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WINTER HOLIDAYS 2020 NEWSLETTER



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RESCUES CONTINUE DESPITE COVID19 CHALLENGES

Dedicated volunteers continue their rescues. The following photos are not staged or done by professionals. They are the actual photos done by rescuers receiving FHSTJ support for medications, food, spay and neuter and veterinary care.



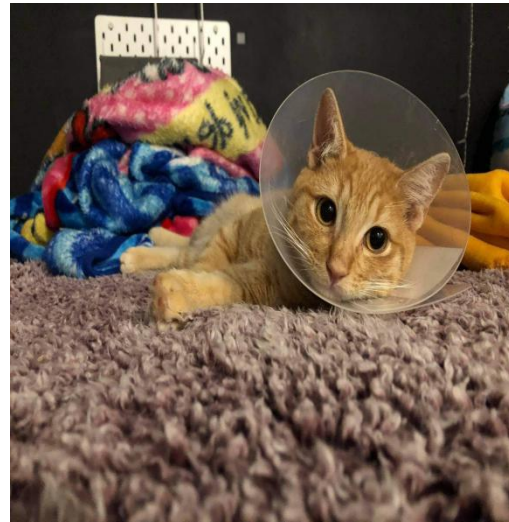
Jade: 1. Abandoned, found in street, severe eye injury. 2. During treatment 3. Adoption photo.



Rouse: 1. Living on the street, starving, ill. 2. Rescued, treated and adopted by a loving family.



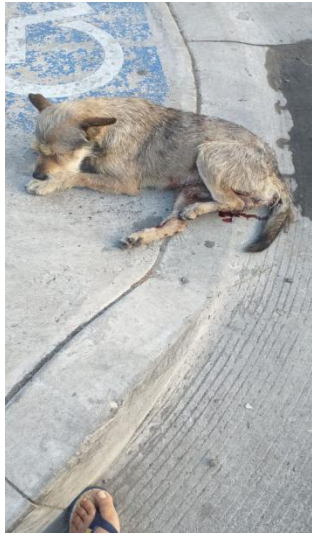
Miss Mini: 1 .Abandoned with neck injury. 2. With loving rescuer 3. Getting ready for adoption.



Amarilla: 1. Found In street, severe hip and tail injury. 2. Treated, in rehab with loving rescuer.



Pups: 1. Found abandoned in a crate-not from same litter. 2. All were dehydrated, ill, and infested with huge ticks. 3. Happy and the others were treated and readied for adoption.



Lince: 1. First encounter. Found bleeding in street. 2. Large injury to leg from being hit by car and required several surgeries. 3. Treated, content, and in a new home.

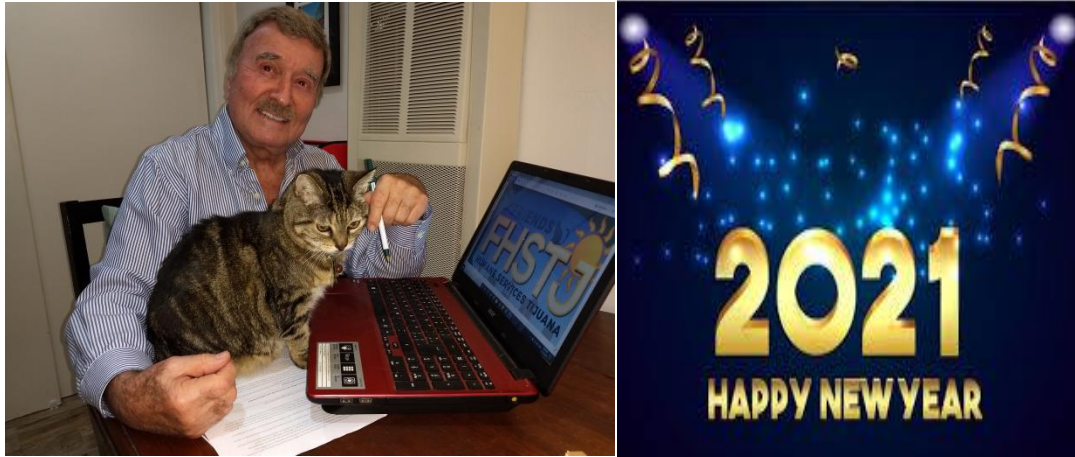
FHSTJ DOES A LOT MORE THAN RESCUES.

