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A Rewarding Job

Animal Rescue and Adoption is one of the most emotionally rewarding jobs anyone can ever do. How many jobs give you puppy kisses and kitty purrs? How many jobs allow you to see the joy when a new companion comes home to stay? How often do you hear a little boy say, "Dad, my new dog just gave me a high five!", or a little girl look up at you while cuddling her kitten and say, "He's purring!" How many nights have you seen newborn kittens bounce their ears back and forth while bottle feeding? Or, birthed puppies in the dining room?

We've enjoyed all these magical experiences and more at Companions In Waiting (CIW). But such treasured moments just highlight CIW's time with the animals. In between, there's much to be done; and, it costs money.

None of the people connected with Companions In Waiting gets a salary. All of us are volunteers who love animals, and have a commitment to help them.

Where the Money Goes

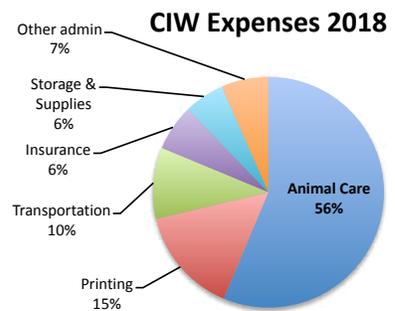
All rescue groups try to be careful with donated money, but there are only so many dollars in the piggy bank.

So how does our money get used? Like other organizations, we have administrative expenses, such as insurance, supplies, storage rental, transportation, printing, and office supplies. These costs use up about 44% of the monies raised each year.

Our largest expense is for animal medical care. When we take on a cat or dog, we pay for vaccinations, tests, and veterinary visits to ensure an animal is healthy, as well as food and essential supplies.

General Expenses

Animal Care	\$19,663
Printing	\$ 5,213
Transportation	\$ 3,490
Insurance	\$ 2,253
Supplies/storage	\$ 1,974
Other admin	\$ 2,308



Veterinary Expenses

All animals need a good check-over from a veterinarian. Most need to be spayed/neutered and microchipped. Spay and neuter costs vary depending on circumstances. Vouchers or discount programs help a lot. Still, that can be the most expensive part of the rescue experience.

Vaccinations add up (distemper, rabies and bordetella). Most dogs also need two influenza vaccinations. Cats need distemper vaccinations, along with a feline leukemia and feline AIDS test. And, most dogs and cats get wormed.

Age matters. Younger animals need even more vaccinations, including three distemper vaccinations at timed intervals. Older animals get a blood panel to check kidney, liver, and thyroid functions (an additional expense of \$150-\$250).

The cost to get a young cat ready to be adopted (not including food and litter!) averages about \$300. To get a young dog ready for adoption (again, not including food) averages about \$335.

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Companions In Waiting

A Rewarding Job (cont.)

Once an animal is accepted into CIW, they live in a foster home until they are adopted — no matter how long that takes.

If a behavior issue arises, or a health check reveals a medical problem, the animal is treated so they may be adopted. Or, if the issue is not resolved and bars adoptions, they stay in a foster home for life.

As a rescue group, everyone works to find the best care possible at the most affordable costs. The low cost spay, neuter, and vaccination clinics offered by Peninsula Humane Society and Humane Society of Silicon Valley are a godsend. They help smaller groups like Companions in Waiting stretch precious funds to help more animals.

Where the Money Comes From

The amount requested for adoption fees does not come close to the monies spent on the animals to get them ready for adoption.

You ask, if the adoption fee does not cover the animal's expenses, how do you make up the difference? Thankfully, many of our adoptive families generously give more than the suggested donation, for which we are truly grateful.

And, there is always a donation box out when we hold Adoption Fairs. We are grateful for all donations, no matter if small or large. Currently, we do one major fundraiser (our calendar) each year. We have fabulous supporters for whom we are very grateful.

The funds raised by these means are pure gold for the animals. It brings joy to our heart when asked what food or litter we can use or when people sign up CIW for Amazon Smile (Amazon donates a small percent of your purchases to the non-profit you choose - see below for details). It is a terrific and easy way of supporting your favorite group (we hope, Companions in Waiting!)

The funds donated are worth the world when you see the look in a dog's eyes as they realize they are in a safe place with someone with kind hands and good food. Or, a cat's eyes when they feel the gentle touch of a caress on the head.

