

# Valley Humane Society's new surgery center open to shelter animals

*Valley Humane Society poised to increase lifesaving outcomes and access to care*

Soon the Tri-Valley will have a much-needed resource that will ultimately save the lives of thousands of animals. Valley Humane Society is nearing completion on its long-awaited Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center and is seeking public support in the final stages of making this important life-saving solution a reality for the community. Just \$150,000 remains of the more than \$1.9 million needed to bring the project to fruition.

The Surgery Center will primarily provide spay and neuter services to the public, shelters, rescues, and Valley Humane Society's adoptable dogs and cats. In addition, specialty procedures will be performed for

clients coming through a veterinary referral system when the cost of services is a lifesaving barrier.

With a focus on high-volume spaying and neutering, the Surgery Center will be able to accommodate up to 140 surgeries per week, significantly supporting adoption and pet overpopulation efforts in the Tri-Valley. "The serious shortage of surgery appointments affecting our industry limits how many animals rescue groups can help," says Jill Tucker, CEO of California Animal Welfare Association. "The state of California requires animal shelters and rescues to spay or neuter all animals before adopting them, but if we can't get them

fixed, we can't send them home."

The Surgery Center is also expected to reduce the number of cats and dogs surrendered to shelters by assisting guardians through a veterinary referral program. While the overall cost of services will be somewhat reduced, payment options will be available if needed. The Surgery Center is not a full-service hospital, however, nor will emergency services be offered. "We anticipate our clients will maintain relationships with their existing veterinarians for routine pet wellness care and diagnostic services," says Surgery Center manager Tracie Cota.

The Surgery Center is named for Phil Scholz, a Pleasanton resident



For the past two years, Valley Humane Society has been working to bring an important lifesaving solution to our community: the Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center, which is located at 120 Spring Street in Pleasanton.

and pet lover who lost his life in January 2014 while rescuing another man from the Santa Clara rail tracks during his commute home. A supporter of Valley Humane Society with his wife Emily, Scholz deeply valued the organization's mission to create a brighter future for cats and dogs by supporting and strengthening their shared bond with people. Scholz' legacy of selflessness and compassion is well-remembered by those who knew him, including his

colleagues at NVIDIA who raised more than a third of the total project funding to secure naming rights in honor of Scholz.

Valley Humane Society's Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center is expected to open on Spring Street in Pleasanton within weeks for shelter and rescue surgeries and be fully operational by May 2023. For more information or to donate in support of the project, visit [valleyhumane.org/surgery-center](http://valleyhumane.org/surgery-center).

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