

A New Chapter in the Valle de Uco



Dear Friends,

This month, we are dedicating this newsletter to the work we do in community health by supporting animal wellness in the Uco Valley.

From the opening of our new rescue to the life-changing work of our Mobile Veterinary Clinic, this moment marks a major step forward in our commitment to animal wellness—and to the broader health of our community.

After months of dedication and collaboration, we opened the doors to a new home for our dog rescue—a space designed to offer care, recovery, and a real chance at a better life. At the same time, our mobile clinic reached a new milestone, completing 65 spay and neuter surgeries in just one week in Tunuyán—addressing one of the root causes of animal overpopulation.

These efforts are already changing lives. Stories like Negra's—who, after years of waiting, finally found her family—remind us what's possible when care, patience, and community come together.

Behind all of this is you.

Thanks to your generosity, our March Gift Match campaign was a success, reinforcing what this community can accomplish together. Your support is what makes this work possible—today and into the future.

Thank you for being part of this work

Carolyn Gallagher
Executive Director THE VINES FOUNDATION

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A Sanctuary Built on Community: A New Era of The Vines Dog Rescue



Duffy Crane, Carolyn Gallagher, Pablo Gimenez Riili, Mariano Vicente, Michael Evans, Laura Martorell and Jon Staenberg.

Every great achievement begins with a place to call home.

For our rescue program, that place became possible through the combined effort of many people who, in different ways, helped turn this project into a reality.

Construction began in October, led by architect Federico Velazco, who worked alongside his father and brother throughout the entire process.

What started as a project quickly became a shared commitment, with long days on site and a clear focus on building a space that truly responds to the needs of the dogs.

At the same time, others contributed in equally important ways—making the land available, supporting the development of the project, and helping ensure that each stage could move forward.

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As the work progressed, every detail played a role. From the installation of essential infrastructure to the construction of access points like the bridge, which now allows visitors and future adopters to reach the rescue more directly and easily, the space gradually took shape.

This was never just about building a shelter. It was about creating a place where dogs can heal in a calmer, safer environment—where time, care, and patience can do their work, and where waiting can finally turn into belonging.



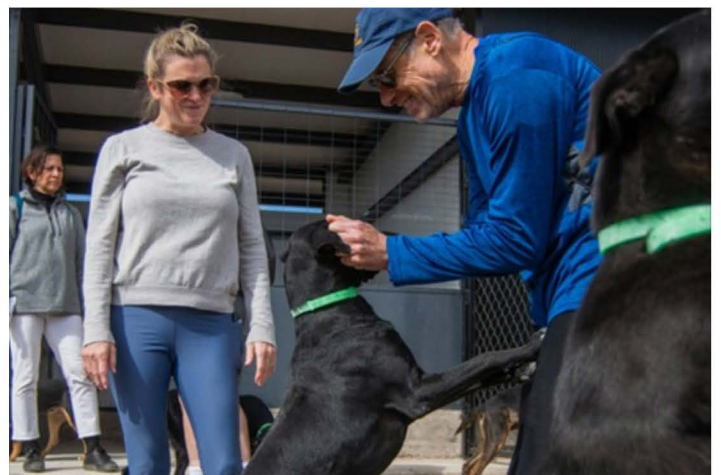
Carolyn Gallagher, Mariano Vicente Veterinarian and Animal Welfare Program Manager and the architect Federico Velazco.

The new rescue was also designed with the people who care for the dogs in mind, providing a more functional and supportive environment for the daily work that makes all of this possible.



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Today, the new rescue reflects that collective effort—practical, intentional, and built to support the work that happens there every day.



A Conversation with Dana Montoya

To understand the daily life of The Vines Dog Rescue, one must look to Dana Georgina Montoya. A lifelong resident of Vista Flores and the sixth of eight siblings, Dana is an expert in the art of management and care. At 31, she balances her life as a wife and mother with her role as the primary guardian of our residents, ensuring every dog is treated with the dignity they deserve.

For the past seven months, Dana has been the steady hand on the ground. She is the first to arrive and the last to ensure the sanctuary is at peace, bridging the gap between a technical facility and a true home. Her work is where the mission becomes a reality—turning infrastructure into care, and waiting into recovery.



