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OHS Spring 2023 Newsletter

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from the Tri-Cities.

As some of you may know, we had to close temporarily back in October 2022 due to the HPAI bird flu outbreak. In 2022, over 45 million birds, many poultry, died or were euthanized due to the bird flu outbreak, for which there is no cure. The virus also affects mammals in the wild; animals such as opossums and raccoons who consume dead birds as part of their diet can be infected. The bird flu virus is so contagious that we were forced to rethink how we intake new animals. The USDA recommended that all wildlife rehabilitation facilities have a separate area away from the animals to avoid cross contamination. We collaborated with local wildlife centers on how they managed this situation, quarantine protocols, and what modifications they made to keep incoming animals safe. For the last five months, we have been modifying our facility to make way for a new animal intake and quarantine area.

Thanks to the Boy Scouts, community members, OHS members, volunteers, and a generous grant from Fremont Bank, we are happy to report we can now reopen in April. Look for an email soon where we will announce our reopening date. Thank you to everyone in our community for their patience during our temporary closure. – Angela Hartman, OHSWRC Director

Earth Day

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GO GREEN *with us in 2023!*

Join us as we celebrate Earth Day
and increase environmental awareness in our community.

Saturday, April 22, 2023
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Downtown Event Center & Plaza
3500 Capitol Ave., Fremont



[Celebrate Earth Day With OHS!](#)

We're celebrating Earth Day 2023 at the Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 22, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Fremont's new Downtown Event Center & Plaza, located at 3500 Capitol Avenue! The free event will be an afternoon of fun for the entire family!

OHS Humane Education will provide 100 free, first-come, first-served Earth Day educational packets for younger children, featuring activities, coloring pages, and a packet of seeds to plant a butterfly garden at the Children's Library in the Fremont Main Library (2400 Stevenson Blvd.).

Pet Therapy Program

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We Have a New Pet Therapy Team!

Alisa and Summer recently made their first pet therapy visit to Carlton Senior Living in Fremont. Summer is a three year old Cavachon—a mix of Cavalier King Charles spaniel and a Bichon Frise. She is a very happy dog who loves people! We are thrilled to have both of them on the Ohlone Humane Society team. Become a volunteer pet therapy team—together, you and your pet can make a difference! Learn more on our [website](#).

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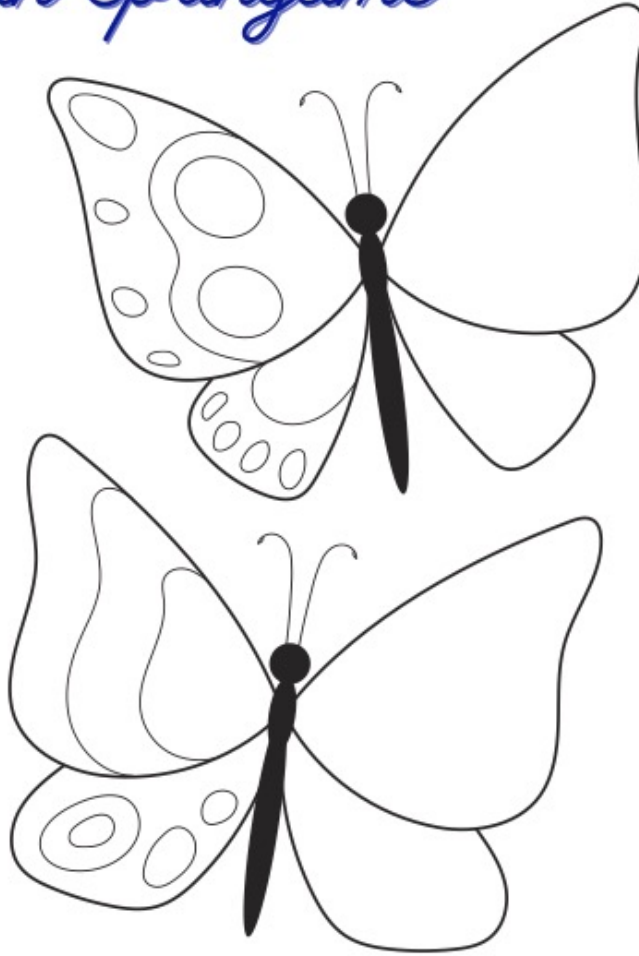
SYMMETRY

in Springtime

Almost all butterflies have wings exactly alike, called symmetrical markings.

Can you help the butterflies match wings by drawing the same pattern on both sides?

When you finish drawing, color to make their coloring symmetrical, too!



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Please visit our [Humane Education E-Library](#) for free downloadable booklets on pet care and wildlife. Our four basic pet care books are now available in Spanish, Hindi, Traditional Chinese, and Simplified Chinese, thanks to our four volunteer translators! Also in the e-library you'll find back issues of our monthly *OHS Humane Education Newsletter*, as well as links to our audio books with closed captioning: *All for the Animals: Read With OHS*. New titles are added as time permits!

