



## THE STORY OF COCO

Every year, the Orange County SPCA helps save the lives of hundreds of pets. Coco's story highlights how we are able to do this through our amazing programs that are supported entirely by donations from our community and loyal supporters like you.

**CRUELTY PREVENTION:** This past summer, new mom Coco and three of her remaining one week old puppies, were removed from an abusive home. Coco had been viciously beaten in the face. Four of her puppies had been drowned in front of her. The OCSPCA took custody of Coco and her remaining babies and boarded them in a safe place. The case is under investigation.

**ANIMAL RESCUE FUND (ARF):** Safely in the boarding facility, Coco and her puppies received all the medical care they needed. The ARF fund also covered the cost to have Coco spayed after she finished nursing her remaining three puppies, Twix, Dove, and Oreo.

**NO EMPTY BOWLS (NEB):** While the dogs were at the boarding facility, we were able to donate food for them through this program, which is a program that provides pet food to senior citizens, struggling and homeless pet owners.

**HOME AGAIN PET NETWORKING (HAPN):** The pups easily found homes, but Coco was more difficult to place because of her breed. After four months, the light was starting to diminish from Coco's happy nature. Her beautiful smile was fading. Through the HAPN program, Coco was networked every day. Eventually, she was sponsored by WagAware to go to The Zen Dog Rescue in Los Angeles for a few weeks of socialization and obedience training. Their philosophy is that all relationships should be based on Respect, Trust, and Love, which was exactly what Coco needed. As Coco's time was running out at Zen Dog, fate intervened. Coco met Bandit, who was also staying at Zen Dog, and they became inseparable BFF's. One meeting with Bandit's parents is all it took for them to fall in love with Coco too, and she was adopted into her forever loving home.

We wish Coco's story ended here with happily ever after, but during her first week in her new home, she started vomiting. Her parents took her to the vet who felt a mass in her abdomen. An ultrasound was taken and cancer was

suspected. A biopsy was done and the results came back negative. Coco's new parents spent \$2500 for these procedures. They did so gladly because Coco is a member of their family and they are dedicated to making her healthy. They were referred to a specialty hospital where she had to have exploratory/mass removal surgery. The cost for the surgery was about \$3500. The surgery was a success, she is recovering nicely and her prognosis is very good. Through networking, reaching out to other organizations, social media, and personal contacts, we were able to help her parents raise funds for her surgery. We know Coco's happy ending is just around the corner now. In spite of the horrors she has endured in her short life, Coco trusts humans completely, gives love and affection freely to those she meets, and brings love and light with her beautiful smile.

Please remember the **Orange County SPCA** in your holiday gift giving. Help us continue to help the Cocos, the Scruffys, the Bellas, the Fluffys, the forgotten, and all the beautiful creatures that make our lives whole through their loyalty and pure love. Together we can make a difference.

**Happy Holidays and best wishes for a wonderful New Year.  
Our sincere thanks for your continued support.  
The Orange County SPCA Board of Directors and Staff**

Please make your tax deductible, year-end donation by [clicking here](#).



**Remembering friends, family and special angels with dedicated donations:**





## **IN MEMORY OF FRIENDS & FAMILY**

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Nicky Odowick for Peggy L. Hall  
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Merrill Mefford for Irene Hobbs

## **IN MEMORY OF PETS**

(Donor/Pet)

Elizabeth Zapata for Kobe, pet of Cameron & Tamara  
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Donna Calkin for Maisey & Meggie  
Barbara Murphy for Meggie  
Steven Dziekonski for Lupe & Karl "Buzzy" Kramer  
Claudia Bitzer for Silver

## **IN HONOR OF PETS**

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Donna Calkin for Haku in memory of Pita  
Rosa Fabian for Happy in memory of Roxie & Stevie  
Julie Davis for Happy in memory of Aries & Achielles

A special, loving farewell to our PAWS therapy dogs that have recently passed away:

- Meggie, partner to volunteer Barbara Murphy
- Maisey, partner to volunteer Chuck Simpson
- Cody, partner to volunteer Leslie Vancho



## LARGE CUDDLE BUNNY NEEDS NEW HOME (or foster)!



A very special dog has come to us through our Animal Safe House (ASH) program! The OCSPCA provides temporary refuge for pets of victims of domestic violence. Because animals are family members, victims of domestic violence are reluctant to leave their pets behind to enter the safety of a domestic violence shelter. The OCSPCA will work with victims and their case workers to develop a plan to assist with boarding animals while a victim receives treatment and assistance for domestic violence. The OCSPCA has had custody of Higgins for the last couple of months but unfortunately, the owner is not able to reclaim this big, adorable guy.

Higgins is a 7 year old, Cane Corso/Mastiff mix, fully vaccinated, neutered male with the most lovable personality. Higgins is a large boy, but despite his size, will make every attempt to climb up on your lap to cuddle, smiling and slobbering his way into your heart. His love of children is incredible and he will make a

fantastic addition to a family with children, other dogs and a large yard to run, play and sun bathe in.

**Please consider making Higgins a part of your family!**

To donate in his honor in order to help us pay for his board and care, please [click here](#).





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