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## Lone Mountain Memory Care Meet Izzy

When we received the call from Lone Mountain Memory Care asking if their staff and residents could become foster parents for kittens, we knew this would be an outstanding opportunity for the kittens and the residents! We hope these photos and letter from the center's Director bring a smile to your face and warmth to your heart like it did ours.

Lone Mountain Memory Care staff and residents decided to initiate a service project. After much thought we came up with the idea to help a local no kill shelter by donating our residents time fostering kittens. Early in February we shared our desire to do this with HALO Animal Rescue. We were visited by Cierra and Erin



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Thanks to your support,  
we were able to save Izzy  
and her babies.

Learn More About a Few of Our Amazing Rescues Inside!



Dax



Mona



Jonah





# Nothing but Smiles

## Meet Dax

This handsome boy came to us from our partner shelter in Mexico. He had his front leg amputated due to being attacked so badly by another dog, his front leg could not be saved. He also had some other puncture wounds. Thanks to our donors, we were able to get him seen by the vet and all fixed up. While he had a traumatic experience and arrived to our shelter with a pretty serious face as seen in his intake photo, he is all smiles now in his new home! His new mom said he is "adjusting well" and has sent us many adorable photos of him with big smiles, enjoying the spoiled life he and all dogs are meant to lead.



**Thank you to our partners!**

Rescue made possible with the help of:

**Barb's Dog Rescue**



Purina has outdone themselves again this year, providing another \$12,500 donation as a gift match opportunity coming up in September's mailing. Since 2009, HALO has been a proud Shelter Champions partner. This partnership provides 100% of the pet food and cat litter HALO needs to provide quality nutrition to our pets from the moment they arrive. They even provide bags of food for our adopters so the pets can continue to eat the same high quality food they were fed at the shelter in their new homes. Purina takes such good care of us, we have to pinch ourselves sometimes to ensure it's not a dream!



# Lone Mountain Memory Care

## Meet Izzy ... continued from page 1

on February 13th to be sure that we would be a safe place for this to occur. After all of the paperwork was done all we had to do was wait. The residents were very excited to get started as it was our original idea to foster and feed babies. We waited ... and waited ... a couple of opportunities came up but were quickly halted as people found solutions before bringing them in.

Finally, we got a call that a pregnant kitty, Izzy, was being brought in on St. Patrick's day. We went down and picked her up as soon as she was there. Izzy is a very sweet grey calico cat. She was a perfect passenger in the car, never meowing or making a sound. She had adapted very nicely to her space and within a week Izzy gave birth to 5 babies, 2 boys and 3 girls on March 24th. Even though we couldn't bottle feed them it has been a very positive experience especially since between the time that we picked her up and now the world of assisted living has changed dramatically. We are a memory care community, so the sudden social distancing changes have presented various challenges for the residents as well as the staff. The kittens have brought a much-needed reprieve and having our own pet therapy during these uncertain times has made a world of difference.

It has been a communal effort from the entire staff, from Housekeeping, to Activities, to Marketing, to care for our kittens and it has been a wonderful bonding experience, all coming together to help make our very first time fostering a success.

Three of the five kittens have been spoken for by various staff at Lone Mountain, with one staff member changing her mind daily on who she wants to adopt, it's a very hard decision as one can imagine!

Another staff member has been keeping her extended family from out of state updated by Facetime while with the kittens. Her aunt and uncle were so inspired by Lone Mountains experience, they have become a foster family to four kittens themselves!

The kitten's names are Nikki, Copper, Fin, Big Boy & Ginger. They are very well socialized and even litterbox trained, and we hope the families that have the pleasure of adopting them give them loving homes. Those of us at Lone Mountain memory care will miss them dearly. During a time that may have looked very grim, the kittens have brought a bright light into our lives. It has been our pleasure to go through this journey with the help of HALO Rescue.



