

They say
"You shouldn't judge a book by its cover."

The same
is **TRUE**
for animals.



Dear **Salutation**,

For Mazzi, shelter life was pretty good.

Mazzi wasn't the most beautiful dog on the adoption floor. At first glance, the tiny silver speckles on her face looked like patches of missing fur. Mazzi was also quiet, reserved, and easily overlooked. But our shelter staff loved her.

Almost daily, they placed a sign on her kennel door that read, "I'm hanging out at Customer Service – please visit me!" Then Mazzi would go to the office, curl up on a warm blanket, and relax with her favorite staff members all day long.

Yes, Mazzi had a pretty good life as a shelter dog. But what she needed – what she desperately wanted – was a home.

She had been briefly adopted by a loving family. But she was returned after it was discovered she was incompatible with another animal in the home. Everyone thought it was only a matter of time before Mazzi got adopted again. But the weeks turned into months, and soon Mazzi became our longest running shelter resident.



Even though she never lost her endearing personality, there was a sadness in Mazzi's eyes. And each time she saw dogs and cats walk out the HSWC doors, on their way to their forever homes, that sadness grew a little more.

The staff's hearts ached for Mazzi. All they could do was hope. Hope that there was someone out there who would love Mazzi as much as they did.

Then, on Christmas Eve, a family of two came to the shelter.



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An adoption counselor named Kim greeted the family, a mother and daughter, and discovered they were looking to adopt. They had recently lost their dog to lymphoma, and they missed the joy that a furry companion brings. The daughter, just 8 years old, had suggested visiting the HSWC. Mom agreed, as long as it was just to look.

Once Kim learned a few details about their lifestyle, she got a sparkle in her eye and announced, "We have the perfect dog for you." And Kim brought out sweet, speckled Mazzi.

When Mazzi and the daughter met, it was love at first sight. There were sloppy wet kisses, giggles and hugs. After just ten minutes, Mom had made her decision. "I'm not leaving without Mazzi," she told Kim.

The family that wasn't sure they would ever find a dog who would win their hearts, walked out of the HSWC doors with the best gift of all that Christmas Eve.

Each gift to the HSWC gives wonderful dogs like Mazzi a chance to find their forever families. Each gift supports our caring, experienced shelter staff who make sure every dog and cat is well cared for. But we can only keep these crucial services going with our community's support.

That's why we are asking you to give a gift of \$25, \$75, or \$125 today.

Whether it's one short day or 6 long months, your gift gives hope to all the dogs and cats helped by the HSWC. And it gives long-time residents, like Mazzi, the chance to find a family of their own.

Help us show animals like Mazzi that they are valued beyond words. Please donate today.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO



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