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## Stolen Piece of Pizza Leads Peninsula Humane Society to Litter of Homeless Puppies

Burlingame, CA--What began as a normal lunch break for a group of people turned into a surprise rescue of a homeless nursing dog and her six puppies.

"We received a call from a concerned person in East Palo Alto who reported a stray dog stealing a piece of pepperoni pizza he and his friends were enjoying on their lunch break," said PHS/SPCA's Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. "When our rescue staff arrived on scene the hungry little dog led us to her small nest of six tiny one week old puppies."

PHS/SPCA scooped up the nursing mother and her six puppies and brought them back to the safety of their shelter in San Mateo. The mother was not microchipped, no did anyone come forward to claim her, so PHS/SPCA found a temporary foster home for the mom and her six fragile babies.

"This poor little dog was struggling to survive on her own, eating whatever scraps of food she could find and trying to take care of her babies," according to Tarbox. "Her puppies have been weaned and are now all available for adoption at our shelter in Burlingame."

The mom and her pups have been christened with some very regal names, all after members of the British Royal Family: William, Harry, Duchess Kate, Lady Di, Charlotte and Meghan. The mom's moniker was reserved for the most royal of all: Queen Elizabeth.



People interested in meeting the mom and the puppies can visit PHS/SPCA at 1450 Rollins Road, Burlingame or call at 650-340-7022. The shelter is open for adoptions 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.



## Tom and Annette Lantos Center for Compassion

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Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Potential adopters should arrive at least an hour before closing time to complete an adoption.

## **About The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 6,300 lives saved each year. Please visit <a href="www.phs-spca.org">www.phs-spca.org</a> to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.