When we get messages from adoptive families or they visit us at an adoption fair, we know we've done the best we can.

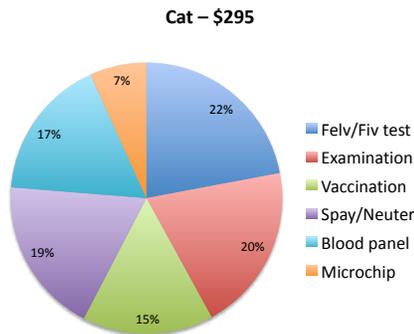
Having an adopter say their new pet is the best companion they ever had, is the reason we do this. As a rescuer, you can't get any higher praise.

Average Expense Per Kind of Animal

CATS

Felv/Fiv test	\$65
Examination	\$59
Vaccination	\$46
Spay/Neuter	\$55
Blood panel	\$50
Microchip	\$20

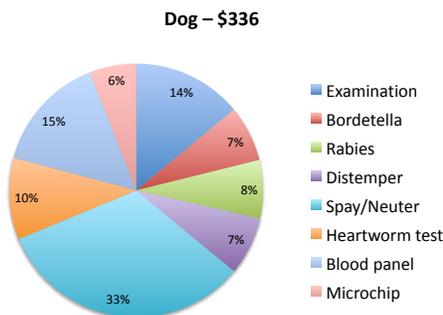
Total: \$295*



DOGS

Examination	\$47
Bordetella	\$24
Rabies	\$25
Distemper	\$25
Spay/Neuter	\$110
Heartworm`	\$35
Blood panel	\$50
Microchip	\$20

Total \$336*



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!

Alumni News

We are all invested in finding just the right match for our wonderful companions with forever homes and families. We feel just thrilled to get updates about these "happily ever afters". We wanted to share just a couple of bits with you.

Keep those Pix, Cards, and Letters Coming!



"Soleil"
In the bedroom window she sleeps content under the blanket of the warm sun
She seems to know that she will never Be without ever again... I promised her ...Cathy



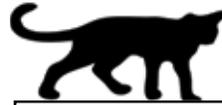
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Hi Jo,
Our little, wonderful pups are so amazing. They are 4y/o and are so much a big part of our lives. And they are very spoiled...

All our love,
Marge



Rescue Word Search



Z P I J S E W R E W E N F V
Q N D X U A C Q V K N O O Y
C Q A C R N V E F N R I S L
F O S I B Z X E O E I T T Y
E E M F R E D I Y U C A E X
R A V P R A S T G M H N R D
B V D C A S N T X I E I H G
N E I L A N G I K J D C O G
V S D P H W I N R X E C M N
E Y M S G H F O N E Q A E I
N O I T P O D A N D T V V D
C P I G G Y B A N K N E K N
T R E A T S H O C Y P Q V O
B O S D J U S D M D W N B B

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



ADOPTION - You made my life whole when you adopted me

BEDS - it's so comforting to have a warm bed

BONDING - You get me!

COMPANION - I'm so pleased to be your bestie!

COMPASSION - All beings deserve kindness and compassion

ENRICHED - Pets enrich our hearts

EXERCISE - It's a fact; we'd all be better with a little daily walk

FOSTER - The greatest gift of all

HOME - A forever home for every companion

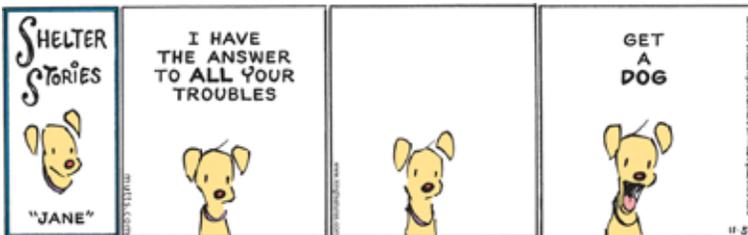
PIGGYBANK - A fat one allows us to do more rescues

RESCUE - Off the streets, healthy, and, finally, home

TREATS -Oh, YES! You made my day!

VACCINATION - the gift that keeps on giving

VETERINARIAN - the good doctors who help us stay well



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Success Stories!

Cosmo (was Grayson) and Oliver (was Zane Grey) - Two cat sisters had litters at the same time. The mamas raised their eight kittens as one big family. The kittens were sweet, social, playful babies who purr up a storm. With such a big "clouder" (the word for a group of cats), it was clear the family needed help. We were truly delighted to get an email asking about the young boys cats.



