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ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL

As reported in our last newsletter, decreased donations during the Covid crisis caused us to ration some non-urgent animal care as well as defer items such as equipment maintenance. Now, thanks to our faithful and generous supporters, we are almost back to normal. While we did curtail some services, we were able to maintain a program for rescues and free spay and neuter for animals of rescuers and persons living in the poorest neighborhoods of Tijuana. With your continued support, we should be able to bring the level of preventive veterinary care services back to normal as well as catch up on equipment maintenance. Read specifics in PROGRAM SUMMARY on page 5.



Cali showed up at the FHSTJ feral cat feeding station, hungry, pregnant, and frightened. Her demeanor indicated she was not feral and probably abandoned. To prevent her kittens from being feral, she was transferred to and fostered by volunteers at Bastet Cat, a Tijuana organization that we support. Care and veterinary services for Cali and her kittens was provided by FHSTJ.



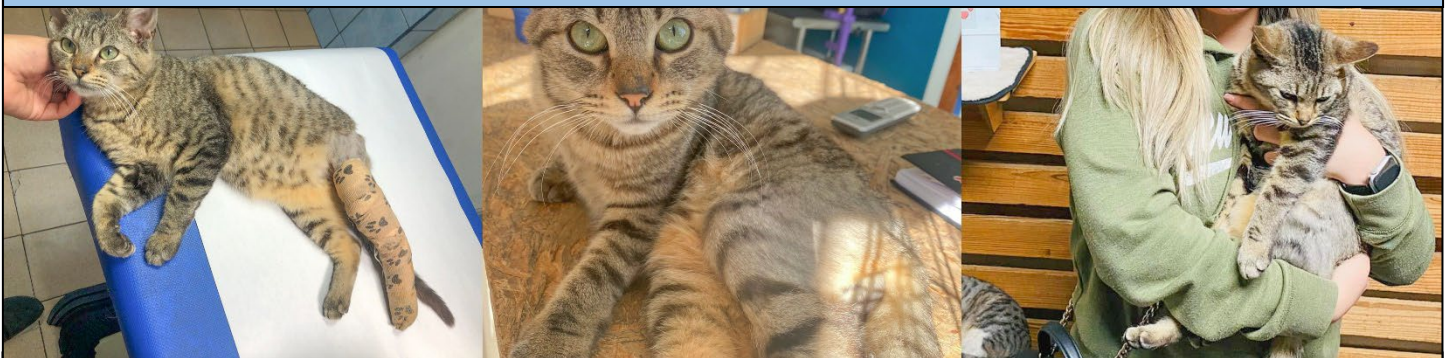
One of FHSTJ's rescuers found Dory. Dory was extremely malnourished and needed urgent veterinary care. FHSTJ provided for her treatment and recuperation. She was spayed and fully vaccinated. She has since been adopted by a loving family.



Marchy was found near a busy highway and almost run over. After checking him over and doing therapeutic grooming, he was fostered by an FHSTJ's rescuer. When he recovered fully, he was neutered and vaccinated. While in foster care, he and his foster family developed an incredible connection. His foster family adopted Marchy and now he has a forever home.



Sebastian was found disoriented while roaming on a busy road. He was immediately taken to a veterinarian to treat a serious eye injury. Despite emergency treatment, his eye had to be removed. After regaining full health, he was adopted by a loving family.



Mickey was abandoned as a kitten. He was found by a rescuer and fostered at Bastet Cat, one of the organizations supported by FHSTJ. Mickey had a malformed left hind leg. After receiving veterinary care and surgery provided by FHSTJ, he recovered and was adopted by a loving family.



Mass spay & neuter events are held monthly. FHSTJ covers the full cost for animals of rescuers and persons without resources.



Street events to treat for mange and parasites are held twice a month in the poorest neighborhoods of Tijuana. Pets as well as street animals receive treatment and are evaluated for further veterinary treatment.



After deferring vehicle maintenance, animal housing upgrades and equipment repairs due to last year's decrease in donations, we urgently need to get up to speed. Please consider donating so that we can be ready to respond to the many requests to help the needy animals of our rescuers and people with very little resources.

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NOTEWORTHY HAPPENINGS



New Generations Involved

Young heroes to the animals at Olympian High School in Chula Vista are supporting FHSTJ through projects conducted by the student organization: Dogs Rescue Without Borders.

