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Every Bird Deserves Compassion

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Before [MickaCoo](#), there was little hope for the hundreds of domestic pigeons and doves that were found and surrendered to Bay Area animal shelters every year. The shelters had no adoption programs for these birds and the vast majority was killed when their shelter time was up. As the only Bay Area organization dedicated to rescuing unreleasable pigeons and doves, MickaCoo is closing this fatal gap in the animal welfare network and is saving lives- more than 600 so far.

MickaCoo supporters – including many of you who are reading this - are helping to bring about this transformation. Together, MickaCoo volunteers and donors are doing something that none could do alone. Whether one has helped spread the word about bird rescue, fostered and adopted birds, or volunteered and donated; every effort has helped.



Juliet- rescued from death at a shelter that doesn't serve birds on 4/20 and adopted into a wonderful home on 11/16/13.



Volunteer Susan Gilbert and her pet pigeon Little Cloud love doing humane education. Photo by Megan Wolfe

And because of this help, [MickaCoo](#) is able to save the lives of these innocents. Every pigeon and dove that MickaCoo takes in is given the chance to live a full and decent life. Pigeons and doves are gentle, loving birds that form powerful emotional bonds. They are common and often the birds people see most. Together, MickaCoo supporters are creating compassion and that compassion is life-changing, both for those who give and for those who get it.

Together, with each MickaCoo supporter doing the part that one can, however big or small, MickaCoo has formed a compassionate community dedicated to helping homeless pigeons and doves. MickaCoo's network of volunteers provides advice to people when they find stray or injured pigeons and doves all over the country; mobilizes to rescue birds timing out in shelters; and works tirelessly to advocate for the birds who previously had no champions.

To those who are doing this important work - thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. It is an incredible privilege to share our unique mission with you. Together we are helping birds that no one else is. Because of you and [MickaCoo](#), unreleasable pigeons and doves now have the dignity of a rescue of their own.