

# FRIENDS FOR LIFE

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bernstein'.

**Madeline Bernstein**

President, spcaLA

Above: Butternut in spcaLA Care.  
Cover: Butternut present day.

**P.S.** There is no national spca or humane society, nor is spcaLA a chapter of any group.

**spcaLA IS DEDICATED TO THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY  
TO ANIMALS THROUGH EDUCATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
INTERVENTION, & ADVOCACY.**

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](https://spcaLA.com/adopt). We will continue to prevent cruelty to animals, though our operations may look a little different.

For more information, visit:  
[spcaLA.com/reopening](https://spcaLA.com/reopening)

Our counselors received thousands of adoption inquiries (more applications than we had animals!), and followed up with each by phone to place pets with their new Friends for Life.



**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.

**16,163<sup>HRS</sup>**

donated by  
foster volunteers.



**435**

pets fostered



**388<sup>HRS</sup>**

dog training



**122<sup>HRS</sup>**

cat care &  
cleaning



**spcaLA EXPENSES**



**78% Programs**  
**11% Management/General**  
**11% Fundraising**

# VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Animal Safety Net (ASN) pet housing (temporary care for the pets of domestic violence survivors) and the spcaLA Court Diversion Program for Youth continue to operate in-person, and we offered Friends for Life Summer Camp in-person again this year. We also offered virtual programming for youth and families, including webinars, workshops, and online classes for youth and their pet dogs.

## & HUMANE EDUCATION

1,398



youth & adults **rekindled empathy & compassion** through violence-prevention humane education initiatives.

23 FAMILIES

28 PETS

helped by the Animal Safety Net (ASN)™ program.



Visit [spcaLA.com/education](https://spcaLA.com/education) for more information.

# ANIMAL BEHAVIOR & TRAINING

475 Dogs  
&  
12 Cats  
TRAINED

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](https://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.

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

6,850

# MAKE GIVING YOUR GIFT

[spcaLA.com/gift](http://spcaLA.com/gift)



## LOCATIONS

Programs & services may be offered online, in-person, or as a hybrid.

Visit [spcaLA.com/reopening](http://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

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**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.



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