



The High Sierra Barker

2022 Spring Newsletter

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Another winter has come and gone in the High Sierras! We are looking forward to warmer weather, events, and catching up with our supporters! This past year has been a busy one for our rescue with increases in owner surrenders and strays in local shelters. Over the last few months, we have taken in multiple litters of puppies, found homes for longer stay dogs, and helped some incredible families find their new best friends! Follow us on social media or subscribe to our email updates for the latest news. *Thank you for making our rescue work possible!*



Success for Longer Stay Dogs

In May of 2021, a scruffy-looking stray arrived at HSAR from Lassen County Animal Shelter. Juneau was just 2 years old at the time. His long wisps of fur and dark, intelligent eyes led us to believe that he would be adopted quickly. However, it took Juneau a few tries to land his forever home.

Each return presented us with an opportunity to understand his needs and, in turn, made it possible for us to match him with a more suitable home. Our volunteer trainer, Hannah Tomatis, explained her impression of Juneau

and his behavior, “My take on Juneau at that time was NOT aggression, but fear, which we can easily perceive as aggression. His responses to new people and new situations with other dogs indicated he felt threatened. He needed a home where he could feel safe and protected.”

When his forever family met him for the first time this past October, he was nervous and gave warnings to the adoption counselor, Claudia, and his visitors. The only one he hit it off with that day was their beautiful Basset Hound. Determined to make it work, they set up another adoption appointment. Juneau was more comfortable with them during their second meeting. He was adopted that day. They planned to take it slow and let Juneau learn at his own pace, which was crucial. They met with Hannah in January for a quick training lesson and have continued to make progress.

Juneau’s adopters sent us a lovely update this past month. They report, “Juneau is doing great. His social skills are still a work in progress and we are beginning to build the foundation for relationships with close family. We still aren’t at the phase where strangers can approach him but he can exist in the same space much more comfortably than before. We are counting that as a victory. He is absolutely a love at home, Juneau and his sister are inseparable. Overall, we are so proud of him and are looking forward to more milestones in his training.”

We’re hopeful that his story will inspire others to see the potential in dogs who have been returned or have longer than average stays at rescues and shelters. Please view our longer-stay dogs online at highsierraanimalrescue.org and fill out an application to meet them. All of our long-stay dogs have sponsored adoption fees. Our volunteer trainer, Hannah Tomatis, offers one free visit for each dog adopted through HSAR. We thank Hannah for her incredible efforts to help the rescue dogs at HSAR before and after their adoptions.

We would also like to thank Juneau’s adopters for their determination, patience, and understanding.



Special dogs like Ronnie require special support



We have a lifetime commitment to the dogs of HSAR. It's a promise we've held for twenty-three years. When Ronnie returned to our rescue after years in a loving home, our staff took him in with open arms and immediately had him assessed by a veterinarian. Ronnie has experienced grief and a huge lifestyle change in a short amount of time. With a shelter environment being so different from a home, it has been a hard transition for him. Despite all that he has been through, he has remained so trusting and kind-hearted. Ronnie has won over all of the staff members at HSAR and the veterinary office. Sadly, his visits have confirmed both diabetes and glaucoma. We are seeking a loving adopter who will be able to care for his needs. HSAR is willing to help his adopter with medical costs if needed. Read about Ronnie on our [website](#) and call HSAR with any questions.

Our Guardians (monthly and quarterly donors) help us as we provide care for special dogs like Ronnie. Monthly donations to HSAR mean that these dogs will be cared for like they are our own until they find the homes of their dreams. If you would like to be a part of our family of Guardians, go to highsierraanimalrescue.org, click on the orange "Donate" button, choose your amount, and set your donation frequency to monthly or quarterly. If you own a business and would like to partner with HSAR through Business Guardianship, please read more about this opportunity at highsierraanimalrescue.org/business-guardians or email abby@highsierraanimalrescue.org. We are so grateful for the businesses and individuals who have already signed up. You can write a check each month/quarter or set up automatic payments from your banking account if you prefer. ***Their future is in your hands.***

Thank you- HSAR was the March recipient of the Round Up at the Register Program at the Portola [Feather River Food Co-Op](#). We thank the board and staff members of FRFC and those who donated. We would also like to thank [Pet Station](#) for including our rescue in their monthly distribution program.

Donations- There are so many different ways to help the homeless dogs at our nonprofit. Designating HSAR as your preferred charity on [Amazon Smile](#) is as easy as visiting smile.amazon.com and logging in to Amazon account. Purchasing items from our [online wish lists](#) ensures that our staff will have important supplies. Following along on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and sharing our posts makes a huge difference. Please join our Adopters of High Sierra Animal Rescue group on Facebook for awesome updates about adoptions!

Pints for Pups– **The Brewing Lair** July 23 4pm-8pm -Join HSAR and the Brewing Lair for a family and dog-friendly event! A portion of each pint sold will be donated to our rescue. Food will be provided by the Ricochet Food truck, live music will be put on by 86 Proof. Raffle, Retriever's Ball sales, and more!



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

*Please consider becoming a Guardian of HSAR through our online giving page!
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