Dear Friends,

Do you remember all the news stories about pandemic puppies? It seemed everyone in the U.S. adopted a new furry companion.

Demand for dogs, especially small breed puppies, outpaced the supply at spcaLA and shelters across the country. For most of us, this was a beautiful side effect of the pandemic.

For criminals, it was an opportunity – to sell sick, underage puppies at high prices.

Investigating a tip about one such operation, spcaLA Animal Cruelty Investigators came upon two Poodle-mix puppies, Butternut and Creampuff. Both were too young to be sold, but Butternut was also very sick.

His tiny body needed round-the-clock care, including IV fluids, a feeding tube, medications, and observation. At times, I thought we might lose him.

After days of intensive care, Butternut pulled through. He recuperated in a foster home for a few months. Today, both he and Creampuff live with their new forever families.

The support of people like you allows spcaLA to investigate animal cruelty. We save pets like Butternut and develop comprehensive criminal cases against abusers.

Thank you,

Madeline Bernstein
President, spcaLA

P.S. There is no national spca or humane society, nor is spcaLA a chapter of any group.
As Southern California slowly emerged from the cocoon of the pandemic, so too did spcaLA. Toward the end of the year, we began offering modified in-person programs and services, including dog training classes, low-cost pet vaccination clinics, Friends for Life Summer Camp™, the spcaLA Marketplace, and limited in-shelter volunteer opportunities. Pet adoptions have moved to a meet & greet format by appointment, and begin online at spcaLA.com/adopt. We will continue to prevent cruelty to animals, though our operations may look a little different.

**PETS AT HOME**

1,536 PETS
adopted, reunited, or sent to rescue partners.

**VOLUNTEERS**

At the end of the year, spcaLA began phasing volunteers back into in-shelter work, in addition to foster and remote opportunities.

435 pets fostered

388 HRS dog training

122 HRS cat care & cleaning

16,163 HRS donated by foster volunteers.
ANIMAL BEHAVIOR & TRAINING

spcaLA offers in-person dog training classes, as well as a host of free resources for the public including webinars, the animal behavior library, and our free behavior helpline.

Visit spcaLA.com/training for more information.

Trainers worked directly with animals including survivors of animal cruelty and pets in the Animal Safety Net program, and trained volunteers and staff to provide enrichment and training exercises for shelter pets.

DART

spcaLA’s Disaster Animal Response Team (DART)™ responded to the Caldor Fire. During deployment, DART members assisted with operations in California and Nevada, helping more than 1,850 animals, including pets and livestock.

VETERINARY SERVICES

1,994 exams performed on shelter pets by spcaLA veterinarians.

6,850 veterinary procedures completed (vaccinations, diagnostics, wound care, etc.).
LOCATIONS

Programs & services may be offered online, in-person, or as a hybrid. Visit spcaLA.com/reopening for updates.

spcaLA Administration
5026 West Jefferson Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90016
(323) 730-5300

spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center
12910 Yukon Ave.
Hawthorne, CA 90250
(310) 676-1149

spcaLA P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village & Education Center
7700 East Spring St.
Long Beach, CA 90815
(562) 216-2542

spcaLA Marketplace (Located in the Village)
Visit the spcaLA Marketplace for all-natural pet foods and high quality treats and toys.
(562) 206-1376

REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY:
800-540-7722

SEND A CARD
Use the enclosed envelope or donate online, and we’ll send a card to celebrate the special people or pets in your life.

SEND AN E-CARD
Choose from a variety of holiday and other eCards, featuring spcaLA shelter pets.

NAMING OPPORTUNITY
Purchase online or call (323) 730-5300, x3253. Opportunities range from $50 to $2,500.

Give by December 14th to ensure Christmas delivery of cards & naming opportunity certificates.
Thank you!