The new family found perfect new names for them: Cosmo and Oliver (Ollie for short). According to reports, the two run around and play together, sometimes very loudly! They are nice big cats, so it's not the pitter-patter of little feet, but the THUMP, THUMP, THUMP of their wrestling!

Luna - A shelter labelled Luna as "unadoptable" and she was listed for euthanasia. Volunteers could see great potential in her. The shelter setting and lack of socialization were not working for her.



Once out of the shelter, most of her problems abated. Luna is a Kelpie (herding dog) mix and has a strong desire to herd and protect. With specialized training, she learned when the herding and protecting were appropriate and when they weren't (a working dog may be restless unless they have a job). We were looking for a very special family for this beautiful young dog whose greatest skill is worming her way into your heart. It took a while but then the the phone rang for Luna! The family was just right for her. We are so happy for you all!!

"Why would you want to do anything else but rescue a pet?" ...Paul Shaffer

Barley (was Simba) and Emma - A little cat followed a young boy home. She was a real sweetie and the family wanted to keep her but couldn't. They contacted CIW for help. At about the same time, a lady rescued two young cats who had been evicted from their home, and living outdoors, with all the risks and dangers outdoor cats face.



The three kittens came to CIW. We noticed that the single kitten (Emma) and the young kitten (Simba) became great friends; and we decided to try to find them a home together.

A lovely young couple came to one of our Adoption Fairs looking to adopt very young kittens. The couple were charmed when they met Emma and Simba (now

Barley) and they decided that these two wonderful babies were meant to be part of their family. We wish you so many happy years together!!!!



Little Joey - Joey's first family decided that they didn't want this 2-year old sweetheart anymore so they left him outside in a rough wire cage most of the time. Poor Joey rubbed most of the hair off his muzzle trying to escape that cage! One day he made it out, and eventually was rescued by a neighbor.

After his first family confirmed they did not want him, CIW was called; and Joey got caught up on his vaccinations, along with getting neutered, and microchipped.

As CIW taught him his indoor house manners, Joey won the hearts of all who met him.

One day this small dog met a lady who shared his story with her brother. The man knew right away that Joey was meant to be his companion. Now, Joey has the best of all worlds. When Dad is at work for long days, Joey spends days with the sister. Otherwise he gets spoiled by Dad. Who wouldn't love that?

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

Future Success Stories

Mama Cass & Speckles' Story

Mama Cass and her daughter, Speckles, had a caregiver. But, that caregiver moved away and left the girls behind, The girls had been indoor only kitties, but they were left to fend for themselves outside. They had few coping skills for living with the risks of life on the streets.

Although kind neighbors put out food for the hungry cats, they were not okay.

When one neighbor understood what had happened, she rescued the girls and called CIW for help.

Mama Cass and Speckles are very bonded and need to be adopted together. They are sweet, loving cats. They will make loving companions, we just know it!



Mama Cass



Speckles

Penny's Story

Penny is about 9 years old. She's extremely friendly with strangers. She makes friends easily; all of the neighbors love her. She's a great family cat.

Her caretaker moved up to the area for work, and brought Penny with him.

But, unfortunately, 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. Are you Penny's special someone and family?

Penny is spayed and is current with her vaccinations. She tested negative for feline aids and leukemia.



Penny

Los Banos Puppies' Story



Cowboy

Cowboy came from a litter of puppies who were rescued from a mobile home park in Los Banos. In time, they came to CIW. Cowboy's litter mates are Liesl, Marta, Gretl, and Brigitta. Almost full grown now, they all are a bit undersized and smaller than the average cat.

It was a hard life in the trailer park. There was never enough food. Each scrap of food had to

be gulped down faster than lightning or the food would be gone! No one saw to it that the puppies got the care and attention all puppies need. They have good natures, but are a little nervous about people.

Another little dog, Freckles, was rescued with them. Likely, she is their mother. Clearly, she had given birth at least once. We are pleased that she recently found a loving forever home.

The puppies mostly ran loose in the trailer park, getting no in-home training.



Marta

They came to us at about 6 months old. They are all sweet little dogs, working to overcome their initial fear of new people and reaching hands. They've all been spayed/neutered, have vaccinations to appropriate age, and are microchipped.

