



Friends of Sonoma County Animal Shelter

| Summer 2025 |



Upcoming FOSCAS Events

- **Aug 8 4-7pm – Yappy Hour at Mutt Lynch Winery** downtown Windsor
- **Oct 11 5:30-9:30pm – Bingo Night** at Veteran's Hall-Lodge Room 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa
- **Nov 18 – Give Back Tuesday at the Rainbow Cattle Company**, downtown Guerneville
- **Dec 6-7 – Handmade Holiday Crafts Fair**, Finley Community Complex, 2060 West College Ave., Santa Rosa

We've Been Busy!

Since our Fall 2024 newsletter FOSCAS sponsored events included:

- **Paws for Love Garden Pawty**, Oct 4, 2024
- **Yappy Hour at Mutt Lynch Winery**, Nov 8, 2024
- **Rainbow Cattle Company, Guerneville Fundraiser**, Nov 12, 2024
- **Handmade Holiday Crafts Fair**, Dec 7-8, 2024
- **Cloverdale Citrus Parade**, Feb 15, 2025
- **Benovia Meet and Greet**, Mar 15, 2025
- **Puppacinos and Easter Baskets**, Apr 19, 2025
- **Rose Parade**, May 17, 2025. FOSCAS board members and supporters walked the parade route to support Sonoma County Animal Services.
- **Rainbow Cattle Company, Guerneville Fundraiser**, June 10, 2025
- **Tractor Supply Meet and Greet**, June 21, 2025

The FOSCAS Spay/Neuter Program

The FOSCAS Spay/Neuter Program continues full steam ahead funding up to a dozen surgeries a month. The process is running smoothly thanks to the SCAS/FOSCAS team that work hard to prepare, schedule and transport dogs to our veterinary partners. We are thankful for our donors who support this important quest. In the last six months 65 dogs have been fixed through our efforts. As of June 30, only 2 of the 65 of those dogs were still at the shelter waiting for their person to pick them. Talk about success! We are so very grateful for everyone that makes this work.

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Konig's Story



Meet Konig, a 65-pound mixed breed dog, a favorite with volunteers and staff at the shelter. He loved walks and car rides and going to events like "meet and greet" and The Santa Rosa Rose Parade where he met hundreds of people. But he was weary of waiting for a home and exhibited his frustration by biting at the chain link of his kennel, breaking a large canine tooth. When potential adopters were told Konig would need a dental extraction, they were reluctant to take on that expense. FOSCAS asked if we could help. Luckily one of our vet partners had a cancelation and fit Konig in immediately to assess the damage. She agreed the nerve and pulp were exposed, causing him pain. The broken tooth was removed plus the neighboring tooth which was also

cracked. This resilient boy bounced right back like it was nothing. But he must have saved those two teeth and hid them under his pillow with a wish to the Tooth Fairy because just a couple weeks later, his perfect person walked into the shelter and took him home.

FOSCAS is working with Sonoma County Animal Services to subsidize dental care for dogs in need.

Spay/neuter is FOSCAS' major focus but sometimes there are other pressing medical needs. We are grateful for your financial support as we work towards meeting these needs so these deserving dogs can get into homes.

Social Media Likes + Shares = Adoptions!

Are you on social media? Facebook, Instagram? Did you know that every time you click "like" or "share" on a post from FOSCAS or Sonoma County Animal Services it increases the on-line presence of that post, ultimately reaching more people? It gets the word out!

Roberta is the poster child for that statement! She lost her beloved dog three months ago. When she felt ready to bring home another dog, she visited shelters across three counties in her area but just didn't find "the one." Her friend, who follows a FOSCAS member on Facebook, reached out asking if the shelter had a dog fitting Roberta's checklist: lap dog, floppy ears, small, at least 2 years old. There WAS such a dog! Roberta and her friend drove 2 ½ hours each way the next day to claim Mina, now Muffy Ann. Roberta exclaimed "That's my dog!" the minute she saw her.

It only takes seconds to like or share, but you never know who's going to see it!



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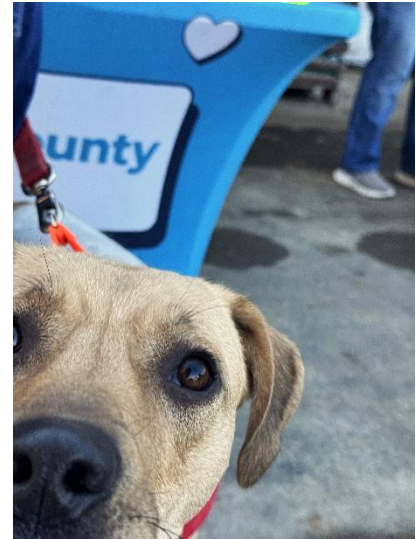
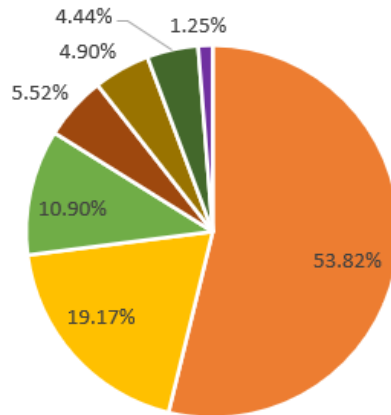


FOSCAS Program Expenses

FOSCAS would like to show you how your donations are being spent.

