals we help come to us in so many states of readiness to be great companions for a family. It is our job to find the family that is meant for them but we feel they are always part of CIW. We are so grateful to our adoptive families for the great care and love they give these deserving cats and dogs.

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Wish List

Please help us take care of needy animals with a donation or by providing an item or two from our wish list.

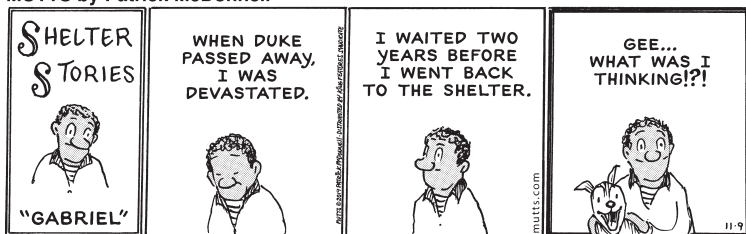
- Canned cat food (prefer: Natural Balance)
- Dry cat food (prefer: Natural Balance, Wellness, the "blue bag")
- Cat litter (prefer: S'wheat Scoop, World's Best Cat Litter)
- Canned dog food (prefer: Natural Balance)
- Dry dog food (prefer: Natural Balance, Nutro Natural Choice)
- Cat toys (mice, cat dancers, Zoom groom brushes)
- Dog toys (bully sticks, Holey Rollers, tennis balls)
- Gift cards (Kibbles 'n' Gifts, The Pet Place, Pet Club, Amazon*, etc.)

Amazon users: "AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization."

<https://Smile.Amazon.com>

Register CIW as your charity; then use the Smile.Amazon.com URL. And, think! If you shop for Wish List items at Smile.Amazon.com, we get your donated items (which can be shipped right to us, ask for our shipping address), as well as the Amazon donation!

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Co-Existing

Playtime Settles “Assertive” Cat

At times, just loving is not enough. My cat, Rosie, acted like a bit of a butt sometimes. She gets aggressive with her “co-cat” Anjewl, who likes to sleep quietly behind a curtain. She baits Anjewl and tries to engage her “frenemy”. When a fight breaks out it isn’t always serious. But, sometimes, this escalates into a real fur-flying fight.



Anjewl's hiding spot

We tried different things. Scolding did not work. Distractions, like picking her up, sometimes helped, other times not. Separating them into different rooms stopped the fights, but we wanted the family to live together. While such ploys may not have worked for us, some may work for other families.

Finally, we hit on a game that helps*. To ward off the fights, we engage Rosie with hunt-and-chase games daily. Cat dancers and feather sticks are good toys for this. Her very favorite game is chasing treats down a hallway. I throw them fast so she really has to run before pouncing. It works off some energy and “need to hunt” anxiety. Other times, I take a small ball or faux mouse and toss it up the stairs (a plus: the toy often rolls back down to me).



Even if she doesn’t chase the toy, she watches it closely, exercising her tracking instincts.

When we play, I talk to Rosie. “Oh, good job, 2 points!” or, “Almost, try again!” She engages better when I really pay attention and praise her.

Rosie hunting a ball Passively swinging a cat dancer or tossing a ball while I look at my phone proved less effective than interacting and giving her praise.

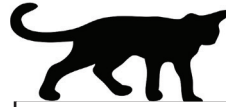
We see improvements. Just 10 minutes of focused play gives us hours of peace.

Often, cats (and dogs) just want attention. In a way, even negative attention satisfies to alleviate boredom or loneliness. But, we are both better off if I avoid reinforcing unwanted behaviors with negative attention.

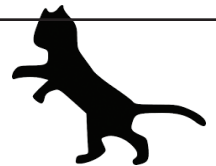
A playtime intervention may solve some annoying behaviors and strengthen the bonds with your pets. It’s always worth trying something new. Have you found helpful behavior modification techniques? Share them on the CIW Facebook page! ~~~TLB

*shout out to Jackson Galaxy, the cat behaviorist on YouTube and Animal Planet for helpful tips and ideas.

Rescue Word Search



Find the words hidden in the puzzle using the clues shown below. Solution on page 6.



