

No Dog Left Behind...

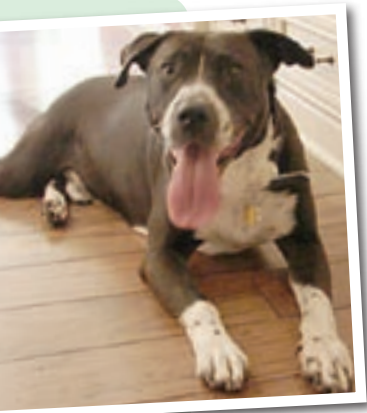


Our professional trainer, Rob Kutty, with Candy (available for adoption).

There are many animals that come to Helen Woodward Animal Center because they are out of chances, out of options, and simply out of time. But one group of dogs holds a special place in our hearts because everyone has given up on them – even their own families... but we believe in them and know that under all that challenging behavior and frustrating attitude lurks a “good dog” who is begging to come out! This is where the **“No Dog Left Behind”** program kicks in. **This wonderful program is lead by our esteemed trainer, Rob Kutty of San Diego Pet Training, working in conjunction with our Adoptions team and funded through the generosity of Alex and Valerie Viterbi.**

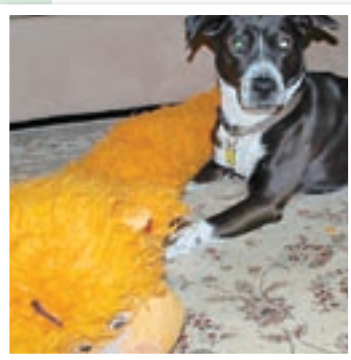
This program provides funding for difficult dogs that need Rob's undivided attention, training skills, and support if they are going to be successful in a loving adoptive home. These funds can also help provide for these dogs and their new owners, who often need assistance adjusting to life with their challenging new companion. In this way, we are able to work from both sides to make sure the dogs find loving adoptive homes and that they stay in those homes once they are placed.

Dogs like Frisco...



Frisco is very happy in his forever home thanks to the “No Dog Left Behind” program!

Frisco loves his stuffed animals!



Frisco bounced around from shelter to shelter his whole life and never knew the comfort and safety of a forever home. When our staff found him at a local shelter they knew he was a “diamond in the rough.”

During his time at Helen Woodward Animal Center he worked with Rob and our staff to learn obedience, socialized with other dogs, and learned agility. Rob even made a video of Frisco for YouTube so that

Frisco could get exposure for the wonderful dog he was.

It was in fact through that video that Frisco's family found him and decided he was going to be their new family member. Frisco was an “instant hit” in his new household and just wanted

to play and be loved. He loves walks, stuffed animals, and play dates with all the dogs they know! It is hard for his family to believe that Frisco had lived a life so full of rejection – but it turns out that he was just waiting for the right family!

Juneau & Hilton

Some of the special dogs in the program came to us as newborns like Alaskan Malamute/German Shepherd pups Juneau and Hilton...

Due to the unfortunate circumstances in which Juneau and his sibling, Hilton, were found, their litter was under socialized and neglected by people. Once they arrived at Helen Woodward Animal Center, Rob and the Adoptions staff worked hard to boost their confidence in dealing with strange people and situations. Training included long walks and getting them comfortable with new sounds, smells, sights, and much more. Other confident dogs would join them in their walks and doggie “play groups” along with new people they didn't know in order to mix people and dogs together without any pressure.

Once adopted, Rob worked with both the new owners to “read” Hilton and Juneau's body language and continue the valuable training techniques he had been using. The owners learned the importance of “leash training” and the power of patience and consistency.

Juneau's new family found him to be extremely shy and afraid at first. They weren't even able to get him outside for a walk! Once Rob came to





Juneau celebrates his completion of Rob's group training and agility classes!



Juneau and Hilton's families get together regularly for doggie "play dates."

the new family's home and Juneau connected Rob with his adopted home – it all came together. Rob's encouragement to not give in to Juneau's fears, but let him work with them over time to overcome them, made all the difference. Juneau started a group training class with Rob, along with an agility program to take advantage of his athletic talents. He has become a new joy in the lives of his family thanks to the great training he received from Rob.

Juneau now loves to get out and play with other dogs at the dog park and is the mascot of his new family's "Paws for God" dog

lovers ministry fellowship group! He even receives regular play dates with his brother Hilton - and they surely know they are brothers.

Sawyer

Like Juneau, many dogs are scared and nervous when they arrive at Helen Woodward Animal Center. They have not been treated well in the past, and they have a great deal of apprehension about what this new home is going to hold for them. Sawyer was just such a dog. Sawyer transferred in from another shelter and was underweight and apprehensive. Rob worked closely with Sawyer to build his confidence and enhance his social skills with people and animals. He learned obedience training and independence, and was adopted by a wonderful family after spending some time in a foster home.

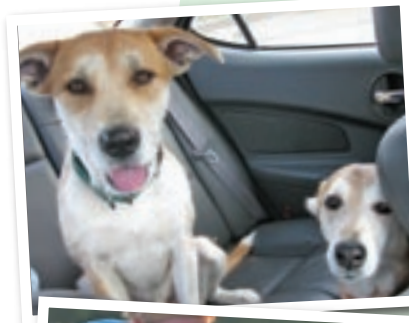
Rob worked with his adoptive family to help transition Sawyer to his new home and teach his



family about his training. The key for Sawyer was structure, building his confidence, and helping him to deal with his aggressive attitude towards unknown dogs. Being a military wife, his new "mom" moved with Sawyer to Michigan where he met his new sister, Amber, an older Shepherd. With his past issues, everyone was very concerned about how Sawyer would react, but he met her without aggression and they have been great friends ever since! He greets new people without fear and with a wagging tail.

A recent occurrence really showed Sawyer's family how far he had come. When playing in their yard a large Black Labrador came into the area to greet him. His hair went up and he began to look aggressive but with a brief verbal reminder from his owner, Sawyer's hair went down and his tail began to wag. They played for 15 minutes and Sawyer had a ball! Sawyer's family could hardly believe how much he had changed with Rob's training tips and gentle guidance. As they shared in a recent letter, "Sawyer is so loved... and it wouldn't have been possible without your help and the wonderful staff working at the shelter." 🐾

For more information about our Professional Animal Trainer, Rob Kutty of San Diego Pet Training, please visit www.SDPetTraining.com.



Sawyer loves his new sister, Amber (an older Shepherd). His "mom" can hardly believe how much the "No Dog Left Behind" program has helped Sawyer!

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Helen Woodward Animal Center is pleased to be the sponsor for the Rancho Santa Fe Farmers Market which is held every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Del Rayo Village Center in the Fairbanks Ranch area.

Helen Woodward Animal Center is a beneficiary of the Market and will receive 10 percent of the vendor profits each week.

The Center will have volunteers with adoptable dogs at the Market the first Sunday of each month. Shop local and support the Center!

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