## Thank you



# Check Meowt

## Meet Mona

Mona says "check meowt!" This itty bitty kitten arrived at the shelter with her mom and two siblings and went in to foster care. Shortly thereafter, little Mona began feeling sick and was not eating. She was diagnosed with feline Panleukopenia, which is similar to Parvo in dogs. Although only half of kittens who receive supportive care survive this virus, Mona was nursed back to health by our Director of Operations, Kim, who has almost 30 years of experience caring for sick pets. She was able to get Mona through her illness and back to her feisty kitten self within two weeks. We were so delighted to hear from her new family about how she's doing in her new home, saying, "I couldn't thank your team enough for helping me find the most perfect addition to my family. Opus, now Mona, has adjusted to her new home with no problem at all. She is so well behaved and she has the most bold personality. Mona has endless energy and she really keeps me on my toes!"





Before

## It Takes a Village

### Meet Jonah

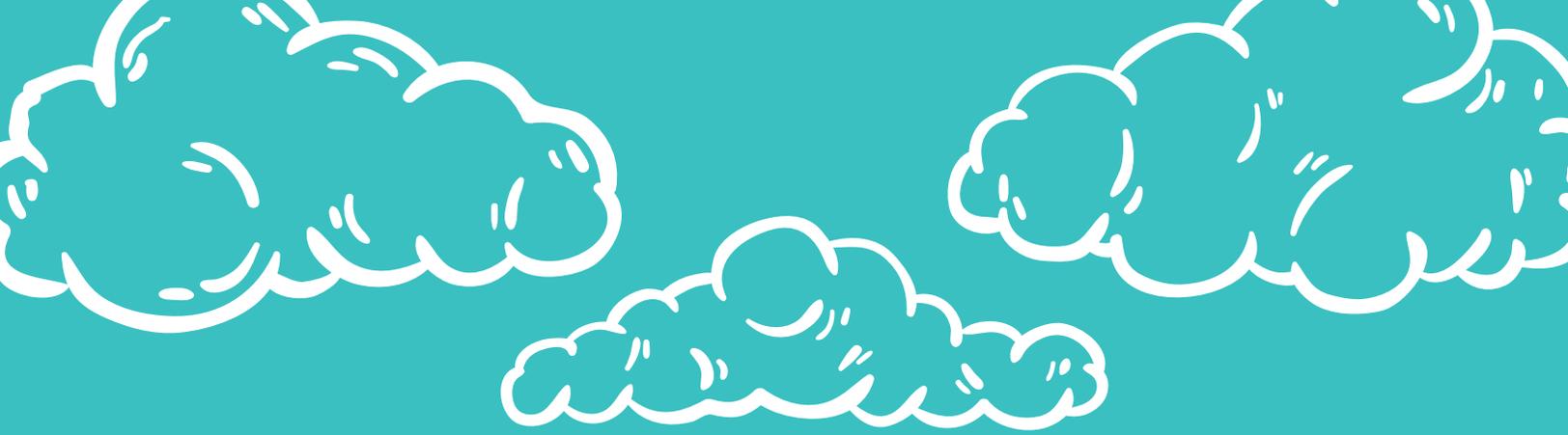
Your donor dollars were hard at work with this sweet boy Jonah! He arrived at Animal Control in bad shape. They sent out a plea asking for help as his needs were beyond their reach. After 6 months in foster care, 5 vet visits, two leg fracture surgeries, a trip to the eye specialist and a loving foster home, this boy has made a full recovery and has been adopted! It truly took a village to get this boy to where he is today. Thanks to supporters like you, when the call comes in for pets in desperate shape like Jonah, we are able to say yes!



After



**Thanks to your support,  
Jonah was able to get the  
treatment he needed to help  
him find his forever home.**



# It's a bird, it's a plane, it's ...



... HALO's critters getting a private plane ride to new homes! Joe and his wife Dana are long-time fosters for HALO. Recently, Joe offered his plane and pilot services to retrieve pets from one of HALO's transfer partners, the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Due to COVID-19 restrictions for the state of New Mexico, our routine ground transports were halted. With Joe and Dana's help, dozens of grateful pets are now in new loving homes from their plane rides and literally hundreds of pets have been saved thanks to their willingness to foster!