- Behaviorist** - Advisers may smooth out the rough spots.
- Buddy** - Someone is so ready to be your buddy!
- Calendar** - Donations for CIW calendars supports cat and dog rescue.
- Cherish** - Being cherished is all they ever wanted (well, plus food & shelter).
- Cuddles** - Make us feel precious.
- Donations** - 100% volunteer, so 100% of donations support CIW animals.
- Exercise** - Great for pets and people, too.
- Forever** - A forever friend forever grows the soul.
- Health** - People with pets enjoy better health.
- Home** - Take me home ...please?
- Partners** - Are essential to success!
- Respect** - All creatures deserve respect and kindness.
- Sanctuary** - So many animals need a safe place.
- Senior** - Senior animals make the most endearing companions.

Companions In Waiting

Success Stories!

Freckles - In the Fall 2018, CIW's volunteer groomer told us about a litter of puppies living in a trailer park that desperately needed help and more care. They were untrained and under fed. In time, 5 puppies came to CIW, along with their mom, Freckles. She was soon spayed and micro-chipped and given vaccinations. She quickly learned good in-home manners.

Her one major stumbling block: she gets very stressed and throws up when travelling by car.

Freckles needed to find a family that understood that she needed help. A great family turned up, willing help her get used to riding in the car and enjoying the ride! She has a boy and girl to watch over as they grow up and a mom and dad to watch over all of them. We predict a long and happy life for all of them.



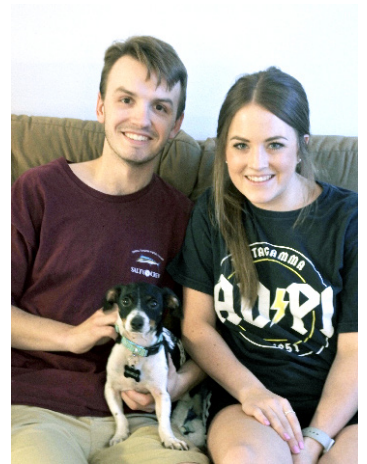
Marlie (was Marta) - Five rat terrier/dachshund puppies were rescued along with their mother. They had been mostly left to grow up on their own, and were pretty skittish and scared of people.

Already 6-8 months old when they came to CIW, the dogs had no training for potty behavior or food manners or good indoor behavior.

In time, we could see that Marlie and a couple of the other puppies were accepting the new expectations. Progress!

Then, along came a young couple who thought Marlie would be a wonderful dog for their family and we agreed!

Marlie is the perfect little companion, say her new folks. She follows her mom around everywhere and curls up with her folks at night to watch TV. Good girl, Marlie! Congratulations to you all!!



Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms. ~George Eliot

Mama Cass and Cali (was Speckles) - Mama Cass and her daughter, Cali, were with a caregiver until the person moved and left the girls behind. They were used to being indoor-only cats but they were left outside. A neighbor saw what happened and rescued the cats, calling on CIW for help.

Mama Cass and Cali are very bonded and needed to be adopted together. They are sweet, loving cats. These gentle kitties love to get petted and brushed. They were looking for their special

someone to love and who loves and cares for them.

A lady had just moved into her new home and she could now have kitties of her own. She found the girls on the CIW web site and she felt they were just who she had been looking to adopt. When she met them, they made such a big fuss over her that we're sure they knew she was meant for them. She also

loved the Mamas and Papas singing group, so Mama Cass was "in like Flynn". The girls' new mom decided Speckles' name was meant to be Cali for California Dreamin'. How sweet is that? What a lucky new family! Many happy years together!!!



Gretl and Jerry Lee - a young, brown dog was picked up as a stray and then sat in a shelter for months. Although he was engaging,

people just passed him by. To give him a better chance, the shelter asked for CIW's help.

More people passed him by until the day a family came to look at a puppy. Jerry Lee caught the eye of the young boy in the family. The boy said, "Dad, my dog just gave me a high five!" Jerry Lee fit the family to a "T". But they still liked that puppy, Gretl, they originally came to see. At the time, she was not yet ready to be part of a family. As a mixed breed of dachshund and rat terrier, Gretl was very smart and figured she knew everything already. Eventually, along with her litter mates, she learned the behaviors she needed to be a good family companion.