The Warm Stuff Drive

Around Thanksgiving, we had our first Warm Stuff Drive, where we gathered warm blankets, doggie coats, collars and other items for the pups. For their pet parents we gathered shoes, jackets, warm shirts, pants, socks and blankets. All donations went to Fremont's Human Services Department to be given to those in need.

As you all know, it has been a long, cold winter, especially for our homeless neighbors and their animals. The high winds and rain wreaked havoc on those who couldn't be inside. Paula Manczuk-Hannay of the Human Services Department asked if we could help again because there was such a dire need. We put out a call for help for anything warm and dry that included a desperate need for tents. We gathered more warm clothing, sweats, jackets, gloves, and 111 pairs of socks! People also donated seven brand new blankets, and an amazing couple donated three brand-new tents!

Our OHS family and friends are a fantastic group of people. Thank you to everyone who has helped our unhoused neighbors and their pets. If anyone

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Our own Ohlone Humane Society Dog, Emme, modeling one of the winter coats donated for our Warm Stuff Drive.

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OHS provides a wide range of humane programs with the help of dedicated individuals like you. Some examples are the OHS Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. We take in hundreds of sick, orphaned or injured wildlife each year. We do extensive training for the volunteers who care for the wildlife. There is a very active spay/neuter assistance program to decrease the number of companion animals euthanized in shelters and feral cats. Our assisted therapy animals visit retirement facilities, convalescent homes and more. We als... ↓

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On February 20, Amazon ended its AmazonSmile charity donation program, where a percentage of a shopper's Amazon purchases went to a charity of their choice. Thank you to all who have supported OHS via this program! To help us make up for the lost potential funds, please consider using the give back programs listed here: [Giveback Programs—Ohlone Humane Society](#). Both [iGive](#) and [Goodshop](#) are online malls that partner with thousands of stores: They offer coupons, discounts, and promo codes so you can **support your favorite charity and save money**. Sign up, select "Ohlone Humane Society," and donate as you shop!

Kitten Season Has Begun!

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Kitten season started off with a bang! Before the end of March, we had taken in 22 bottle-fed babies as a result of people believing the mother cat had left the kittens. It is best for kittens to stay with their mother, as she provides invaluable nutrients that boost their immunity, which we cannot replicate. Unfortunately that isn't always possible for a variety of reasons. If you find kittens in your yard or in a public space, always wait several hours to see if the mother cat returns. Pick a hidden spot so she can't see you as your presence may deter her from returning. If, after a half a day, you haven't seen the mother cat please contact us to discuss care options and resources. Call 510-792-4587, or email info@ohlonehumanesociety.org. Click [here](#) for a helpful guide on what to do if you find kittens. Check our [website](#) for more general information on community cat resources,.

Please remember to spay and neuter your pets! Spay-neuter is not only critical for curbing animal overpopulation but has health and behavioral benefits for pets. Here are some excellent articles for further explanation:

[Spay and Neuter: Why Is It Important to “Fix” Your Pet?](#) (Best Friends Animal Society)

[Spay/Neuter: Good for Cats, Good for Communities](#) (Alley Cat Allies)

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Save the Date for the 23rd Annual Niles Dog Show!

NILES DOG SHOW



No Pedigree? No Problem!

July 15th, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Niles Community Park
3rd & H Streets, Niles District**

Ohlone Humane Society and the Niles Main Street Association have sponsored the [Niles Dog Show](#) together for 23 years. The show has a little bit of everything: Doggie contests such as the Prettiest Female, Handsomest Male, and Best Look-A-Likes—owner and dog, etc. You'll find a Bounce House, lots of vendor booths, and food trucks. Ohlone has our own booth with a lot of things happening!

This year we are featuring the hard-working Dog Rescue Groups—they are invited to come and showcase their dogs. There will also be a Rescue Dog Parade showing off adoptable dogs. So, bring your dogs and register them for a contest at www.nilesdogshow.org

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We are also looking for volunteers; contact Barbara@ohlonehumanesociety.org if you would like to be a part of the fun!

National Volunteer Week April 16-22, 2023



National Volunteer Week is celebrated annually during the third week of April and this year it will be observed from April 16 to 22. This week-long celebration is about placing a spotlight on inspiring figures whose invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering are bettering the community and our world in general. This significant celebration, established in 1974, provides us the perfect opportunity to say thank you. It also challenges us to do better and look for ways to be active participants, joining hands to impact our local communities and calling for more support.

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The power to transform lives and our world is visible at every turn, and the National Volunteer Week raises awareness about the need to beef up volunteer efforts, and preaches the gratifying sense of fulfillment derived through acts of volunteerism. The word 'Volunteer,' derived from the late 16th-century French 'volontaire,' meaning 'voluntary,' was associated with the military: "one who offers himself for military service." It began to transcend this meaning in the 1630s. Now, in 2023, do more than applaud; let your impact be felt. One look around your community and you find various ways to lend your support. Be a part of the movement by using your social media handles to send the message out.

Here at Ohlone Humane Society we are grateful for the lifesaving, immeasurable, selfless, and tireless service of all of our volunteers. We see you and we'd like to say "Thank You so Very Much!"

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