

2 Lbs. of Kitten + 3 Legs + 6 Weeks in Recovery =
A **Second Chance** at Life!

At just six weeks old, Heather was found shivering under a bus. As soon as she was in our care, it was clear that Heather had a severely injured front leg that required immediate amputation. Overwhelmed, unbalanced and unsure of her new surroundings, Heather was kept under close observation for weeks while our staff and dedicated volunteers attended to her. Although her recovery was difficult, Heather has now found the strength to walk, play and run again, pain-free with her new forever family in San Francisco!



Milton & Heather



Milton was found wandering the streets of San Francisco, scared and all alone. Malnourished, missing chunks of hair and suffering from a badly broken jaw, Milton required very special care. After months filled with TLC, Milton was able to eat, drink and play normally again. His already loving personality seemed to triple in size - just in time to meet his new adoptive parent, Nick!

An Eight Years Young Pup + 1 Broken Jaw
+ 62 Days of Rehabilitation =
A Lifetime of **Happiness!**

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You have made a difference in the lives of countless pets in need.
Please read on to see how your support has changed lives.



Annual Report 2011-2012

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to live a healthy and happy life in a loving home.



Celebrating 65 Years



Todd

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Pets Unlimited,

We believe that every cat and dog deserves a chance to live a healthy and happy life in a loving home. Whether we offer a homeless pup a second chance at a forever home or give a cat a new lease on life with a life-saving treatment, we are dedicated to translating this belief into a reality for as many cats and dogs as possible.

As a leading supporter of Pets Unlimited, I would like to **thank you** for your remarkable dedication to our organization during this past fiscal year. In this difficult economic climate, your contribution is saving lives by providing essential funds for our Shelter and Adoption Center and enabling us to provide medical care for pets of families with limited financial means. We could not have accomplished any of this without you, thank you.

I am pleased to say that Pets Unlimited transformed our belief into a reality for hundreds of cats and dogs in need in our community this past fiscal year. Highlights include:

- **Over 200 Cats and Dogs Found Forever Homes:** We welcomed a record number of special needs animals into our Adoption Center, many of them requiring weeks of rehabilitation before adoption.
- **New Shelter Enrichment Programs:** To create the best possible environment for our shelter residents, our staff implemented two enrichment programs. First, we instituted a Shelter Buddy system so that quarantined dogs have regular play dates and socialization with a canine best friend; and second, shelter cats happily benefitted from increased stimulation through individualized behavior plans.
- **Expanded Humane Education Program:** Animal advocates are now being "groomed" as toddlers! Our Humane Education program has grown to include classes for preschool to middle school students.
- **Increased Funding for Charitable Clients:** As the need for charitable veterinary care continues to grow, we have increased funding for homeless VetSOS clients and retired SFPD police dogs.
- **AAHA Reccreditation:** To ensure our Veterinary Center is a state-of-the-art facility for all our patients, we successfully completed a rigorous recertification through the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA).

Every accomplishment that we achieved this year is directly related to your generosity. From supporting our events to responding to an appeal letter, your charitable contributions are making an undeniable impact on our animals and the people who love them.

Thank you again for being a committed member of the Pets Unlimited family and working with us towards a future where every dog and cat will spend their days in a loving home.

Warm regards,

Sally Wortman
Executive Director

Thank you!



Phantom



Peetey



Norman



Cassette

Our Beliefs in Action

We believe all animals deserve a healthy and happy life with loving guardians.

Our charity programs have grown from this belief. **We depend on donations from animal lovers like you to help as many homeless, sick and abused animals as we can.** Because of your support this past year, we were able to provide:



- **145 Free Emergency Visits:** Low-income and homeless San Franciscans received free critical and emergency veterinary care for their pets.
- **307 Free Exams:** PAWS clients received free wellness exams, vaccinations and parasite tests for their dogs and cats.
- **50% More Care:** Compared to last year, we were able to provide 50% more wellness and emergency care to retired SFPD dogs.



- **14,284 Hours of Volunteer Care:** Over 200 Volunteers, aged 12 to 81, provided thousands of hours of companionship and care for our shelter dogs and cats.



- **\$3,908:** The average cost of veterinary care, shelter and rehabilitation for just one of our shelter animals.
- **475 Vaccinations:** Our shelter animals received life-saving vaccinations to protect them against contracting illnesses during their time at our shelter and beyond.
- **435 Doses:** Each of our shelter animals received multiple doses of flea, tick and heartworm prevention medication to protect their health year-round.



- **Over 5,000 Pounds of Food:** Our shelter cats and dogs were given regular, nutritious and complete meals - enough food to outweigh an elephant!



Our Board President Leaves Her Legacy

Suzanne Troxel brought a pet lover's heart and an auditor's eye to the Board of Directors of Pets Unlimited in 2011. Experienced in financial management and accounting, the recently retired CPA applied both heart and head to her assessment of the organization to determine whether it deserved a place in her estate plan.

For Troxel, Pets Unlimited's appealing mission was essential but not sufficient for it to make the cut. She had two other requirements: "I must be personally involved with the organization and comfortable with the way they carry out their fiduciary responsibilities," she said. She had audited animal welfare organizations in the past and, along with accurate balance sheets and realistic revenue-and-expense statements, she looked for something not on most auditors' checklists: Would her and her husband's bequest **make a real difference?** This year, Pets Unlimited passed the Troxel triple test. She and her husband, Josh Peckler, also a CPA, included a bequest to Pets Unlimited in their estate plan. **"I know they can really use our help," she said. "I also feel they deserve it."**

Some of the pluses of Pets Unlimited went beyond numbers, she added. "I admire the organization's philosophy and staff," she said. **"They consistently give dogs and cats that might not have a chance an opportunity to find a good home. If Pets Unlimited had a bigger reserve, they'll be able to do more."** She sees her bequest as helping to make that possible. "I hope others will consider putting Pets Unlimited in their estate plans," she said. "It's not that difficult to do, and it would do a lot of good. I felt very comfortable doing it."

Pets Unlimited is honored to list Suzanne Troxel and Josh Peckler as members of the Pets Unlimited Legacy Circle. For more information about joining the Legacy Circle, contact Leah Prassinis at (415) 568-3052 or lprassinis@petsunlimited.org

