

# Paw Prints

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## Abandoned Dog Flags Down an Uber Down an Uber

### Meet Francesca

Many of us would do anything for our pets to help them feel loved and cared for, so when an animal is found in an awful condition, it evokes feelings of sadness and anger. Animals like little four-pound Francesca, who was abandoned in a trailer park and left to fend for herself. When an Uber driver pulled into the complex to pick up a fare, she saw her chance and came out from under the house to ask for help.

The poor girl was covered in a rash from head to toe, had open wounds, matted fur, and was crawling with fleas. The driver scooped Francesca up, took a detour from her route, and brought her straight to HALO, where our team swiftly treated her wounds, gave her a bath, and removed all her hitchhiking pests. She was so lethargic when she arrived, but after a few weeks in foster care, she looks like a totally different dog.

**This cutie pie is adopted and living her best life thanks to a caring Uber driver, our animal care team, and your support!**



Learn More About a Few of Our Amazing Rescues Inside!



Dottie



Orzo



Skye



# Have You Made Plans for Them?

It's uncomfortable to think about what will happen to your pets when you pass away, but not creating a plan prior to your death can leave your loved ones scrambling and your pets at risk. We receive hundreds of requests each year from family members who are desperately trying to find a safe place for their relative's pets after their unexpected death. Pets like Andi, Baby, and Frankie were all left without a plan at the time of their owners' death.

At HALO, we have a Friends Forever program, which allows pet owners to pre-arrange having HALO take over care of their pets should they not be able to provide for them any longer — whether it be from illness, injury, or death.



We would like to encourage you to take action today while it's fresh in your mind and make arrangements with us to be there in your time of need. We ensure your pets are cared for just as you would want.

For more information, please call 602-971-9222 x105 or email us at [halosupporter@halorescue.org](mailto:halosupporter@halorescue.org).



Thanks to your support, pets like Andi, Baby, and Frankie were able to find new forever homes after their owners passed away.



# Seeing Life From a New Perspective

## Meet Dottie

This gorgeous calico girl came to us after her owner passed away. She had an eye infection so severe that her eye had to be removed.

Thanks to generous supporters like you, we were able to ensure Dottie got the surgery she needed. She's off to a new home and getting back to what she loves — catching rays of sun and taking long naps.



## Orzo's Second Chance at Life



Orzo After



Orzo Before

This teeny kitten came in weighing no more than a serving of rice at eight ounces. She was found injured with wounds on her left ear and right front leg. The good Samaritan who brought her in said she was all alone. We whisked her through our doors, flushed out her wounds right away, and gave her a nice warm bottle. We tried giving her to a nursing momma cat we had in our care, but momma did not appreciate us trying to sneak in just one more mouth to feed.

Orzo went to a foster home where she was bottle-fed, and her wounds were cleaned and medicated daily. As you can see from her adorable little face, she has healed and grown by leaps and bounds. Although she will forever be missing part of her ear from her rough start in life, she will never know hunger or fear again.

She now poses for her close-ups from the sofa of the loving home she shares with a German Shepherd, another cat, and various reptiles.



Thanks to your support,  
we were able to say yes to Orzo  
in her time of need!



# Purebreds in the Shelter

## Meet Rhemi and Skye

Are you hoping to rescue your next pet but also have your heart set on a particular breed? Believe it or not, a shelter may be just the place to search! Admittedly, there are some breeds we never see in a shelter and some that are very rare, but many of the common breeds come through the shelter routinely.

We recently had a lot of fun discovering Skye, a transfer from a partner shelter, was pregnant with purebred puppies. She arrived at the shelter with a male Cattle Dog, Bam Bam, and once the babies were born, it became obvious Bam Bam was the proud papa. Their foster mom had a blast raising these little cuties and seeing their natural herding instincts blossom.



We can't leave out the cats. Check out Rhemi! She is an Exotic Shorthair and not a breed we see often. True to their nature, she was a total love bug while in our care. Her coat was as soft as a bunny, and her disposition was so sweet and relaxed despite being in a shelter with a lot of unfamiliar people, sights, and sounds.