PROGRAM EXPENSES
1/1/25 - 6/30/25

- Spay & Neuter
- Behavior Training
- Medical Care
- Operating Expenses
- Shelter Support
- Enrichment Supplies
- Grooming



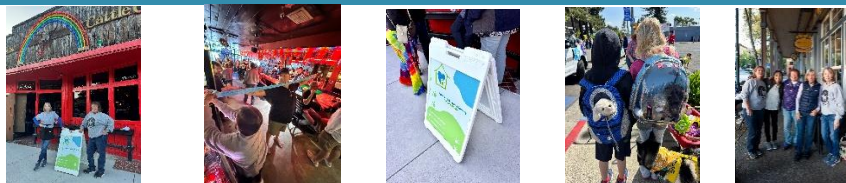
Thank you to our Donors! We can sponsor behavior training and spay/neuter because of your generous support!

FOSCAS Partner Spotlight

Spay/Neuter is the #1 urgency in animal welfare. A lot of ground was lost during the pandemic, and overpopulation is a serious and heartbreaking dilemma. Each week, SCAS staff and FOSCAS determine a list of dogs waiting for surgery. Animals cannot move forward to adoptable status until they are fixed and our busy SCAS clinic just cannot keep up. FOSCAS schedules with the vets that we've established partnerships with and transports the dogs to and from their appointments. Thanks to your generous donations, FOSCAS has funded the cost of 65 spays and neuters for dogs so they can be adopted. We couldn't have done this without the support of our veterinarian partners:

- Companion Animal Veterinary Mobile Clinic
- Wikiup Veterinary Hospital
- VCA Pet Care West

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Fostering

FOSCAS wants to give a shout out to the staff and volunteers that provide a temporary place in their homes for Sonoma County animals. Foster families provide love and safety for SCAS shelter animals so they can learn and grow into their best selves. Fostering truly saves lives. Long term or short term, it's exactly the break they need. Ralphie was the husky that came into the shelter as a young pup. Lovable, sassy, active and smart. Beautiful and, well hairy. Too rambunctious for kids. He lived there for over a year before his post on Next Door had promising news. Enter Sophia, the incredible dog foster. After months of long walks and showing up for events, lots of social time and car rides, Ralphie found a home with her friends! Ralphie waited for 747 days.

Bill went home with SCAS volunteers, Deborah and Avery. They helped Bill build confidence and trust experiencing great adventures to the beach and mountains. He attended Show and tell events. He was an absolute charmer at a Gala and marched in the Cloverdale Citrus Fair Parade. A stunning and photogenic dog, he finally caught the right persons eye after 486 days! Enjoy your life gorgeous Bill!

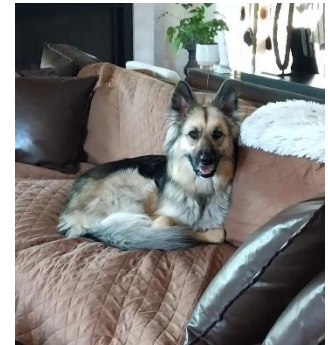
A different type of foster for a different kind of dog. Rodeo was supported by FOSCAS through a foster board and training arrangement. He was provided professional training for 9 months. He learned to relax and walk nicely on a leash. He enjoyed new experiences. Rodeo's gentle soul, true to his guardian breed, did very well in a rural environment where he enjoyed surveying his surroundings by day and sleeping inside at night. He was transferred to a rescue after 419 days and has since been adopted!

If you are interested in fostering, Sonoma County Animal Services staff accept applications and train approved fosters. You can apply in person or online. If you are a foster and you want to schedule a grooming appointment or want some extra enrichment, contact FOSCAS and we will set you up. You can also find information on their website:

<https://sonomacounty.gov/health-and-human-services/health-services/divisions/public-health/animal-services>

Board Member Update

Board member, Yoko Barton (right, wearing hat) has accepted the FOSCAS Volunteer Coordinator role. She will organize all the marvelous people that want to help FOSCAS and contribute to our mission. She is very organized and delightful to work with. She developed a new form to identify interests of those who want to help. Whether it's special projects, baking for bake sales, crafting for craft fairs, ticket sellers for our raffles or behind the scenes magic, Yoko will plug you in. You can find the form on our website: www.friendsofsocoanimals.org.



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