On March 18, 2019 Cheri made a life-changing decision when she fled her home for her safety. She quickly loaded everything she could fit into her Ford Focus along with her 2 dogs, 2 cats and a leopard gecko, left Indiana and headed to California in hopes of securing a job and living without fear.

Cheri reached Arizona when she realized that Bobbi Girl, her 15yr old cat, had escaped while repacking the car for the next leg of the journey. Cheri raced back to Beaver, Utah where she searched frantically. Miraculously, the cat came out

2019 by the numbers

545 injured, sick, and orphaned local wildlife admitted to our Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

~5400 lbs dry food
~3300 cans wet food
pet food distributed to our underserved tri-city community by our OHS Pet Meals-on-Wheels team

40 site visits to senior centers, schools, and libraries by our Animal Assisted Therapy teams (including our popular Read-to-a-dog program at Fremont Main Library!)

817 feral and domestic spay/neuter vouchers used by tri-city residents, issued through our low-cost Spay/Neuter Assistance program
Cheri found a part-time job but has been unable to find a place that will allow her to keep all of her animals. She currently lives in her car and says that she would rather live in her car with her babies than in a house without them. A friend has agreed to keep the animals temporarily, but time is running out.

The OHS Pet Meals-on-Wheels program provides special food for Sassy and Bullet who have food sensitivities and checks in weekly to make sure the animals receive the care they need. Sassy was found to have 2 tumors and was referred to the OHS Special Assistance Team for follow-up veterinary care. Fortunately, the tumors were benign and only required minor surgery.

Thanks to wonderful OHS donors, the animals can have nutritious meals which allows Cheri to save for the day she is able to move into a home with her fuzzy buddies.

Shown in above picture from left to right - Bobbi Girl 15yr, Bratty Cat 13yrs, Bullet 7yrs, Sassy 10yrs and Geega Monster 9 yrs (gecko not shown).

OHS Foster Program brightens lives after loss
I had a miniature poodle named Jacob, and he was cute as a bug. A few months ago, at the age of 12, he passed away in his sleep. I struggled with sadness after Jacob’s passing. Even though I don’t live alone, the loss of Jacob gave me a heavy heart, and it felt like I had a hole in my life. I was looking at cats and dogs on Craigslist, and a listing for Jeremy popped up. He was living with foster moms that volunteer for the OHS Foster Program. I emailed them, and that same night they asked if I would like to see him.

At first, Jeremy was shy, and I was not sure if we were going to click, but there was a strong connection. I took Jeremy home, and the first night went well. He slept right on my arm, and his paws were on my face - that is still how he sleeps with me! During the day, he would spend time with my brother’s two cats. I thought maybe he needed a sister, so I contacted the OHS Foster Program again and found Elnora, also known as “Snuggles.” It was love at first sight. She was so little I scooped her up and brought her home.

The first couple of nights, Jeremy was very jealous of the new cat. They learned to get along during their daytime play sessions. Now they are never apart; they cry if they are separated. I still miss Jacob, but having these two come into my life was the best thing ever! The void of loneliness is gone. I am fortunate to have come across the OHS. Because of them, my life is very content.

Update: Regina came back and adopted Snuggles’ mom Lilly when she saw that all of Lilly’s kittens had been adopted, but Lilly hadn’t. Now they have 3 cats – Lilly, Snuggles, and Jeremy.
Volunteer at our Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

The Ohlone Humane Society Wildlife Rehabilitation Center located in Newark is an extraordinary place where wild animals of all kinds are cared for by a group of amazing community volunteers. Just think, you could be one of those volunteers!

Our wildlife center hospital is supported by volunteers, memberships, and community donations. Our work is seasonal, so volunteering occurs between April - October. Orientation classes for new volunteers are during the month of April so if you are interested contact us at ohswildlife@yahoo.com for a new volunteer application packet. You must be 18 years or older to apply and attend orientation.

New volunteers will be trained to clean wildlife habitats and prepare meals for the animals in our care. You will also be doing a lot of laundry, dishes, gardening, and facility cleaning.

Requirements to become a volunteer:

- Complete the OHSWRC application process and attend orientation
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Become a member of OHS—$25.00
• Cannot be afraid to get dirty. It’s unavoidable!

Questions or inquiries email Angela Hartman at ohswildlife@yahoo.com

The above photo is from the monthly garden maintenance session. Garden volunteers need no specific training and can show up at 10 am on the last Sunday of any month. Contact daniel@ohlonehumanesociety.org with any questions.

How about that? A therapy cat.

Not every cat is well-suited for therapy work, but Mason is an exception. This tuxedo-wearing, domestic short-haired feline has an exceptionally calm disposition and strong affinity for people. He loves accompanying his owner and handler Marian on visits in a front carrier and can think of nothing more enjoyable than purring away while being cuddled and pet.
Marian and Mason earned a perfect score on their Pet Partners® evaluation and made their debut visit at On Lok Lifeways Peralta Center in Fremont in February. Marian is studying to become a cat behaviorist and serves as a mentor to new therapy cat teams desiring to join our newly formed community group, Pet Partners® @ Ohlone Humane Society.

The Animal Assisted Therapy team will have a brief public information meeting for prospective therapy animal handlers (no animals please) at the Fremont Main Library on Tuesday, March 24th from 5:30-6:15pm, prior to our regularly scheduled Read-to-a-Dog program. Here we will answer questions regarding our newly expanded program affiliation with Pet Partners® and assist with the registration process.

More info at: [https://ohlonehumanesociety.org/animal-assisted-therapy/](https://ohlonehumanesociety.org/animal-assisted-therapy/)