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SILICON VALLEY PET PROJECT AWARDED GRANT TO CARE FOR RESCUED SENIOR DOGS

SAN JOSE — Silicon Valley Pet Project (SVPP) has been awarded a grant by the Grey Muzzle Organization to care for its rescued senior dogs. The grant funds will be used for the medical and foster care of this vulnerable pet community.

SVPP rescues dogs and cats of all ages from the San Jose Animal Care Center and the Tri-City Animal Shelter. Senior dogs, found as strays or surrendered to the shelter, initially can need the most support — medical care and more time in foster care to find the right forever family. SVPP rescued more than 300 pets in 2020 — including 83 dogs and 20 senior dogs. The organization has already rescued more than 20 senior dogs this year.

“We think senior dogs make wonderful companion pets,” said SVPP CEO Melissa Lisbon. “They are grateful, sweet and low-key and don’t have the same training challenges as younger pups. They are happy with a cuddle, some love and time, and a warm bed.”

SVPP is one of 77 animal welfare groups chosen from 266 applicants to receive a grant to help local senior dogs. The winning groups received a total of more than \$616,000 in grants to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

Over the past 13 years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided more than \$3.1 million in grants to support its vision of “a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid.”

“Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we’re delighted to help deserving organizations like Silicon Valley Pet Project make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities,” Grey Muzzle’s Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. “Many senior dogs are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of SVPP.”

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Silicon Valley Pet Project (SVPP) is a nonprofit animal welfare organization committed to saving local at-risk shelter pets through rescue, community involvement and education. For more information, go to www.svpvetproject.org.

The national nonprofit [The Grey Muzzle Organization](http://www.greymuzzle.org) improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. For details, please visit www.greymuzzle.org.



Nellie is one of many wonderful senior dogs available for adoption at [SVPP](#). For more information about adopting rescued pets, please visit us [here](#).