

Where do your nickels go?



A Safe Haven for Dogs

Jessica's Haven and Pet Rescue has made it their mission to be a dog rescue that offers vocational and social opportunities to people with disabilities. Our goal is to find loving, forever homes for small dogs, and the special needs people help us do that! Last year we rescued 65 dogs, with the help of our Marin Community!

This is our sixth year of rescuing dogs, and this past year we have grown our vocational program for special needs people to include outreach to the elderly at Generations Rehab Hospital, and Bello Gardens in San Anselmo.

We take our rescue dogs to children for socialization with a kindergarten reading program at San Domenico and Vallecito Elementary School. This spring, we added outreach programs for teenagers at Terra Linda High School Special Day Classroom and San Jose Middle School Special Day Classroom. Cypress School, Oak Hill School and Star Academy all send students to Jessica's Haven and Pet Rescue.

The adult special needs population from The Arc of San Rafael, Marin Ventures, O.F.I. (Opportunities for Independence), Casa Allegra, and the Lifehouse Agency come to our dog kennel. For the higher functioning we teach them to be dog kennel workers, groomer assistants, rescue dog employees. They bathe dogs, fold towels, vacuum and sweep floors, do yard duty, (that's code for scooping poop!), make crafts for fun, and have structured social time.

Rescue Dogs and Special Needs people just go together. We continue to be passionate about providing opportunities that our people with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome, and mental challenges of all levels, as we welcome everyone no matter what their level of disability is at Jessica's Haven. For the lower functioning individuals, we serve, they may come for the joy of holding a dog.

We are a volunteer-based organization, with two part-time employees, and a host of helpers. The high school students of Marin County earn service hours by helping us walk dogs after school and all summer long. Thank you United Markets for helping us reach our goals.

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Special people Special dogs



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