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Black Cats are Not Spooky – October Best Time to Adopt Them!
Busting the Black Cat Urban Myth

BERKELEY, Calif. – October 24, 2019 – It’s time to bust the Halloween black cat myth at Halloween: there is no reason for animal shelters and rescues to avoid adopting out black cats near Halloween because people with evil intentions will use them for ritualized abuse or sacrifice. On the contrary, now is a great time to adopt a black cat!

There are no confirmed statistics, court cases, or studies which support the claim that this type of serious crime is prevalent or even exists at all. Meanwhile, millions of black cats enter shelters every year looking for loving homes. Though the individual personalities and looks of these cats vary widely, solid black cats often get overlooked in favor of less common coat colors.

“Berkeley Humane is committed to ensure that every adoption provides the animal with a loving home where they will be well cared for, regardless of their looks or the time of year,” said Jeffrey Zerwekh, Berkeley Humane’s Executive Director. “We spend considerable time with each individual before they take their new pet home to ensure that they are prepared to be great pet parents and are willing to provide the best possible loving home.”

“The way we see it,” added Carly Skonnord, Pet Program Manager, “is that October is actually a great time to open your home and heart to a beautiful black cat, or maybe even two!”

Many shelters do tend to observe an even higher percentage of black cats in autumn as “kitten season” begins to wind down, so it is particularly important that these cats and kittens don’t miss out on any opportunities to find their new homes.

Who: The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society (Berkeley Humane)
What: Animals now available for adoption – Even Black Cats
Where: 2700 Ninth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
When: Adoptions – Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – 11 AM – 5 PM
Why: Black cats available for adoption during the Halloween season.
Tweet this: October is a great month to adopt a black cat. These cats are often overlooked this time of year due to superstitions and urban myths. Every animal in a shelter needs a loving home.
About Berkeley Humane

With its origins dating back to 1895, today Berkeley Humane serves the people and animals of our community by providing life-saving programs for cats and dogs, cultivating compassion, and strengthening the human-animal bond. With the support of a dedicated and talented volunteer and staff team, Berkeley Humane intakes animals from municipals shelters around the Bay Area who are often in need of medical care, improved nutrition, enrichment and lots of love. In 2018, Berkeley Humane conducted over 1,000 adoptions and touched the lives of almost 1,000 additional pets through related services. Learn more at www.berkeleyhumane.org.

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