



The High Sierra Barker

2025 Winter Newsletter

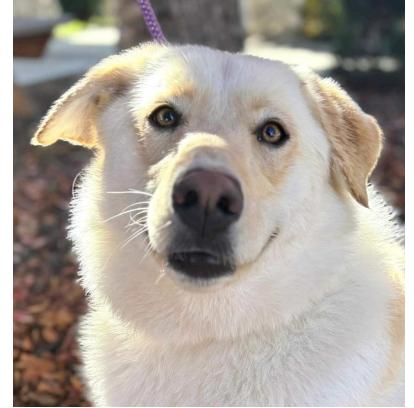
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Happy Holiday Wishes from HSAR

The season ahead is already brighter for the dogs in our care.

Giving Tuesday marked a meaningful start to the improvements we are working toward in the coming year. Our focus is on restoring and upgrading the spaces our dogs rely on every day: the kennels where they rest and feel safe, and the yards where they play and decompress.

Your generosity brings us closer to more comfortable environments for dogs like adoptable Emma, pictured right. Thank you for standing with us and believing in our mission. We wish you a wonderful holiday season. Please give your four-legged companions a little extra love from all of us.



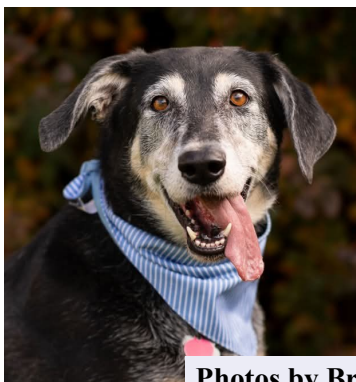
Second Chances for Senior Sweethearts

This year, two wonderful senior black Labs fell into our laps at HSAR. Harold and Gertie quickly charmed everyone with their soulful eyes, gentle devotion, and quiet loyalty. Before long, both found homes with incredible families who looked beyond the gray whiskers and saw them for exactly who they are.

Gertie is thriving in her home and has been described as the perfect dog and a true angel. She is doing beautifully and has found a bit more energy and excitement that her family has loved to see. Harold is also excelling, soaking up daily walks, enjoying car rides, and embracing life with calm contentment. His family reports that they are so happy to have him. These two are perfect examples of how much love, companionship, and gratitude older rescue dogs bring into a home.



Adoptable Seniors - Right now, Sadie and Archibald are our senior pups still waiting for their chance. Both are affectionate, endearing dogs with distinct personalities. Sadie carries a golden retriever kind of energy, warm, energetic, and loving, while Archibald has more of a black cat temperament, quiet, loving, and deeply loyal once he trusts you. They can manage polite walks alongside other dogs but would likely prefer to be the only dog at home, soaking up all the love and attention they have earned.



Photos by Britteny Donney

Senior dogs have so much to teach us. It's never too late for a new chapter, starting over is always okay. The future can still be bright and full of promise, and sometimes even more meaningful when it arrives gently instead of at a full zoomie pace.

We invite you to learn more about Sadie and Archibald on our website and consider opening your heart and home to one of them. If you are unable to adopt at this time please consider fostering! Senior dogs especially benefit from spending time away from the shelter environment, even if it's just for a weekend!

Their best chapter may still be waiting.

Giving Trees at Pet Station

Pet Station has been a steady friend to our rescue and to so many groups across our region. This holiday season they're shining a little extra light on homeless pets with Giving Trees in every store. Choose an ornament, purchase the item listed, and leave your gift beneath the tree. Everything from food and treats to toys will go straight to local organizations that need an extra hand. We're deeply grateful for Pet Station's monthly donation days and their ongoing dedication to homeless animals. We'd like to give a huge thanks to owners Marshall Grattan and Philip Bankhead for standing by our mission year after year and the hardworking staff who make it all possible. You can find our giving tree at Pet Station – North Hills 1075 N Hills Blvd #240, Reno, NV 89506

Top wish list items include: Kibble, treats of all kinds (training, chewy, crunchy), toys (especially squeaky toys and durable chewers), enrichment games, harnesses (medium–XL), CBD oils or calming remedies.

You can also always shop our wish lists found on our website and have items sent directly to HSAR.



Christmas Ornament Fundraiser with Feathers

Our community shows up for homeless pets in the most beautiful ways and the annual ornament fundraiser is one of our favorite examples. We are incredibly grateful to Joanne at FEATHERS and Antoinette at Quesenberry Designs who team up for us year after year to offer up ornaments with 100% of the proceeds going to the dogs in our care. This fundraiser features Antoinette's new wooden ornament design along with limited quantities of last year's beloved paw print option while supplies last.

Ornaments are available for 20 dollars each. You can shop in person at FEATHERS or order online for store pickup or free USPS ground shipping at feathersgraeagle.com

Please consider shopping small this season and supporting the businesses that uplift local nonprofits all year long. We are lucky to live in a community filled with makers and shops that back our mission in so many ways and we're grateful for every one of them.



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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