Now each puppy is learning their good in-home manners, learning to enjoy little walks on leash, and how to be a good family member. They've just about got it down.

We think Cowboy would like to be adopted with his sister Marta. In fact, each of the puppies should be adopted with a litter mate, as they are shy and nervous around new people. We think they will do best in quiet homes with no young children.

Could you love and make a place for these puppies?



Brigitta, Liesl, Cowboy, Marta, and Gretl

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

Gratitude!

Partners - A Shout Out to You!



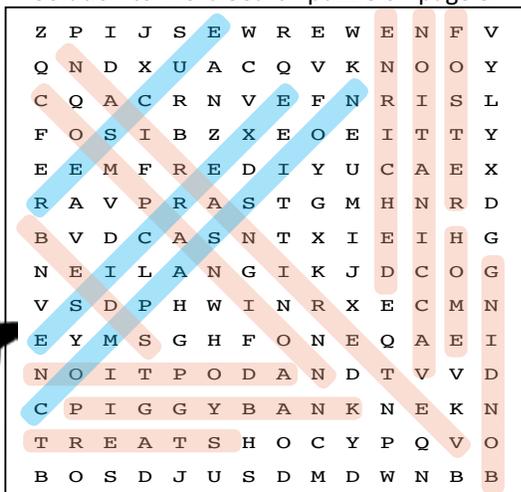
We are so grateful to the organizations who provide invaluable support to our animal rescue. These companies' commitment to animal welfare and helping rehome the many lost and forgotten animals in their communities touches us deeply.

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
- Saratoga Pet Salon
- 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 to the Heart of It! ❤️

Volunteers bring so much caring, dedication, and passion to this job. Working for the betterment of both animal and human clients, these special people foster animals, train them to be good companions, work adoption fairs, handle correspondence, and prepare print or online publications. They provide accounting and legal services, create databases, and serve on our board. Some, walk dogs, socialize shy pets, help with animal care and, even, with scooping poop! Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you!

We need volunteers to reach our goals and achieve a safe, secure place for as many animals in need as we possibly can.

As you see, there are many ways to contribute. Foster homes and sanctuary are especially important to serve these needy animals.



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Doing Good and Staying Fit!

Do you think you could enjoy giving CIW dogs a stroll around the corner?

Going for walks is so fun for them! It's a nice way to get some fresh air and exercise while helping a foster dog learn to explore and enjoy companionship.

We love our volunteer dog walkers and kitty cuddlers! We are pleased to 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).



Rainbow Bridge

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



FAREWELL TO FRIENDS

"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy."

~Author Unknown



Theo - Mar 2018



Iggy - Nov 2018



Míomo - Jun 2018



Jasmine - Jul 2018



Abby - Oct 2018



Joey - Aug 2018



Gilbert Blythe-Jul 2018



Rosalee - Aug 2018



Marshall



Lexi - Dec 2018



Lilly - Jul 2017



Farah - Oct 2018



Charlotte - late 2018



Lola - Nov. 2017



Suki - Aug 2018

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Adoptables!



Tristan Penny Gretl Ariel Speckles Cowboy Daisy C Brigitta Liesl Dougie Mama Cass Marta

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
Companions In Waiting
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



2019 Adoption Fairs - Come See Us Soon!

Feb. 2-3	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	Jul. 13-14	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
Feb. 8-9	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Jul. 19-20	Pet Place, Menlo Park
Mar. 2-3	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	Aug. 3-4	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
Mar. 8-9	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Aug. 9-10	Pet Place, Menlo Park
Apr. 6-7	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	Sep. 7-8	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
Apr. 12-13	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Sep. 13-14	Pet Place, Menlo Park
May 4-5	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	Oct. 5-6	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
May 10-11	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Oct. 11-12	Pet Place, Menlo Park
Jun. 1-2	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay	Nov. 2-3	Kibbles and Gifts, Half Moon Bay
Jun. 7-8	Pet Place, Menlo Park	Nov. 8-9	Pet Place, Menlo Park
		Dec. 6-7-8	Pet Place, Menlo Park

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

Hours: Fri. 12 pm - 3 pm
Sat. 11 am - 3 pm

Kibbles and Gifts
Strawflower Shopping Center
80 Cabrillo Hwy N #B
Half Moon Bay, CA
(650) 726-3700

Hours: Sat. 11 am - 2 pm
Sun. 11 am - 2 pm