# **Malibu Pet Companions**



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# Then please click on the Pet Finder link

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#### Happy Holidays from our MPC family to yours!

# From the leader of our pack!

Tis the season to give thanks and we wish to thank you, our wonderful, generous donors who in our time of desperate need came through in an amazing way! Our plea went out in June and within two weeks we had raised over \$15,000 in much needed funds! Your generosity allowed us to continue with our

mission of funding medical care for homeless pets at the Agoura Animal Shelter. Because of you we have been able to continue to say YES! The need is still great...animals arrive daily, many having never had even the most basic of medical care.

Many have been helped in the last 12 years and

particularly this past year; we simply could not have saved the thousands of animals funded for medical care without your support. From all of us at MPC and the many animals that you have helped and continue to help with your generous donations- Happy Holidays & thank you! With gratitude... Robin

## **Holiday Cards for Sale!**

#### Purfectly Wonderful Holiday Cards on Sale Now

The holidays are fast approaching and MPC wants to help you celebrate with family and friends!

For all of your holiday card needs, buy our customdesigned cards featuring one-of-a-kind, original photography of our very own MPC animals!

Each 5" x 7" card in this adorable pack is sure to

warm every heart with a message of PEACE\*HOPE\*LOVE, and a mini animal bio.

Available for a limited time and while supplies last, a set of 8 is \$15.

Purchase them online <a href="https://www.malibupetcompanions.org">www.malibupetcompanions.org</a> (please email Pattie) or at the Agoura Animal Shelter. They are going fast, so buy yours now!

Pictured are:
Pegasus and Erica
Mufasa and Lightning
Owen and Heidi













6 or the 8 cards-all featuring MPC funded animals...find Rusty & Mr Tabby on page 2!



# A case of mistaken identity...thars a BEAR over thar!

Bear is an 11-year-old male Labbie who came into the shelter as a stray. Wondering how he got his name? Well, he was roaming around a local neighborhood when a nice woman called the shelter and reported seeing a "bear." He did indeed look like a big brown bear with his sun burnt, thick, over grown fur coat and hence the name...Bear! He was taken to a private Vet for a senior wellness check

funded by MPC and then had a spa day at the groomers where they shaved off all that burnt fur to reveal a handsome black dog. His Vet visit revealed that he is hypothyroid which will require him to be on inexpensive medication for the rest of his life. And other than a few cysts near his eyes he was in relatively good health for an older boy. The good news about his health and his wonderful

demeanor soon brought to him what was to become his future home. A lovely woman whose own pup had recently passed away could not bear the thought of Bear living in the shelter. They met and guess what? He is now living in his forever home this holiday season!

Your donations and senior wellness exams can make a difference for our senior animals. Thank you!



## **Build a Bear Hugs Foundation Donates to MPC**

We are pleased to announce that Malibu Pet Companions is the recipient of a generous grant from the Build-a-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation!

The mission of the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation is to make life more bearable for children, families and pets in need of the kindness of others. The Foundation provides direct

support for animals in domestic pet programs including animal welfare organizations, pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and therapeutic and humane education pet programs.

These grants are funded through the sale of their Bearemy's Kennel Pals®. One dollar from the sale of each plush animal in this line is donated through the Build-A-Bear Workshop

Bear Hugs Foundation to organizations working with or on behalf of domestic pets throughout the United States and Canada.

Thanks to the generosity of the Foundation, MPC will be able to save more homeless animals and help them find forever homes!





Rusty and Mr. Tabby say thanks Build –a- Bear!!!

# Top 4 Reasons to Donate to MPC

- 1.) You help us save a life!
- 2.) Animals in need of medical care, shelter, and/or support receive the love and care they deserve
- 3.) You make a big difference in the life of a homeless pet; and
- 4.) You feel GREAT!

Thanks to your generous support, Malibu Pet Companions has provided medical care for sick, injured and un-weaned homeless pets at the Agoura Animal Shelter since 1998.

Thousands of animals have been given a second chance to

find their forever home. Your donation no matter the size does make a difference! Lola thanks you! Surgery for tumors on her belly, now healthy & adopted!



# **Bob and Irene a love story...**

Dear Santa.

My name is Bob and I'm a 4-year-old Chihuahua mix and the love of my life is Irene, a 1-year-old Pit Bull. I know it's a bit unconventional Santa, but love is love! We came into the shelter together as strays, having been together for quite a while.

We go for romantic walks every day and at night you can find us happily and lovingly snuggled together on the same bed.

Santa, I know we are an unusual pair, but we absolutely adore one another. In fact, while I was in the hospital overnight (having surgery for a wandering testicle/neuter which MPC

funded) I heard my sweetie was quite depressed and really missed me. So I was hoping (and pawing) that this Christmas you could bring us our very own forever home!

To be honest Santa, I would be heartbroken if I was separated from Irene. So I know it is a lot to ask but what we would like more than anything in the world is for someone to adopt us together. We really would be the talk of the neighborhood, a "Pittie" girl and a "Chi" fella living together in harmony, how can you anyone resist such an amazing love story? Santa - we know if anyone can help, you can! Happy Pawidays! Bob and Irene

**Update**: Just as we were going to print Bob and Irene were adopted together by a rescue in Oregon! They now spend their days running in a beautiful back yard with their "foster" Mom who we think may end up becoming their forever Mom! What a happy ending for this lovely couple!



Bob & Irene say thank you for supporting MPC!



