

Around San Ramon: Jinx is unlucky no more

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THANKS TO THE generosity of some local residents who gave their time, talent and compassion, Jinx, a 2-year-old siamese cat, is recuperating and recovering nicely from massive life-threatening injuries he sustained a few weeks ago.

Jinx was found on the side of Isabel Avenue in Livermore. He was alive but in a lot of pain, with two broken legs and other severe injuries.

The cat had no identification on it, but volunteers from the Safe Cat Foundation in San Ramon rescued him from being euthanized and took Jinx to the Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center in San Ramon. Doctors Leanne Taylor and Frank Utchen and other staff members volunteered their services and performed seven hours of surgery to save Jinx's life. Jinx not only survived, but both his legs were saved with the use of rods, plates, wires and hardware in his bones.

Jinx is now in foster care and recovering nicely. He is standing and walking very carefully but will still require three more months of rehabilitation. Amazingly Jinx is expected to make a full recovery.

According to Tracey Quartaroli, Jinx's medical bills — including costs for hospitalization, materials, and medications — have stacked up and donations are very welcomed to help with these and the continued cost of Jinx's care.

You can make donations at Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center, 2000 Bishop Dr. in San Ramon, 925-866-8387 and ask that your donation be applied to

Jinx's care c/o Safe Cat Foundation. You can also make a donation online directly to Safe Cat Foundation at www.safecatfoundation.org.

Safe Cat Foundation is a California-based, nonprofit corporation formed to address the safety issues of domestic cats in local animal shelters and in the community. The foundation provides education and advocacy for various health and safety issues that affect cats in the home, wild or shelter.

Safe Cat also rescues cats abandoned in the wild or at the shelter through fostering, providing medical care, spay and neuter services and adoptions.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON: The San Ramon Symphonic Band will perform its holiday concert at 8 p.m. Friday at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Road, San Ramon. The concert will feature holiday favorites as well as new musical arrangements.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, children under 12 or those with a valid student ID enter free. Buy tickets at the door or at www.sanramonperformingarts.com.

NUTCRACKER: San Ramon Valley Dance Academy will perform "Impressions of the Nutcracker" at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. today and 1 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

A cast of about 100 students directed by Ed and Gayle Farley will perform this holiday classic. Tickets are \$21 for adults, \$18 for kids 3 to 11 and seniors. Buy them at the door or at www.sanramonperformingarts.com.

Bike helpers: The San Ramon community really came forward to help Jack Kane and his Eagle Scout project recently when he collected used bikes to be donated to Cycles for Change, a nonprofit organization in Oakland.

Jack, a California High School senior, is the third in his family to earn the highest rank in scouting. He surpassed his goal and collected 132 bicycles on a recent Saturday.