



## Dear friends,

In 2025, our new headquarters truly became home, and more than 12,000 people came to experience Muttville magic. Muttville is not just a soft landing for senior mutts beginning their next chapter, but a place where dogs and people shine and love shows up easily and often, bringing people together to create lasting change at both ends of the leash.

Muttville is not like any other shelter, and because of that, senior dogs with their gray faces and gentle spirits are celebrated. People travel from near and far to step into a cage-free space that is welcoming and joyful. This is a place where everyone is invited to be part of the community we're building, whether that means adopting, fostering, volunteering, donating, or simply sharing what they've discovered here.

In 2025, even as shelters across the country faced historic and heartbreak challenges, we rescued more senior dogs than ever before. We said yes to dogs with complex needs and expanded what is possible for older dogs, while holding onto the joy and humanity that define this place.

Muttville continues to lead with both heart and courage. This matters now more than ever.

The future of senior dog rescue depends on organizations willing to do things differently, and on communities willing to stand behind that work for the long term. Muttville is proving that when people come together around the shared belief that seniors deserve more, real change follows.

Thank you for being part of this movement. Thank you for standing with senior dogs. And thank you for helping build what comes next.

With love and gratitude,  
Laurie Routhier  
CEO, Muttville

## Congratulations, Sherri!

Muttville founder Sherri Franklin retired as CEO after **19** years!



**1,383  
SENIOR DOGS  
RESCUED  
IN 2025**

## It takes a village

**502** volunteers dedicated **36,712** hours to the mutts!

**315** foster families opened their homes to them.

The mutts appeared at **239** community events throughout the Bay Area.

**1,133** children learned about compassion and empathy through the humane education program.

**1,021** senior people attended **105** Cuddle Clubs to snuggle the mutts.

**4.11M** social media interactions shared the magic of senior mutts.



# Where do the dogs come from?



## The big and small of it



**Biggest dog:** Mixed Berry, a German Shepherd mix, a whopping 113lbs.

**Smallest:** Citronella, a chihuahua, was merely 2.2lbs.

## And more!

💉 1,230 vet procedures.

🦷 8,283 teeth removed.

🐾 21,900 walks given.

💦 730 floor moppings.

🧺 5,840 loads of laundry.

🍴 2,700 meals served.

💩 14,600 poops scooped.

# Another Muttville milestone!



The mutts came from 92 shelters and rescue partners, including 22 new relationships.

In May, we welcomed our 13,000th rescue, **Parade**, a gentle chihuahua found alone, with a painful mass so large it dragged on the ground.



After surgery, a dental, and loving care, she won the hearts of a family with two young children – repeat Muttville adopters. This special senior was going home at last. Proof that **loving care and the right connection can change everything.**

## A story of magical kismet

The Reiff family adopted **Ziggy** from Muttville because he looked like their beloved and recently passed Rufus. They started noticing uncanny similarities that went beyond looks. The dogs talked the same, were obsessed with the kids, and covered their heads with blankets at bedtime. A DNA test explained why – **Ziggy was Rufus's father!** The two were adopted nine years apart in different Bay Area counties, but somehow they connected with the same family!



Ziggy's story was shared online and became an instant sensation. The family appeared on local and national news, and their amazing story was featured around the world!



## Love and dignity for all

Handsome **Nelson** was one of 75 hospice mutts this year. His gentle spirit won many fans, including his adopter! Now, he's spending his days enjoying the country air and lots of love!

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