

Kona: Lots of love changes a sweet kitten's luck

One day in late January, an observant guardian angel spotted Kona's tiny, frail form on the side of the road and brought her to Sonoma Humane Society. She was in bad shape - she'd recently sustained some traumatic injuries, perhaps having been hit by a car. Her jaw was damaged as was her front right leg - she could only drag it when she tried to walk. In addition to multiple wounds, she was not able to eat. Our veterinary team carefully tended to her wounds and administered pain medications and antibiotics.



Feeding tube days

After Kona was stabilized, our team took x-rays. They discovered that Kona's jaw was completely fractured and that many of her teeth had been displaced by the trauma. Her damaged leg wasn't broken, but Dr. Reidenbach suspected there was some nerve damage and might later require amputation if there was no improvement. In surgery, Dr. Reidenbach installed an esophageal feeding tube and repaired Kona's tiny jaw with wire.

In foster care with Ashley, SHS Foster Program Manager, Kona received liquid meals via the feeding tube. Soon she was eating on her own attempting to use her damaged front leg. As she became healthier and began gaining weight, her feeding tube was removed and Dr. Reidenbach loosened the wire to accommodate her growing jaw.



Getting lots of love in foster care!

Kona continues to heal in foster care - her jaw is now stable and her leg function continues to improve each day. Very soon this young survivor will be ready to go home with a very lucky adopter who can provide her with all the love and belly rubs she could ever want!

It takes more than just luck to save precious lives. We are so grateful for your donations to our [Angel's Fund](#) which help our Shelter Hospital team provide critical medical care for homeless animals in need. Your love and support make all the difference!