◆ **What is a typical day like for you at the rescue, and what do you enjoy most?**

My day starts by checking on each of the dogs, greeting them, and making sure they're doing well. Then I feed them and clean their spaces so they can be comfortable and calm. I try to spend as much time as I can with them—playing, walking with them through the vineyards, and keeping them company.

◆ **You were with us before the new rescue opened—what changes do you see in the dogs now?**

The biggest change is the space. Now they have much more room and they don't get as stressed. Having a wide-open area to run has made a huge difference in their well-being.

◆ **You spend most of the week with them—is there a special bond? Any dog you'll never forget?**

Yes, with most of them, we create a bond where we understand each other perfectly. It's impressive how much they understand and how loving they can be. I'll always remember Latte. When I first started, he wouldn't let anyone touch him. Over time, I managed to earn his trust, and I felt a very special love for him.

◆ **For those helping from afar, what should they know about the impact of their support?**

I want them to know it's not in vain. Every act has a consequence, and in this case, it's for the better. These dogs can't express themselves with words, but they do it with a love that only they can give.

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“ I assure you that if you could see them, you'd know they are truly grateful just by looking at their eyes, which are now full of joy.

◆ **You're from Vista Flores—what does it mean to be part of this project in your own community?**

It's exciting to know that my work isn't just for my own well-being, but that from where I live, I can help and give advice. It's beautiful to see that even in a small town, there are still people who care deeply about the welfare of these little ones. I know that great things can be achieved when people agree on a common good.

Mission Accomplished — Because of You!

Thanks to your generosity, we didn't just meet our March Gift Match goal—we exceeded it!

\$51,122 raised + \$50,000 match = \$101,122 in Total Impact!

These funds support our work across the Uco Valley—strengthening food security, community health, and education programs that serve children, families, and animals every day.

March Gift Match
COMPLETE!

**Thank
YOU!**

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

\$117,221
RAISED TO DATE

47% COMPLETE

GOAL: \$250,000



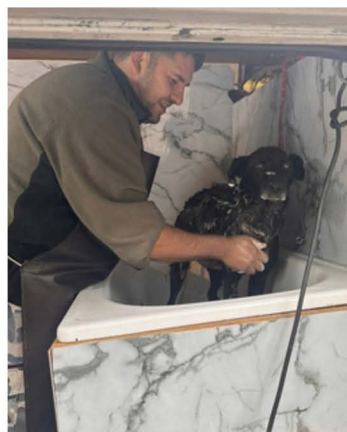
The Day She Finally Went Home



She had been waiting the longest.

At 8 years old, with grey beginning to show on her muzzle, Negra had spent two years at the rescue. She was always in good health, always gentle, always there—quietly waiting.

She greeted every visitor the same way: looking for a kind hand, leaning in for a scratch along her back, or staying close just in case someone chose her.



But no matter how well she adapted, the shelter was never meant to be a forever home.

On March 19, the very day the dogs were moved to the new rescue, her story changed.

Cristian, part of The Vines team, had first connected with the rescue in 2025, when he volunteered alongside his family, painting dog houses and spending time with the dogs. Since then, he carried a simple idea with him—that one day, he would come back to adopt. And he did.



When the time came, Cristian chose the dog who had been waiting the longest.

That day, Negra didn't just leave the shelter—she found her place in a home with four children, a family, and a warm space where she will never be without affection again.

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Prevention in Action: A Record Week for Our Mobile Clinic

In one week, 65 dogs and cats were spayed and neutered at Parque de las Vías in Tunuyán—marking the highest number ever achieved by our mobile clinic in such a short period of time.

By focusing on prevention, we address one of the root causes of animal overpopulation, reducing the number of animals that end up abandoned or in need of rescue.

Each of these procedures represents a long-term impact—not just for the animals, but for the entire community.



If our work speaks to you, share our posts and stories with others. Every new person who discovers what we do is a potential partner in change.

Let's grow this movement. One voice, one share, one action at a time.

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Thank YOU!