**Their new families were so happy to find a purebred pet while adopting from a shelter, and you can too!**



*Puppy Photo Credit: Altered Tails*



Since 2009, HALO has been a proud Purina Shelter Champions partner. This partnership donates 100% of the pet food, and cat litter HALO needs to serve quality nutrition to our pets from the moment they arrive. They even give a bag of food to each of our adopters so the pets can continue to eat the same high-quality food they were fed at the shelter in their new homes. Serving your pets Purina foods not only provides just the right diet for their needs, it supports homeless animals across the country and ensures Purina has the resources necessary to pay it forward to shelters who need it most. We can't thank them enough for their love and support!

# You Gonna Eat All of That?



In late November 2011, Sandee and her mother were grieving the loss of their beloved Silky Terrier. As they wandered up and down the aisles at our shelter, Sandee continued to find herself back in front of the enclosure of a little chocolate terrier, Holly. From that first meeting, Sandee could see Holly was a laid-back pooch and knew she would make a great companion for her family.

“Holly has given me ten wonderful years, and I pray we have many more together. Turning ten has not slowed her down. She continues to play with toys and play fights with her sister, Lucy. Some nights I find her out on the back patio laying out and enjoying the night air. She has been a Godsend during this pandemic because I was working at home for some months, and the three of us would take a break and walk the block,” Sandee said.

Holly enjoys dressing up and posing for her mom. She has also perfected her “stink eye” when she does not get some of her mom’s cereal. Holly even attended the Blessing of the Animals with her mom.

Pets bring so much joy to our lives, and we want to do all we can to give them that same feeling back. Nothing makes us smile brighter than seeing our pups find their forever family!



Share your forever family story with us at [info@halorescue.org](mailto:info@halorescue.org)



# Our 2021 Impact



Numbers below reflect January - December 2021

Total Served:  
**3,412**

Cats Adopted:  
**1,233**

Dogs Adopted:  
**2,027**

Foster Families:  
**76**

Pets in Foster Care:  
**433 Cats**  
**297 Dogs**



# The Girl With the Mysterious Swollen Belly

## Meet Raya

When we received a request to assist with a pregnant dog, we were happy to help. We arranged for a foster home to take her in once she arrived.

When Raya was brought in for an intake exam, our team noticed she did not look well. Her belly was swollen, so you might think she was pregnant, but on closer inspection, we noticed she had bruising on her abdomen and had sores on her feet and in her mouth. We thought we would be preparing for newborns, but rescue life keeps us on our toes and changes course at a second's notice.

We quickly confirmed Raya had a severe case of tick fever, a life-threatening ailment. We made a call to Dr. Egar, and he and our medical team rushed into action, providing a myriad of medications to stop the damage happening inside her tiny body. We honestly didn't know if she would make it for the first few weeks, but she showed us she had the will to live, so we continued to fight with her.

We are happy to report she made a full recovery and was released from the doctor's care, spayed, and adopted to a new family. With your support, Raya was saved!



Thanks to your support,

Raya was able to get the treatment she needed to help her find her forever home.

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# Letter from the President

Is it just me, or did the last two years feel like they aged you seven years like a dogs age? I don't think any of us got through it without at least a few more gray hairs to show for it, but we made it!

In 2020, we learned how to overcome the struggles of operating at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The demand for adoptable pets was at full throttle. As people were forced to spend more time at home, they finally had time to adopt the pet they always wanted.

In 2021, the demand slowed down as life resumed at a more normal pace. Pets that were once barely at the shelter long enough to get their evaluations and photos taken were now staying in our care several days longer than the previous year on average. While we always want them to move out of the shelter and into a new home as fast as possible to minimize stress, we will ensure they get the care they need as long as they need it with us.

This year begins our 28th year serving the Valley of the Sun. What started as a tiny organization in mine and my mother's garages has flourished into a community resource for thousands of homeless pets each year, thanks to your support. My career has been one that many only dream of having — being able to serve the humans and animals most in need, ensuring they have a better tomorrow. I am always humbled to see the gifts come in that literally sustain us and keep us going forward each day to save another life. I would be lying if I said fulfilling our mission is easy. It is often heartbreaking and tragic, but to be the catalyst for positive change in the lives of these animals and the humans who love them makes it better than any perfect "day at the office." **From all of us at HALO Animal Rescue, we wish you a happy and healthy 2022.**



Heather Allen, CEO,  
and her dog, Gulliver

We'd like to offer a heartfelt thanks to the wonderful organizations that help support HALO's animals!



To learn more about our life-saving programs, visit our website at [halorescue.org](http://halorescue.org).

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