



The High Sierra Barker

2020 Special Needs Newsletter

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Our facility and those who hold it dear have made a tremendous difference for our community since 1999. Many dogs arrive with tucked tails and worried eyes, sometimes we have to carry dogs from our van to their new space because they are frozen with fear. Even with all of the uncertainty and baggage they carry, every dog leaves HSAR with a new found trust in people. They receive the kind of love and understanding here that every dog deserves to feel. We are so proud and honored to show up everyday and give these dogs a second chance at true happiness. All of our achievements; every adoption, every surgery, every single family made complete is thanks to the kindness and generosity of our supporters. We wouldn't be here without you and we are so thankful to be a part of a community and world where rescue dogs are able to receive the care they need in order to thrive. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us through this difficult and uncertain time.



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Amber's Incredible Journey



Amber has had a tough life so far but she has been extremely fortunate to receive the very best care and love at HSAR. When Amber was about 10 weeks old we discovered that she had contracted Parvo, an incredibly infectious and life threatening virus. We were able to cure her of this awful disease, however, during her recovery she had complications and an abscess formed under her skin. This required an extensive surgery that resulted in her being bandaged/wrapped for 3 weeks. When the bandages came off, we noticed Amber was not walking right and that she became fatigued fairly quickly. After all that she had been through, she was now experiencing pain while walking and playing. We started her on low dose

pain medication and her foster mom began doing range of motion exercises with her as well as visiting Dr. Hungerford in Portola for chiropractic appointments. While in a foster home she learned a lot about basic manners and playing with other dogs. After some time she was adopted but then returned because she had only warmed up to one of the humans in her home. Her former adopter adored her and talked about how he wished he could keep her. All of the things we learned from her adoption and return were extremely helpful and we feel confident that we will be able to find Amber her perfect fit. At HSAR, no dog is at risk of being turned away or left behind. We are so honored to take in the less fortunate, the forgotten, and the sick dogs who need us. Every life saved is thanks to the hard work of our staff and the generosity of our supporters and this sweet girl is no exception. Let's find you your forever home, Amber.

Guardians of High Sierra Animal Rescue

Monthly Giving is the easiest and most consistent way to help rescue dogs throughout the year! ***Their future is in your hands!***

- \$25** Pays for gas to/from county shelters
- \$50** Provides a dog with a microchip and vaccines
- \$100** Covers the cost of a special needs vet visit
- \$250** Helps spay and neuter two dogs

Please sign up [online](#) with your debit or credit card and your donation will automatically be processed each month.

More information can be found at highsierraanimalrescue.org



Riley is our most recent long stay resident here at High Sierra Animal Rescue, joining us in November of last year. When Riley arrived he struggled with basic commands and getting staff's attention in an appropriate way. He has truly progressed after a few months of one on one time with our volunteer trainer, Hannah Tomatis, and our dedicated kennel technicians. Riley is a dog who will need consistent daily walks and training to help continue the success he has had here at the rescue. He loves his people, is treat-motivated, and understands basic expectations of when to be calm in order to get attention. He is easily excitable, so a leash and a strong leader will be necessary for walks and a fenced yard is mandatory. Please read more about him at highsierraanimalrescue.org!



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Guardians of HSAR



The hard and sad truth is that our rescue is struggling and has been for quite a few years. We make do and we pull through everyday but it certainly has not always been easy. With minimum wage increases, expensive vet visits, and cost of goods constantly going up we have got to reach our goal for monthly giving or we may face closing our doors forever. We want to be here for years to come, we want to be able to save more dogs like Amber who need special surgeries and lots of extra attention. She wouldn't have made it if we had not picked her up from the shelter. What if our rescue had to close its doors? What would happen to all of the other dogs like her in need of help? These are the kinds of questions that are always

floating around in the back of our minds here at HSAR but you can help. **Please consider signing up to be a monthly giver today at highsierraanimalrescue.org, your contribution will be automatically processed each month. You can also set up a recurring donation through your bank or you can send us a check each month. \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50 a month would make a world of difference for our dogs.**

Business Guardians

HSAR is currently looking for businesses to become monthly or quarterly donors. Business Guardians receive incredible advertising perks as well as the added benefit of knowing that they are creating real and sincere change for homeless dogs. Every donation is tax deductible and truly appreciated. We would like to thank Clio's River Edge RV Park and Gumba's Family Pizza for becoming our first Business Guardians.

Online Merchandise Store

You can now wear an HSAR shirt around town, sip your coffee from a travel mug, stay cozy in a hoodie, and put a sticker on your water bottle or car!
Visit society6.com/highsierraanimalrescue to purchase some supportive and cool merch!



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Yes, I want to help High Sierra Animal Rescue save lives!

*Please consider becoming a Guardian of HSAR through our [online giving page!](#)
Information can be found at highsierraanimalrescue.org*

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