(Bottom right picture) Past president, Naomi M. [left] and incoming president, Alejandra C. [right] present a check from last year's proceeds to FHSTJ's president, Richard Massa.

FHSTJ New YouTube Channel

FHSTJ recently launched a YouTube channel. Just by **scanning the QR code**, giving a like and subscribing, you will be helping animals in need. The first in a series of planned videos is a short, one-minute introductory video giving an overview of FHSTJ:



Abandoned Cats & Dogs find Love and Compassion from Heroic Animal Rescue Volunteers | FHSTJ
12 K vistas • hace 1 mes

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FIRST VIDEO

The second, a longer 1.5-minute video highlights FHSTJ's various programs and shows the "miracles" performed by FHSTJ rescuers with the support of donors:



Animal Rescue Volunteers Performing Miracles in Tijuana | @FHSTJ2023

5.9 K vistas • hace 1 día

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SECOND VIDEO

We are currently working on a teaching video for those interested in helping feral cats and will notify our donors when it is posted on YouTube.

When searching our videos, make sure our logo is present. Examples below.



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Kudos to Tijuana's Municipal Animal Control Department



"Municipal Animal Control agents rescued two dogs that were found mistreated, starving and living in deplorable condition... this after a citizen complaint was made through social media... another was found dead with signs of mutilation... the agents, accompanied by municipal police, detained a couple who were handed over to a judge for legal proceedings... the rescued dogs were treated by a veterinarian and remain in guarded condition."



Kudos to Tijuana's Animal Control Agency, Control Animal Municipal, for their aggressive follow up to animal cruelty complaints. They have made a lot of progress in the last few years. Above is just one example of investigating and removing two dogs found in deplorable conditions. Photo and text excerpted from NMás Tijuana, Televisa Tijuana, June 1, 2023.

PROGRAM SUMMARY - 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 both American and Mexican communities along the border.

For the fiscal year ending on 30 June 2023, FHSTJ provided 1225 free spay/neuter surgeries for rescuers and people with limited resources, 2537 treatments for mange and parasites, 431 veterinary medical/surgical treatments for animals of rescuers, placed 64 dogs in forever homes in the San Diego area, facilitated 52 cat and dog adoptions in Mexico, and distributed 17,496 pounds of pet food. 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.



**IF YOU APPROVE OF THE WORK WE ARE DOING, YOU CAN
DONATE BY GOING TO OUR WEB SITE.**

There are options to pay with credit cards, PayPal, Venmo or eCheck.

Scan the code, or visit: friendsofhstj.org/donation/



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

Help Spread the Word

You can help animals just by spreading the word. A simple forward of this FHSTJ Newsletter to people like yourself who have an interest in animal welfare is an easy and effective way of helping us. A simple message such as: "Thought you might want to see what this organization is doing for animals" is a great way to introduce your friends and family to FHSTJ.

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 three part-time employees for an average weekly combined total of only 38 hours a week. They assist volunteers by providing logistical support, record keeping, finance, and communications. 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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: How is my donation safeguarded?

Answer: 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 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 the service is rendered and the report is received.
- Donors may contact FHSTJ at any time to inquire about their donation at friendsofhstj@gmail.com

Question: Why doesn't FHSTJ use non-profit postage?

Answer: FHSTJ received approval by the United States Postal Service to use non-profit postage [NPP] but chooses not to do so at this time for the following reasons:

- The vast majority of FHSTJ mass and individual mailings are electronic.
- NPP has a minimum mailing requirement and requires either a USPS permit which comes with a fee or an option to use presorted and bar-coded envelopes. Payments for out of area mailings, special sorting and special retrieval of returned mail require clerical time that could be better used on the food distribution and other programs.
- If the number of hard copy mailings increases dramatically in the future, we will use NPP.

Question: Why Doesn't FHSTJ run a shelter?

Answer: FHSTJ can do much more with your donations by supporting rescuers located in various parts of the Tijuana area rather than running a shelter holding only a few animals.

- Shelters in Mexico, whether private or public, are subject to local regulations that could require them to work with local agencies which, when enforced, can provide the government an avenue to lean on the private resources that would otherwise be better and more efficiently used.
- Shelters require owning/leasing land and having paid employees, which is expensive considering the very limited number of animals that can be housed at any given time.
- The FHSTJ Certificate Program places resources in the hands of rescuers so they can immediately respond to urgent situations.