



MUTTVILLE
senior dog rescue

IMPACT

FALL

2018

So far this year (through August 2018) Muttville has rescued 744 dogs! That means we're on pace to save even more lives this year. Dogs came from all over California, including many rescued from the terrible fires in the north.



744

**DOGS
RESCUED**

180 SENIORS FOR SENIORS ADOPTIONS

We always knew how much a dog can offer to the life of a senior citizen, but now the word is spreading! We are careful to match personalities, needs, and activity levels of dog and human, and as a result, the program is booming.

77 HOSPICE ADOPTIONS

Sweet Girl is living her best life despite arthritis and mobility problems – thanks to hospice.



Kids love Muttville!



And the feeling is mutual. More and more kids are getting involved. We have a whole crew of junior volunteers who help with everything, including taking care of the dogs, data collection and entry, letter writing, and event prep. They're dedicated and give us tremendous support.

During the summer, we welcome kids from SF SPCA's kid camp who come as part of their humane education. They learn about senior dogs, how they can help homeless pets, and the commitment involved in taking home an animal.

Muttville travels to kids, too. We give presentations at local schools about the necessity of rescue, the dangers of puppy mills, and the joys of senior dogs.

Spending time with the old mutts is an effective way to learn about compassion, empathy, and the lifetime commitment a dog requires, and deserves. If more children are exposed to humane education, in a few years we may see fewer animals in shelters!

Our hospice program is a noteworthy Muttville innovation, developed to further our mission to give the best possible second chances to all our dogs. When dogs arrive, we sometimes discover that they have a serious untreatable illness or their life expectancy is too short for regular adoption. We still want to make sure they have happy days from here on out, so we created the hospice program. Hospice families agree to bring a hospice dog into their home and shower it with love and affection for whatever time the dog has left. It sounds sad, but our hospice families tell us it is tremendously rewarding. The dogs don't know they're sick - just that they're happy.

375 PROCEDURES



Clockwise from left: A bad case of "Muttville Mouth"; Dr. Jamie Anderson performing oral surgery; Lamby; Dr. Andrew Waxman performing an echocardiogram.

We are committed to giving our dogs their best possible new beginnings.

Many come to us after a lifetime of neglect, and neglect creates many medical problems. Dogs that haven't been spayed or neutered are susceptible to all kinds of tumors. Without dental care, a dog can develop blood infections, heart problems, broken jaws and more.

We've completed 375 procedures so far in 2018, with some dogs receiving more than one procedure. They include 34 spays, 19 neuters, 182 dentals, 29 mammary mass removals, 10 jaw repairs, 11 hernia repairs, 9 rectal tumor removals, and 97 echocardiograms.

Many of these are performed by volunteer veterinarians or vets who offer us deep discounts, helping us stretch our dollars even further.

These procedures make a tremendous difference in a dog's health. Some save their lives. One of those life-saving procedures was on Lamby, a little Shih tzu.

Lamby arrived at Muttville in rough shape, not even counting the hind leg amputated after he was attacked by another dog. Dr. Rader's intake

exam revealed untreated dry eye causing major pain, heavy mats resulting in skin infections, and a heart murmur.

Because of the murmur, we arranged for him to have an echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart) with cardiologist Dr. Andrew Waxman. Dr. Waxman discovered that Lamby had a diaphragmatic hernia, a hole in his diaphragm, the muscle separating the chest cavity from the abdominal cavity. Because of this hernia, Lamby's intestines moved up into his chest, making it very hard to breathe. He needed surgery to repair the hole.

We arranged an appointment with Dr. Margo Mehl, a wonderful surgeon from veterinary partner San Francisco Veterinary Specialists. Success! Lamby could breathe easily again. With his eye and skin conditions treated and his diaphragm repaired, Lamby went on to his new beginning. He was quickly adopted and is living an amazing new life with a loving adopter who came all the way from Massachusetts to bring him home!



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