Friends of Humane Services in Tijuana [FHSTJ] supports 4 grassroots organizations in addition to several individual rescuers. These groups/people have no significant funding sources locally and rely on FHSTJ to provide needed services to pets of people with extremely limited income as well as to street animals in desperate need of food, medical attention and protection. The greater Tijuana, Mexico area borders the greater San Diego, California area and these services contribute to a healthier environment for the both American and Mexican communities along the border. The vast majority of FHSTJ support is via event based funding to cover the expenses of grassroots groups of rescuers who provide free spay and neutering events in the poorest areas of Tijuana as well as medication to provide free mange and parasite treatment street events for pets as well as street animals located in the most distressed areas of the greater Tijuana area. Additional individual case grants were provided to rescuers via a certificate program that provides for immediate veterinary care for rescued animals. The aforementioned programs also provide public education through both formal public sessions and informal one on one counseling.



Mass spay and neuter events held monthly. FHSTJ covers the full cost for persons without resources to pay the low cost fee for pets. FHSTJ also covers the full cost for rescuers.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM FHSTJ'S PRESIDENT



FHSTJ'S President With a Curious Office Assistant

Dear Patrons of Humane Services in Tijuana:

First, let me take this opportunity to thank those of you who heeded the plea in our last newsletter to help us with the shortfall in donations due to the Covid crisis. While we were able to continue with our past level of support, we continue to function in a precarious financial position which is threatening our ability to maintain this level of support in the next couple of years. This year and last, we spent an average of \$22,000 a year more than we received in donations. To pay our bills, we had to dip into our modest endowment which was given to us with the intention of augmenting regular donations with interest so that we could grow our budget. That hasn't happened due to shortfalls in donations. Now, we are experiencing a decrease in income as a result of Covid19 as well as from our shrinking endowment. **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW US TO HAVE TO RATION SUPPORT AND SAY NO TO ANIMALS IN NEED.** TAKE A LOOK AT THE PREVIOUS PHOTOS OF RESCUES. FOR EACH OF THEM, THERE ARE MANY MORE WAITING TO BE HELPED.

We experienced a hiatus sponsoring mass spay and neuter clinics from March to July due to the current health crisis. We were able to resume efforts after Covid19 protocols were in place. **The dedicated volunteers of the grassroots groups we support: PATA, Por Amor A Toby, Bastet Cat, PROATI, and our own FHSTJ volunteers made up for lost time and we will almost be at last year's numbers: 1000 spay and neuter surgeries; 1600 treatments for parasites, mange and small injuries; 180 veterinary office visits for treatments and surgeries via the FHSTJ certificate program; 50 adoptions in the San Diego area and another 40 adoptions facilitated in Mexico.** All of these groups rely on FHSTJ for veterinary care, free spay/ neuter and general support in order to continue to serve the number of animals noted above. **PLEASE HELP US THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME.**

Thank you all for helping us save animals from starvation, disease, pain and fear.

Richard Massa
President, FHSTJ



**START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH A FEEL GOOD ACT OF KINDNESS!
DATE YOUR CHECK JANUARY 1, 2021. WE WILL HOLD IT AND DEPOSIT
IT ELECTRONICALLY OR BY MACHINE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.**

**IF YOU APPROVE OF THE WORK WE ARE DOING, YOU CAN DONATE BY GOING TO
OUR WEB SITE www.friendsofhstj.org and clicking on DONATE.**

Or, send a check made payable to FHSTJ to the following address:

**Friends of HSTJ
641 E. San Ysidro Blvd. #B3-431
San Ysidro, Ca 92173**

Your donations are tax deductible. FHSTJ is an IRS approved charity #77-0704404

Be A Responsible Donor

Before you donate to an animal charity, the minimum you should ask is:

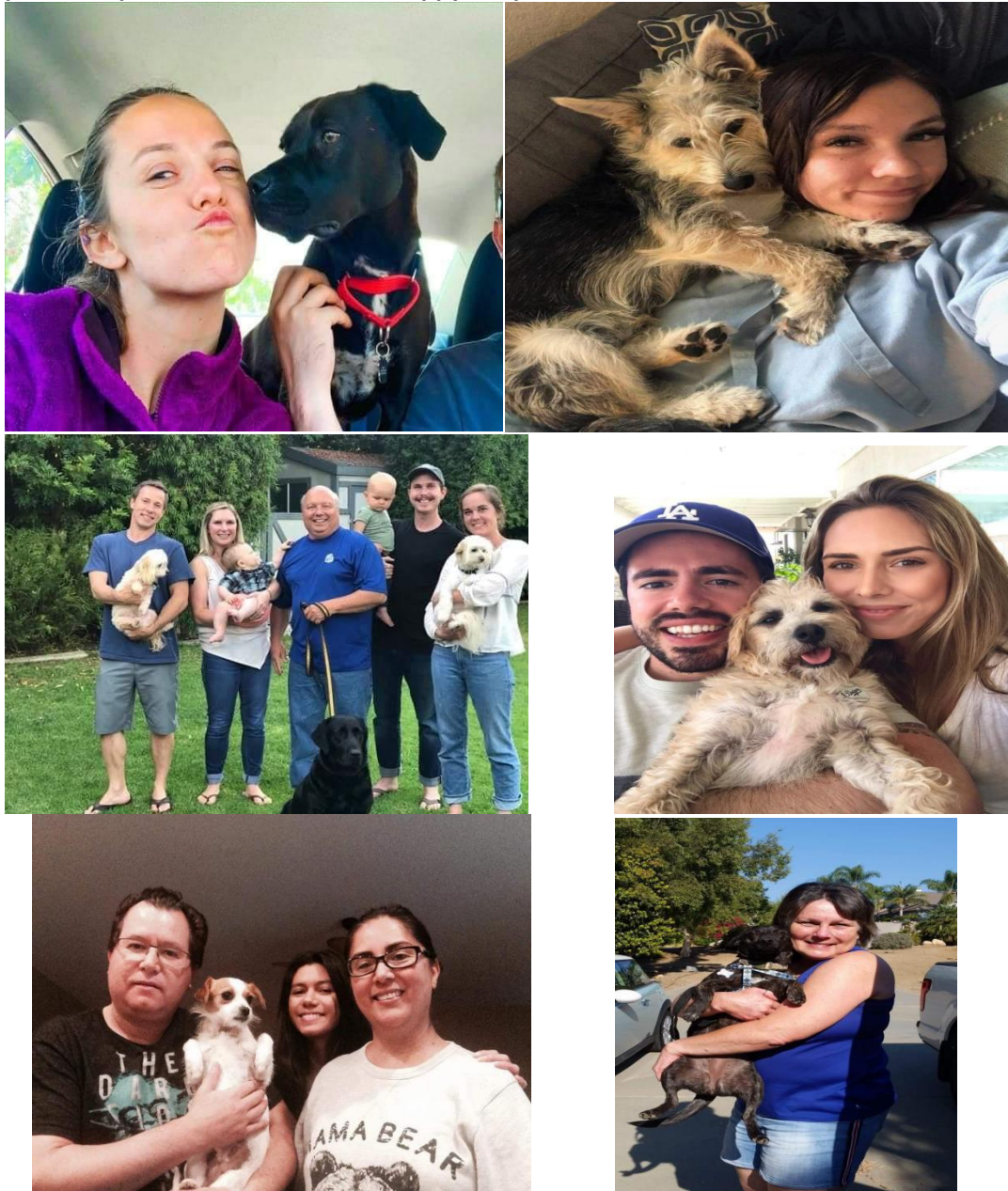
1. Is the organization approved by the IRS as a charity? Do they publish their IRS number so that you can avail yourself of the information if you choose?
2. To whom do they pay salaries and for what?
3. Do they provide donors with periodic reports?

FHSTJ can respond to these questions:

Friends of Humane Services in Tijuana is an IRS approved 501 c 3 charity #77-0704404. Contact information: Direct your questions to the above address or by email to friendsofhstj@gmail.com

To assist volunteers, FHSTJ has two part-time employees for a total of only 15 hours a week. One monitors and records activity results, donations and communications to insure that donors' gifts are used in the most efficient way possible. The other is responsible for the logistics of the food program, supplies and storage. No monetary or in-kind compensation is given for volunteer or board member service. That is why we do so much with so little. FHSTJ provides donors with two reports a year. Donors can review FHSTJ's work by visiting the web site: www.friendsofhstj.org

Volunteers and board members feel proud when they look at a saved animal and faces of the people who made it possible to change the whole world for that animal. Here are photos of just a few of the recent happy adoptions.



HOW YOUR DONATIONS ARE SAFEGUARDED

- >FHSTJ does not "send" money to Mexico. Rather, it distributes resources per event or per individual animal rescued and with an accountability procedure.
- > Board officers meet monthly or bi-monthly as required with the leaders of four grassroots groups and lead rescuers to plan new events, plan budgets and also review past events.
- >Resources are distributed per event e.g. spay/ neuter and parasite control clinics.
- > An FHSTJ board member or board adviser is present at events and a numerical and photo report is submitted to FHSTJ and data is recorded.
- >Lead rescuers are given FHSTJ Veterinary Care Certificates to distribute as needed. Veterinarians are paid after service is rendered and the report is received.
- >Donors may contact FHSTJ at any time to inquire about their donation at friendsofhstj@gmail.com