Bob & Irene

#### Even kids can make a difference in the lives of homeless animals!

There are many ways young people can help Malibu Pet Companions assist the animals in need at the shelter. They can:

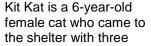
- \*Set up a lemonade stand \*Have a bake sale \*Go door-to-door collecting donations from neighbors \*Ask for monetary donations in lieu of gifts for birthdays, Christmas and Hanukah
- \*Do a Mitzvah for the shelter and MPC by collecting donations before and after Bat and Bar Mitzvahs. \*Make the shelter a group project through your Girl or Boy Scout Troop and earn a badge while doing so \*Do a homeless pet drive at school and collect needed products and donations \*Ask your school cafeteria if you can leave a donation bucket for MPC by the cashier

to collect any change that the kids and teachers may be willing to donate

Children come up with some of the most creative ideas and we are constantly touched by their willingness to help homeless pets. Their assistance is greatly appreciated by the staff, volunteers, and the animals at the Agoura Animal Shelter.



#### Gimme a Break! Kit Kat needs a home...



other cats from the same busehold. Volunteers beticed her eyes looked azy, so MPC sent her to lalibu Coast Animal ospital where it was etermined through an axam and tests that she was suffering the residual effects of a past eye

infection. Eye drops were prescribed; and while they didn't change the appearance of her eyes; her eyesight hasn't been affected.

Kit Kat enjoys lounging around and when the mood strikes, becomes very playful. She loves people and attention; doing whatever it takes to make sure you see how wonderful she is. She gets along with other cats and when approached by dogs during a recent adoption event, she acted like it was no big deal.

This furry bundle of joy is happy and healthy this holiday season and in need of her forever home!



Back of the calendar

# 2012 Calendar Offers You Year Round Joy!

In an exclusive calendar designed to benefit MPC, every month you can enjoy the vibrant, uplifting and joyful expression of unconditional love that one of our faithful and beloved Shelter pups shared with us.

This is the perfect gift for all of your "dog people" friends this holiday season! And don't forget to get one for yourself too! Calendars are only \$20 with 30% of the proceeds going to MPC. Place your order now by going to: www.ourfaithfulfriends.co



Please visit our web site to find out more about artist Debra W. Freeman and to see more stories of animals funded by MPC.





## **Beautifully Handcrafted Wood Benefits Homeless Pets**

Each one-of-a-kind piece, uniquely designed by an Agoura Animal Shelter volunteer, is handcrafted from recycled fallen wood and fashioned into a gorgeous piece of art. With no two pieces alike, each features its own distinct and individual character

and makes the perfect gift for any wood lover.
Currently being offered as part of the much-needed fundraising efforts to support our ongoing mission to fund the medical care for homeless pets at the Agoura Animal Shelter, these

exclusive pieces of art can be purchased today!
Please contact
Robin@malibupetcompanions.org
and add one (or more) of these beautifully handcrafted wood pieces of art to your collection now! They also make the perfect gift for this holiday season.

Thank you Larry for your generous donation and amazing art work!

### Did you know?

We have 7 board members that make up the Board of Directors' for Malibu Pet Companions but, we have a wealth of support given to us by county volunteers that help us by volunteering for specific areas, including:

#### **Foster Care**:

25 LA County approved foster volunteers who give homeless pets funded by MPC post medical recovery care.

Weekly Private Vet Runs: 10 volunteers are committed to transporting our animals in need of private veterinary care to and

# Kennel Animals requiring Special

and animal hospital.

from the shelter

**Care:** 20 volunteers a week provide our animals in the kennels special care including hand feeding, physical therapy, over-the-counter supplements for skin conditions and more



Agoura Animal Shelter volunteers ready to distribute special food.

# **Donations so greatly appreciated!**

All year round and especially during the Holiday season we are fortunate to receive many wonderful donations both for Malibu Pet Companions and the Agoura Animal Shelter.

The shelter is currently in need of:

- \*Kirkland canned food
- \*Kirkland Senior Kibble
- \*Kirkland Weight Loss Kibble
- \*Friskies or Fancy Feast Pate
- \*Dog, Cat, & Bunny Treats
- \*Heating Pads (oversized)
- \*Small dog beds
- \*Fleece beds for cats
- \*Foam beds for dogs
- \*Xpens

Look for our shelter Wish Tree for more donation ideas!

Donations to MPC make a great holiday gift idea for friends, family members, or business associates! We are happy to provide a cute gift card that you can send your Holiday wishes to let your animal loving recipient know a donation has been made in their name.

Christmas and Hanukah gift cards are available!

Donations to MPC are tax deductable. We are a Federal government recognized 501©3.

Your support means the world to us. We could not do what we do as a non -profit and shelter without your help!

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Pay Pal, US mail to our PO Box,or drop a donation at the Agoura Animal Shelter!

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Pay Pal available!

#### Save-the-Date for an Extraordinary Event Coming Soon!

Malibu Pet Companions, in a wonderful joint fundraiser with the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills, will be co-hosting an extraordinary "Bless the Beasts and the Children" event taking place on May 19<sup>th</sup> at a private estate in Malibu.

The event will honor the veterinary staff at Malibu Coast Animal Hospital who offer discounted services and wonderful care to our MPC funded Agoura Shelter animals.

We are currently looking for donations for the live and silent auction and have ad space available in our commemorative program. To help please contact: Robin@ malibupetcompanions.org or Lois@ malibupetcompanions.org

#### Would you like to add an animal lover to our pack?

If so, just send us the name, address, and email address of your friend(s) to:

Trina@ malibupetcompanions.org.

With your help and theirs, we can continue on our mission to give animals with medical needs a second chance.



#### **About Our Organization...Malibu Pet Companions**

Since 1998 we have funded medical care for homeless pets at the Agoura Animal Shelter. Through our efforts and your generous support we have been able to save thousands of animals, bringing them to good health, and placing them in loving homes. Visit our MPC Boutique at the Agoura Animal Shelter Saturday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday Cards, Calendars, Wood art pieces, ceramic treat jars and bowls will be available 10-5 for all your Holiday gift giving needs!

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