



# H PE RANCH

ANIMAL SANCTUARY & RESCUE



## October News 2025



Meet Clifford - not \*quite\* the Big Red Dog, but definitely the Big Sweetheart you've been dreaming of. Born in January 2025, this gentle giant is a mixed breed bundle of love, puppy kisses, and a whole lot of heart. Clifford can be a little shy at first, but once he feels safe, he melts into the biggest, sweetest love bug you've ever met. He adores belly rubs, slow head scratches, and gentle words. He leans in for pets like he's trying to become one with your lap - which is extra charming when you remember he's, well, very much \*not\* lap-sized. He has the kind of eyes that look straight into your soul - soft, kind, and full of quiet hope. Clifford has a calm, gentle spirit that makes everyone around him feel at ease. He's incredibly intuitive and sensitive, and he thrives in a peaceful, loving home where he can truly relax and be part of the family. He's still learning that the world is a safe place, but with your help, he'll blossom into the confident cuddle monster he was always meant to be. If you're looking for a best friend with a big heart and an even bigger capacity to love, Clifford is your guy. Ready to give this sweet boy the forever he deserves? He's waiting.



Do you have jewelry that you haven't worn in a long time? Donate it to the Hope Ranch Animal Sanctuary jewelry drive. The Jewelry is cleaned, repaired and sold. 100% of the proceeds goes to Hope Ranch for the spay, neuter program. Time to clean out your jewelry box. Contact Barbara 951-235-4563 Or Gunilla 858-735-1373

**For the month of September 2025**

Hope Ranch Animal Sanctuary was contacted by people in the community of Anza and Aguanga, to help 10 dogs and 28 puppies in September That makes the total so far for this year 156 dogs and 351 puppies. Total dogs is 507

**It truly breaks our heart that we could not help them all.**

The good news is we have fixed 68 pets in September. That is a total of 558 spay/neuters this year.

We are so thankful for our generous donors who helped make this happen.

Help us fight this battle and donate for Spay and Neuter. We are staying optimistic that we will fix the over population of dogs in our community by providing free spay and neuter for the needy.

Ask us about sponsoring a spay and neuter day.

[www.hoperanchanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.hoperanchanimalsanctuary.org)

Check out our wish list  
We are always in need of dog food.

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Start a fundraiser, on Facebook, for your birthday and give donations to Hope Ranch.

<https://www.facebook.com/help/>

Hope Ranch has had 26 adoptions in the month of September

. Total this year is 235.

We still have many dogs and puppies that are looking for their forever homes.

If you are not looking to adopt at this time, please consider fostering.

Foster families save lives

## Do your dogs feet smell like popcorn or Fritos?

Many dog owners have experienced the peculiar phenomenon of their furry friends' feet emitting a scent reminiscent of popcorn or Fritos. This intriguing aroma is not only a source of amusement; it can also provide insight into your dog's health and cleanliness.

The Science Behind the Smell, The characteristic scent of popcorn or corn chips from dog paws is primarily due to the presence of a specific type of bacteria and yeast that naturally occurs on their skin.

Dogs have a diverse microbiome—an ecosystem of bacteria and fungi—that helps maintain the health of their skin and fur.

One common contributor to this popcorn-like smell is a type of bacteria called \*Bacillus.\* When dogs walk around, moisture from their paws becomes trapped, allowing these bacteria and yeast to thrive. The combination of sweat and organic materials—like dirt and debris—contributes to the distinctive odor. It's particularly prevalent in certain breeds with paw pads that carry more moisture or in dogs that spend a lot of time outdoors. Is It a Cause for Concern? Generally, a popcorn or Fritos smell from your dog's paws is considered normal and harmless.

However, it's essential for dog owners to pay attention to their pets' overall hygiene and health. If the odor becomes overwhelmingly strong or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as redness, swelling, or excessive licking, it may be a sign of an underlying issue, such as a skin infection, allergies, or fungal infections.

Regularly checking your dog's paws can help maintain their health. Washing their feet after walks, especially in muddy or sandy environments, can also reduce the buildup of bacteria and minimize odors. However, adding perfume or other scents to their feet can be very annoying for a dog. Dogs sense of smell is 100,000 times better than ours.

After all they are a dog and want to smell like a dog.



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### FUN FACT

Did you know that a cat can't climb head first down a tree because every claw on a cat's paw points the same way.  
To get down from a tree, a cat must back down.

Newsletter  
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**A special thank you to our very generous donors. We could not do this without your help.**

**Leslie L. Alexander Foundation  
Lucky Chi Foundation  
Sherre Sturm**

**Claire Raskind  
Tim and Kathy MacDonald  
Rick Montejano  
Emily Gray**

Research suggests that children who grow up in homes with dogs tend to have lower rates of allergies due to several factors related to early exposure to diverse microbial environments. Dogs carry a variety of microbes in their fur and saliva, which can help enhance a child's immune system by exposing them to these microbes from an early age. This exposure may promote a balanced immune response, reducing the likelihood of developing allergic sensitizations. Additionally, living with a dog encourages outdoor play and physical activity, further supporting a healthier immune system. The presence of dogs can also foster an environment of emotional well-being, which has been linked to better overall health. Together, these factors contribute to a reduced incidence of



A promotional graphic for Hope Ranch Animal Sanctuary &amp; Rescue. At the top is the logo with a red paw print over the word 'HOPE'. Below it, the text reads 'Animal Sanctuary &amp; Rescue'. The main headline says 'Our friends are cuter than yours!' in a bold, black font. Below the headline is a photograph of five small, cute puppies sitting in a row, each wearing a different colored bow tie. Underneath the photo, the text says 'Fostering saves lives' in a bold, black font. Below that is a QR code. At the bottom, it says 'Apply to foster today!' in a bold, black font. The entire graphic is framed with a gold border.



Hope Ranch would not be able so save so many lives if it was not for our fosters. We appreciate all of you so much.

Hope Ranch Animal Sanctuary is a non-profit organization; obtained our 501(c)3 in 2011

ID #27-0810495

Located in Anza, CA

100% of donations go directly to the animals.

No one gets paid, we are all volunteers

**adoption event**

**KAHOOTS IN TEMECULA**  
31789 Temecula Pkwy #3, Temecula, CA 92592

**Stop By & Say Hi!**

**Every SATURDAY in October**  
**ADOPTABLE DOGS & PUPPIES**

Adoptions include spay/neuter, vaccines, microchip, and a lifetime of love.

**APPLY TO ADOPT**  
[www.hoperanchanimalsanctuary.org/adoption-application](http://www.hoperanchanimalsanctuary.org/adoption-application)

**KAHOOTS** Feed & Pet **HOPE RANCH** Animal Sanctuary & Rescue



## Judy Desmond

A dog is the only thing that can mend a crack in your broken heart.

## FOSTER DOG SOCIAL

come hang out with us!



HOPE RANCH  
Animal Sanctuary & Rescue



Thursday, October 9th • 5 PM to 9 PM

**Grey Iron Brewing Company**

29683 New Hub Dr #A, Menifee, CA 92586



A casual evening to enjoy great company, great food & drinks, and help socialize foster dogs!



**COUGAR**  
VINEYARD & WINERY

- ♥ SIP N SHOP
- ♥ ONSITE ADOPTIONS
- ♥ LIVE MUSIC
- ♥ INSIDE BARREL ROOM

**HOPE RANCH**  
Animal Sanctuary & Rescue

**DONATE \$50**  
and get a free bottle of wine from Cougar

**RAIN OR SHINE!**

**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 12**  
**2PM - 5PM**

**Yappy Hour**

BRING A FURRY FRIEND OR TWO!  
RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