So when the family called months later and asked about Gretl, we were happy that she was ready to join their family. Now each dog has its dog friend, children to grow and play with, and a mom and dad to care for them all. You can't get much better than that!



Read more Success Stories at: <http://www.companionsinwaiting.org/more/success.php>

Future Success Stories

Roman's Story



Roman

Roman was rescued when he was about 6 months old. No one ever came looking for this wonderful boy so he stayed with his rescuer.

Like Roman, his rescuer has a big heart, and over time rescued several dogs whose first families never came looking for them.

She recently had to move, so she needed to find forever homes for some of the animals she rescued. She felt Roman, with

his gentle personality, has a really good chance of finding a wonderful forever family. Roman is neutered and current with his vaccinations.

He is fun to take on a walks and enjoys spreading his "news" on every fire hydrant and bush. He loves to go for car rides and has good indoor manners. Has your family been waiting for a wonderful companion like Roman to join your family?

Liesl's Story

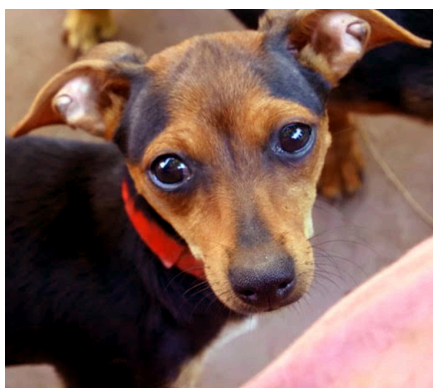
She came from a litter of puppies who were rescued from a trailer park. She got little training and care there, so she needed to unlearn bad manners and develop the good manners she would need to be great companion animal. That took time and patience.

Leisl learned to walk nicely on leash and has good in-home manners.

Liesl is about a year old and she has come a long way from the scared unmannerly young dog we rescued. She may initially be a little shy of new people and hands, but she does warm up and come around to you. She is spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped.

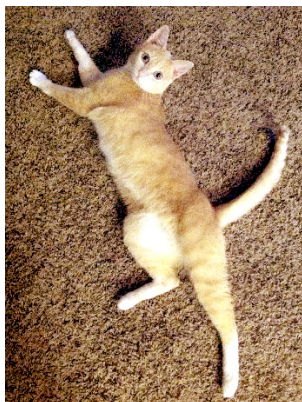
She is a people puppy who would prefer to be a solo companion or, perhaps, with her brother, Cowboy. These little dogs are ready to be with their special families.

Has your family been waiting patiently for one or two little dogs to become members of the family? Come meet Liesl - you can visit her at an upcoming adoption fair (see back).



Liesl

Penny's Story



Penny

Penny is extremely friendly with strangers and makes friends easily; all of the neighbors love her. She's a great companion cat.

Backstory: her caretaker moved to the area for work, bringing Penny with him. But, sadly, his job and living situation changed; so he was traveling more for work and his new home won't accept pets.

Penny is a very loving kitty who enjoys purring on your lap, talking to you, and sleeping with you at night. She looks at you with the most

beautiful eyes (our picture does not do them justice). Don't take our word for it, though. Come see her beautiful eyes for yourself! Our of Adoption Fair dates are listed on the back.

Penny is spayed and current with her vaccinations. She tested negative for feline AIDS and leukemia. She is ready to be someone's special companion!

Tristan and Dougie's Story

Brothers, Dougie and Tristan, were trapped at the college of San Mateo. They were older than the other kittens that had been trapped at the college. At first the kittens were called Double and Trouble because they were taking longer to socialize.

Now they are love-bugs who enjoy pets. Dougie is the shy brother while Tristan is much more outgoing. Tristan loves strokes down his back while Dougie enjoys tummy rubs. They both like to play with ribbons.



Tristan



Dougie

Both boys are neutered and current with their vaccinations. They tested negative for feline AIDS and leukemia.

These cats are a bonded pair and want to stay together.

Is yours the family for two very gorgeous and wonderful brothers? Come see these great cats for yourself!

