

On January 31, 2012, a thin, matted female Persian was found as a stray in San Martin and brought into the County of Santa Clara Animal Shelter by a concerned resident. Shelter staff soon dubbed her "Miss Purr" because, despite her poor condition, she would purr loudly and rub against your hand when petted. Miss Purr's medical examination revealed that her right eye had ruptured and she had a sinus cavity infection that was making it difficult for her to breathe. The infection was so severe that she was unable to eat because, when she lowered her head, she could not breathe. Miss Purr would need to be scheduled for surgery, but in her weakened condition it was determined that she may not survive anesthesia. The Shelter veterinarian placed Miss Purr on antibiotics and pain medication and prescribed special food and daily medication in an attempt to build up her strength.

On February 9, 2012, a Shelter veterinary clinic partner, VCA- San Martin Animal Hospital, performed the surgery to remove Miss Purr's affected eye and treat her infection. While Miss Purr was under the anesthesia, her matted fur was shaved off, as she would not tolerate that while awake. Staff anxiously awaited while Miss Purr was in recovery and they were thrilled when they received word that surgery went well and Miss Purr was up and about.

Miss Purr returned to the County of Santa Clara Animal Shelter on February 12, 2012 and will continue her recovery. Once fully recovered, she will be placed up for adoption. Those individuals who were aware of Miss Purr's story sent in donations to help defer the cost of the extensive medical care provided. Donations help us help animals, like Miss Purr, receive a chance to be placed in a forever home. If you are interested in adopting Miss Purr or simply considering pet adoption, please click on the links below for adoptable animals. Already have a pet? Consider making a [donation to help animals](#) in the County of Santa Clara Animal Shelter.

Our shelter cares for up to 100 adoptable pets in any given week. A visit to our shelter provides professional consultation to help you find the best pet and one-on-one time with different pets for further evaluation. All pets have been checked by a veterinarian for health and behavioral problems, and our volunteers work with the animals to keep them happy and socialized.

