

# Malibu Paws

**Malibu Paws hosts its annual event on May 1 in partnership with Malibu Farmers Market**

**By Deb Bianco**



The Cornucopia Foundation has been dedicated to preserving and conserving the environment we live in, whether for humans, animals, or purely educational purposes, since 1998. We are advocates for giving back to our community, and one of the ways we do that is through the Malibu Farmers Market. The profits we earn from the Market on an ongoing basis allow us to provide funding for causes we stand for, such as animal rescue, wildlife, environmental outreach and education.

Every Spring, Malibu Farmers Market unites animal rescues in the area to bring animals, from puppies to seniors, all looking for a forever home. Our Foundation donates money to cover the costs of their attendance at our event, including their transport, animal handlers and accommodation fees.

*The Malibu Paws Have a Cause* annual event has been made possible in the past because of the generosity of community members. A long-standing member of the Malibu community, Irene-Dazzan Palmer, first moved to Malibu more than 20 years ago. As a top luxury Realtor with The Agency, Irene has risen through the ranks to become one of the most successful real estate agents in the world. Known as the Queen of Coastal Real Estate and among L.A. Confidential's Women of Influence and featured in Angeleno Magazine's Dynamic Women issue, Irene's outstanding sales production and sterling reputation precedes her. Prior to joining the agency where she works with her son, and fellow top-producing agent Sandro Dazzan and her youngest son Jonny Palmer as her ▶



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assistant, Irene was the #1 agent at Coldwell Banker's Malibu Colony office for nearly 20 years.

An avid animal lover, Irene channeled her energy into action by partnering with the Malibu Farmers' Market as a proud sponsor of the Malibu Paws Have a Cause annual event. With her sponsorship over the past two years, more than 21 rescue animals have been saved and brought into loving homes.

This year, we plan to host our 5th annual animal rescue event on Sunday, May 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with animals ranging from dogs and cats, to birds, horses, and other rescues brought in.

The pandemic saw many animals adopted and rescued across the country, but as people started returning to the office, shelters were

hit hard. People are surrendering their pets at a volume for which animal rescues are not prepared. Filled to the brim, at capacity and overwhelmed, rescues are looking everywhere to find these beautiful and loving animals a good home.

As a community, we have the chance to make a real difference in the lives of these animals. If you know volunteers, or any animal rescues that would be interested in being involved, please text 805.380.6492.

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, family members and neighbors to come out and rescue a life while enjoying a delicious brunch in the fresh air, mingling with our community at the beautiful Malibu Farmers Market on Civic Center Way next to the Malibu Library. ■

**Malibu Farmers Market**  
Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
23555 Civic Center Way  
Malibu, CA 90265



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