Read about more adoptable pets at: <http://www.companionsinwaiting.org>

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Gratitude!

A Shout Out to Partners!



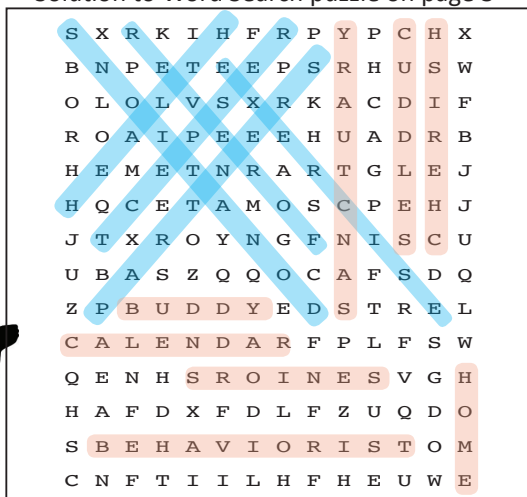
We are so grateful to the organizations who provide invaluable support to our animal rescue. These companies' commitment to animal welfare and helping rehome the many lost and forgotten animals in their communities touches us deeply.

These companies and organizations provide vital services and support to each animal we serve. Our deepest thanks to:

- The Pet Place
- Kibbles'n'Gifts
- Coastside Vet Clinic
- Toni Webster Grooming
- Peninsula Pet Hospital
- Adopt a Pet.com
- Pet Food Express

Special thanks to artist Patrick McDonnell, et al., for the use of his touching comics in this issue.

Solution to Word Search puzzle on page 3



Volunteers Get it Done! ♥

As a 100% volunteer organization, you can imagine how many ways there are to contribute. Volunteers enable CIW to reach our goals and achieve a safe, secure place for as many animals in need as we possibly can. We could not do it without the support of volunteers who:

- Work at Adoption Fairs
- Provide foster homes and sanctuary homes
- Create our online presence and print documents
- Write thank you letters to donors
- Provide accounting and legal services
- Create data tracking files
- Provide guidance on our board
- Help with socialization, animal care, and walking dogs
- Build or repair habitats

Our volunteers are so very appreciated!



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Luca would love a run!

Do you think you could enjoy giving CIW dogs a stroll around the corner? Or, perhaps even a bit of a jog? Frisky Luca adores walks, but he would love going a bit faster from time to time,

Due to a shortage of walkers, some dogs only get out a couple of times a week (they do have a big play yard, though).

Walking or running, CIW dogs would adore going out with you and exploring the neighborhood.

We offer these opportunities to both kids and adults. Children under 18 are welcome to walk dogs with a responsible adult. We find it works better if volunteer walkers commit to, say, once a week for at least a month (although more is fine, too).



Improptu Fair Volunteers

Rainbow Bridge

Every companion animal that passes through CIW's doors lives on in our hearts.

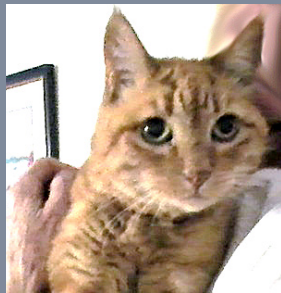


Our friends teach us more than we could have expected and love us more than we could have hoped... that's why we miss them more than we could have imagined.

~Author Unknown



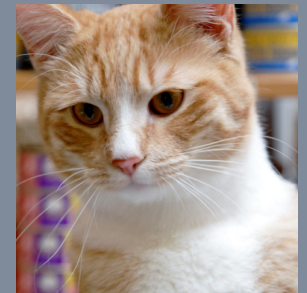
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Brandy - 7/2019