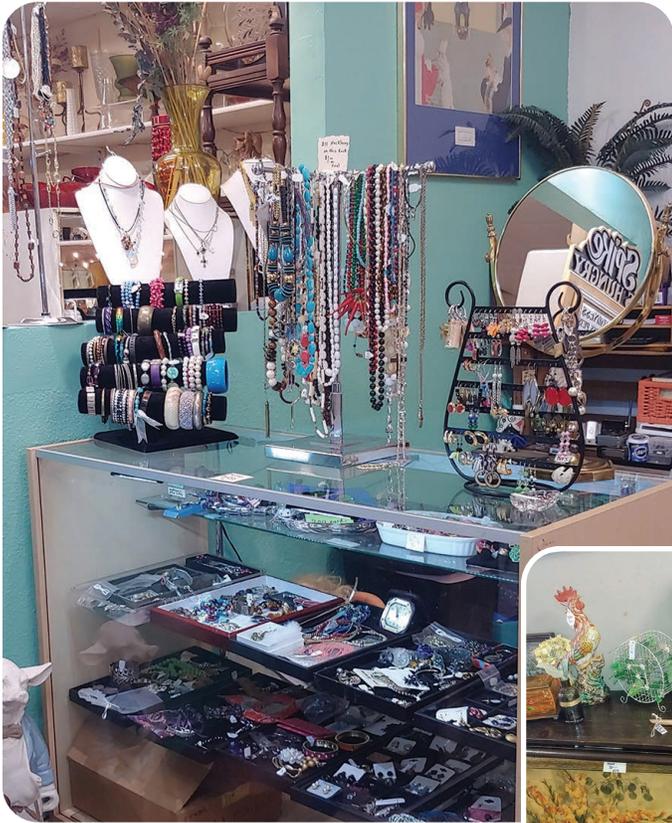
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**Animal Services Center**



# HALO Animal Rescue Thrift Boutique: Helping to Further the Mission Year After Year



The quality and range of the Thrift Boutique's merchandise are like none other; proving that when people care about a cause, they are happy to donate exquisite pieces. Our regular customers continue to shop with us for unique gifts for their homes, loved ones, and special occasions. Our store offers new items daily, from household essentials, to fantastic furnishings. With new sales and items coming in weekly, it helps keep the store's offerings fresh and customers coming back.

What sets our boutique apart from others is the huge amount of heart and effort that is put into it daily! We have the rare privilege of the same team of loyal and hardworking volunteer's year after year and it shows in the quality of the store, as well as customer service. Because of the help of so many volunteers and employees, the Rescue and the Boutique thrives.



HALO's benefactor store, HALO Animal Rescue Thrift Boutique, helps further the Rescue's mission each year. Our current location was opened by Co-Founder Michel Herstam, 10 years ago, and thanks to the support of our donors, we continue to thrive each year.

**With the help and support of the community, HALO Animal Rescue Thrift Boutique has been able to provide quality products and will continue to for years to come.** It

truly is a team effort, but thanks to the kindness of so many, we are able to give back to the community, while simultaneously Helping Animals Live On.



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# Letter From the President



Is it still 2020? I don't know about you, but I can sum up this year so far in one word, intense! In our 26 years serving homeless pets, we have never faced a more trying time than this year but I am sure there are many in the same boat as we

are. Making operational decisions in the face of a global pandemic, trying to balance safety and service with so many unknowns as well as conflicting information has not been easy. During the month of April, we were closed to the public but had staff at the shelter daily to

ensure that the pets still with us and in foster care had all the care and attention they needed. While this pandemic has wreaked havoc on all our lives in one way or another, the outpouring of support from our community of supporters has been the fuel we needed to push forward. Seeing our team of staff and volunteers face these challenging times with courage and unwavering dedication to the animals who need us has filled me with a level of pride that is hard to put in to words. Without a doubt, we are facing trying times the likes of which haven't been seen in 100 years. Thanks to your support we are able to keep our focus on providing pets in need a safe place to land until we meet their new families. From all of us at HALO, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all your support. We will continue Helping Animals Live On with your help. Thank you!

We'd like to offer a heartfelt thanks to the wonderful organizations that help support HALO's animals!



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