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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we approach the conclusion of another transformative year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of the Peter Zippi Memorial Fund. Your compassion and dedication continue to light the path for our mission.

We're pleased to announce our upcoming annual Open House and Fundraiser, scheduled for Sunday, November 12th, from 11 am to 4 pm at VCA Coast Animal Hospital in Hermosa Beach. This event is a cherished opportunity for us to come together, renew friendships, share stories, and celebrate the collective impact we've made.

This year, we revisited our roots, centering our efforts on intakes from our community. It's been a trying period for rescue groups and shelters, marked by an increased number of cats in need and slower adoptions. Despite these challenges, your support has been a beacon, extending our rescue and care to 50 cats and kittens this year. Neonate kittens were 60% of our intakes, necessitating a longer stay for their nurturing. We're happy to share that within this span, we've joyously placed 44 cats and kittens in loving homes. While each story is a unique heartwarmer, our proudest chapter was written with the adoption of Lady Di. As an FeLV+ cat, she had journeyed nearly two years under our watchful care before finding her forever home.

In the face of unique circumstances, we've witnessed the resilience of our beloved Zippi Cats. A few, after years in loving homes, have been returned to us due to medical issues requiring much attention. Your generosity ensured they received the specialized care and extended stays they needed for recovery. Serena's journey from being found in dire condition over 200 miles away to Brendon's struggle with IBD and Mia's challenges with 'hyperesthesia' highlight the incredible impact of your support.

To combat the crisis of homeless pets, we remain committed to preventing the next generation of homeless pets by focusing on spay-neuter efforts in our community and beyond. Our free spay-neuter events bring a mobile unit to communities that need it most. As of August 2023 we have co-sponsored vital surgeries for 800 cats and kittens, contributing to healthier lives and brighter futures. Our spay-neuter voucher program experienced remarkable growth, exceeding our annual budget in the first seven months of 2023. This significant growth underscores the vital role we play in

addressing the financial barriers to spay-neuter services. Over the course of this year, our spay-neuter voucher program has facilitated the successful spay-neuter procedures for over 1250 animals with 250 vouchers pending appointments later this year. These numbers reveal the pressing need for accessible assistance. While innovations like our Community Assistance Program have expanded our footprint within the community, we made the decision to reallocate funds to meet the escalating requirements of our spay-neuter voucher program. Reallocating these funds and a generous grant from our friends at Community Animal Medicine Project enabled us to continue providing financial assistance through spay-neuter vouchers through the month of September without dipping into our emergency funds.

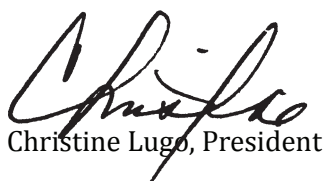
Undoubtedly, some of our proudest moments stem from the remarkable dedication of our Volunteers. Serving as the backbone of our organization, they are the heart of our mission. This year, we're thrilled to honor Tom Moore as our Volunteer of the Year. Since 2018, Tom has embodied compassion and service, consistently going above and beyond to make a difference. His presence during shelter shifts, co-management of spay-neuter vouchers, assistance at our mobile spay-neuter events, and numerous projects for the cats and the shelter demonstrate exceptional generosity and dedication. Thank you, Tom, for being a true pillar of our organization and a shining example of the impact one person can make.

As we look toward the future, the support of our Donors and Volunteers remains pivotal. Your contributions, regardless of size, have enabled us to continue our work in challenging times. Donations have remained steady, yet our expenses have grown due to rising Veterinary Service costs and the escalating demand for affordable spay-neuter services. We acknowledge that the road ahead is not without its obstacles, but it's in these very moments that your support becomes a lifeline. Your contributions sustain our rescue operations and also elevate our impact even further through vital spay-neuter programs.

Thank you for being the bedrock of the Peter Zippi Memorial Fund and an integral part of our journey through the years. We remain steadfast in our dedication to the welfare of cats and kittens in need. Together, we are shaping a future where there are no more homeless pets.

With Love in Pets,

  
Dr. Alice Villalobos, Founder

  
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