Bug - 11/2019



Charlie



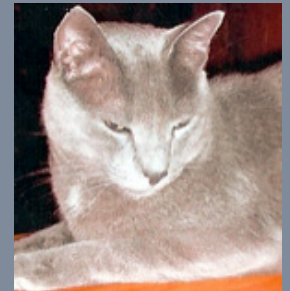
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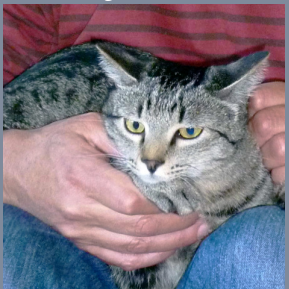
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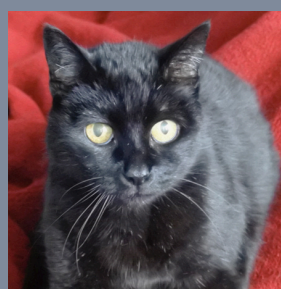
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Skylar - 2018



Sparky - 4/2019



Tiger Lily - 8/2019



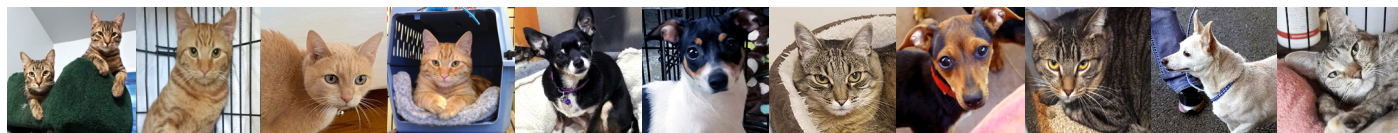
Boo - 3/2020

Companions in Waiting is a 501(c)3 non-profit animal rescue and adoption organization based in San Mateo County, California



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Adoptables!



Donovan/ Kingston Tristan Penny Dougie Becky Cowboy Daisy C Liesl Celeste Roman Stella

If you can help...

Companions In Waiting relies on donations to feed, house, and care for homeless pets.

We are grateful to supporters who make this possible.

Kindly send donations to
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P.O. Box 213
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

To learn about ways to volunteer your time and talent, call us at (650) 328-0474 or email: CompanionsInWaiting@yahoo.com



2020 Adoption Fairs - Come See Us Soon!

Feb. 1-2	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	Jun. 6-7	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
Feb. 7-8	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Jun. 21-22	Gleim Jewelers, Palo Alto
Feb. 14-15	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Jun. 27-28	Half Moon Bay Library
Feb. 29	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	Jul. 11-12	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
Mar. 1	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	Jul. 25-26	Pet Food Express, Redwood City
Mar. 6-7	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Aug. 1-2	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
Mar. 13-14	Pet Place, Menlo Park	*Aug. 8-9	*Pet Food Express, Woodside Plz. Redwood City
Apr. 4-5	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	Aug. 29-30	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
Apr. 10-11	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Sep. 12-13	Pet Food Express, Redwood City
Apr. 17-18	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Sep. 26-27	Half Moon Bay Library
Apr. 25-28	Half Moon Bay Library	Oct. 3-4	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
May 2-3	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	*Oct. 17-18	*Pet Food Express, Woodside Plz. Redwood City
May 8-9	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Nov. 7-8	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
May 15-16	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Nov. 14-15	Pet Food Express, Redwood City

Fair schedule is on hold during the shelter-in-place advisory.

Visit www.CompanionsInWaiting.com for additional fairs and schedule updates

Locations and Hours

The Pet Place 777 Santa Cruz Ave. Menlo Park, CA (650) 325-7387	Kibbles and Gifts Strawflower Shopping Ctr. 80 Cabrillo Hwy N #B Half Moon Bay, CA (650) 726-3700	Half Moon Bay Library 620 Correas Street Half Moon Bay, Ca (650) 726-2316	Pet Food Express Sequoia Station 1099 El Camino Real (650) 364-7777 Redwood City *or 372 Woodside Plz. (650) 298-9999 Redwood City, CA	Gleim Jewelers 111 Stanford Shopping Ctr. Palo Alto, CA (650) 325-3533
Fri. 12 pm-3 pm Sat. 11 am-3 pm	Sat. 11 am-2 pm Sun. 11 am-2 pm	Sat. 11 am-3 pm Sun. 1 pm-3 pm	Sat. 11 am-3 pm Sun. 11 am-3 pm	Sat. 11 am-3 pm Sun. 11 am-3 pm