



The High Sierra Barker

2022-2023 Winter Newsletter

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Another successful year is coming to a close. All of the adopted dogs in 2022 are about to experience the wonderful feeling of being home for the holidays. They will know the comfort of a warm bed and a kind touch because of you, our incredible supporters. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness and generosity and send you wishes for a happy holiday season and a healthy new year. Be sure to give your four-legged friends some love from all of us here at HSAR. *Thank you!*



The Magic of Adoption

Each adoption at HSAR is full of emotion and meaning. We celebrate dogs finding the love they deserve and the companionship they bring to their new families. Even more, we celebrate the lives saved that day, the adopted dog and the one who takes its place in the kennels. However, we know now that adoption can save a person's life too.

Bruce and Joanie adopted Gemma from HSAR on November 24th, 2010, when she was just a year and a half old. In the last 12 years, they have created a life together and have made thousands of happy memories. But one event, in particular, has solidified their admiration and gratitude for Gemma. In November 2018, Gemma and Bruce were home alone, cleaning up smoke damage from the Campfire. One hour after Bruce had gone to sleep, Gemma woke him up with great force. Bruce recalled, "When Gemma wants my attention, she touches me with one of her front paws. Instead of touching me that night, she stood up on the couch and whacked me in the face as hard as possible, something she had never done before. I was angry with her until I tried to get up and realized my left side had become paralyzed! I was having a stroke, and she knew something was wrong. Even just a few more minutes and I would not have made it to the phone. By the time the ambulance arrived, I was immobile. When they got me to the hospital in Chico, it was barely within the four-hour window to administer TPA that dissolved the clot in my brain and saved me. Today I am ninety-nine percent better thanks to modern medicine and my girl, Gemma. I thank her every day. And I thank HSAR for giving us the best dog ever!"

When Bruce reached out and told us this story about Gemma we were speechless. The connection that Gemma must feel with Bruce is a testament to the incredible bond shared between people and their pets. We are so proud of Gemma for stepping up and doing her job as a loving friend and companion. Consider adopting a dog this year; it may just save your life.

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](https://www.highsierraanimalrescue.org/donate) with your debit or credit card and your donation will automatically be processed each month.

More information can be found at highsierraanimalrescue.org



Helping Our Community's Pets



We are proud to announce that our nonprofit will be launching a brand new spay and neuter certificate program for Plumas County residents. This program will help make spay and neuter more affordable for pet owners in our community. Shelters and rescues around the country are struggling to keep up with the number of animals in their care, and Plumas County is no exception. Spay and neutering is the best way to get a handle on the number of unwanted, neglected, and homeless dogs and cats in our county. We thank our supporters who contributed to this program through our Giving Tuesday campaign. We would also like to thank John L. Sutko, an adopter and supporter of HSAR, for his donation used to match Giving Tuesday contributions. Our most recent momma was surrendered at seven months old and gave birth shortly after. Luckily Sabrina and her puppies have spent these last few months in an incredible foster home and will be available for adoption this month. We hope to drastically reduce the likelihood of this happening to another puppy in our community. We will let our supporters know when this program launches.

Guardianship- Monthly and quarterly donations to HSAR allow us to care for homeless dogs like they're our own. If you would like to be a part of our family of Guardians, simply 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, 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. Dog rescue is a team effort from start to finish and we would love to have your help. *Their future is in your hands.*

Thank you- We wanted to be sure to thank the business owners and organizations who have supported our rescue this year with a monthly/quarterly donation or a special fundraiser. Thank you Pet Station, Sardine Lake Resort, Gumba's Family Pizza, Schulze Law Group, Clio's River's Edge RV Park, Britteny Donney Photography, Briar Patch Specialty Goods, Feather Financial, Cal Sierra Title Company, Doug Blesse Photography, Jayce Coziar Real Estate, Feathers Home & Gift, Quincy Pharmacy, Mohawk Valley Associates, Graeagle Store, Bassets Station, Amber Sells the Sierras, The Brewing Lair, Feather River Food

Volunteer- We welcome you to spend some time volunteering at HSAR in 2023. There will be a volunteer open house on Saturday, January 7th starting at 10 am. We will go over some things that we could use help with including dog baths, grooming, puzzle toy and Kong filling, and organizing. Yummy snacks and drinks will be provided. Our longer-stay dogs like Jezzy will thank you with lots of kisses. We hope to have a volunteer day every first Saturday of the month moving forward!

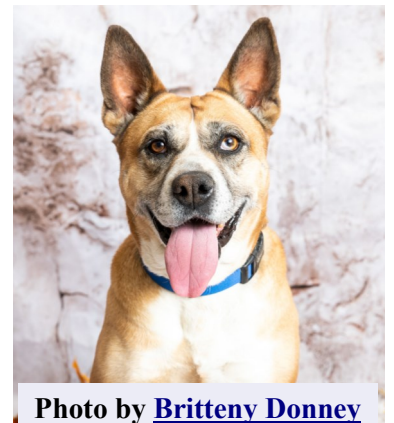


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Yes, I want to help High Sierra Animal Rescue save lives!

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