Dear friends,

2021 began with uncertainty for everybody, Muttville included. With so many operating virtually, would we be able to keep rescuing as many dogs? Without in-person events, would our dogs continue to find homes?

The answer was yes. The Muttville community never floundered. After a quick pivot to online operations last year, we still had more adoptions, more fosters, and more applications in the first half of 2021 than during the same time last year. Your support made it possible for Muttville to stay open, with our emergency response team working harder than ever. In short, while most of the world is plagued with uncertainty, we can always count on you.

We are so grateful to you for all you do for the mutts. You’ve brought happy new beginnings to so many deserving senior dogs, and you’ve brought love and companionship to so many people.

Thank you!

Sherri Franklin
CEO, Muttville

Meet Peabody, Muttville’s 9,000th senior dog rescue!

Peabody, a stray scruffy 10-year-old from Fresno, came to us in agony from chronic ear infections and a hole in his eye. With medical care and the love of a foster, Peabody started aging backward. “We absolutely love him!” said his foster, Malia. So much, in fact, that he’s now an official member of the family!

Welcome home, mutts!

Adoptions during the first half of 2021 increased 18% over last year. Though other rescues are reporting an increase in “returns” during quarantine, that has not been the case at Muttville. Thanks to careful matchmaking (and great dogs) we have seen no increase in returns at all.
Bringing surgery in-house

We welcomed a talented new surgery volunteer, Dr. Christine Hseuh. She comes once a month to do specialty surgeries – procedures that are otherwise extremely expensive. Shortly after she began working with us, we said yes to Tim, a Pomeranian with severe chronic ear pain. She was able to relieve his suffering with a TECABO surgery, removal of the ear canal, a procedure that would have cost us $10,000.

Thank you, fosters!

Fosters are the reason we can save lives and have so many successful adoptions. Every dog went to foster immediately during quarantine, but even in normal times fosters provide not just a place to live but the love and care that allow dogs to decompress and relax into their personalities. And fosters can tell potential adopters so much more about a dog – a key to a successful adoption.

A forever home for Muttville!

In May, we announced the news of a lifetime – our new forever home! Not far from our current HQ, this three-building complex (with an outdoor dog playground!) will let us do so much more. See more at foreverhome.muttville.org!

Muttville is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and has received the highest ratings possible from both GuideStar and Charity Navigator, the leading nonprofit evaluator organizations. Our Tax ID is 26-0416747.