Ty and his siblings.
Berkeley Humane is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization funded by private donations. 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. Because the well-being of animals reflects the well-being of our community, we engage minds, hearts and hands to provide care for dogs and cats in the East Bay.

Dude
Rescued May 9, 2016
Adopted June 5, 2016
Singleton kitten found his new family.
Dear Community Member

This was one of the best years on record for Berkeley Humane. On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff, I am excited to share our 2016 program highlights. We are so proud to be one of the oldest and most trusted animal welfare organizations serving the Bay Area.

Our mission is to provide life-saving programs for cats and dogs. We continually rescue animals from overcrowded and under-resourced facilities, giving these dogs and cats a second chance. This year, we expanded our reach throughout the Bay Area, supporting more than a dozen municipal shelters in six counties. We focus our efforts on the animals in need of urgent medical attention, improved nutrition, and increased socialization, and we are proud that we have been able to reach more animals than ever before. We also have aimed to decrease the overwhelming numbers of stray and surrendered litters of puppies and kittens by asking the public to bring them to Berkeley Humane, avoiding the municipal shelters all together. This helps these facilities by reducing the number of animals in their care and ensuring better outcomes for the youngest and most vulnerable populations.

Additionally, Berkeley Humane has expanded our services directly to the public this year with the launch of Spay the Bay, a low-cost spay/neuter clinic and referral website for other local nonprofit spay/neuter clinics and resources. These services allow access to procedures that would otherwise be unaffordable for many, and help to reduce the pet overpopulation we see daily in our community. By reducing the number of unwanted litters, we are addressing one of the core problems of overcrowded shelters, and helping to alleviate the strain on our shelter system.

Our work is only possible through the support of local community members like you. Berkeley Humane is a place where people can invest their time and resources to create positive, impactful outcomes in their own community, and we are so appreciative that you've chosen to support our mission. Thank for being part of an organization that makes a lasting and profound difference in the lives of people and animals.

Jeffrey Zerwekh
Executive Director
1,017 Adoptions

We rescue homeless dogs and cats who are most in need of our help, rehabilitate them physically and behaviorally as needed, then place them into loving homes with well-matched caregivers. We are committed to partnering with the community to find the best outcome for each animal in our care, no matter how long it takes.

Indigo
Rescued June 20, 2016
Adopted June 25, 2016
Rescued along with 6 littermates.
Berkeley Humane’s Veterinary Hospital served over a thousand shelter animals in 2016, as well as began offering spay/neuter surgeries to the public through the launch of our Spay the Bay Clinic in September. Each shelter animal in our care was examined at least twice to identify any necessary medical treatment, as well as provided age-appropriate vaccinations. 60% of our animals required medical treatments beyond standard vaccinations and spay/neuter surgeries.
680 Students

That’s just the furry ones! Through our Behavior Training program, led by experienced trainer Nancy Frensley, CPDT, CAP2, CNWI, we helped dogs and their humans communicate better, build stronger bonds, and therefore keeping more animals out of the shelter system.

- Puppy Kindergarten
- Basic Obedience (multiple levels)
- Small Dog Basic Obedience (multiple levels)
- Canine Good Citizen
- Tricks & Useful Skills
- Nosework (multiple levels)
- And more!
444 Fostered Animals

Our animals receive plenty of individualized attention and opportunities for socialization. In addition to pets, cuddles and walks, they also participate in enrichment programs and play groups. However, what is most beneficial for our animals is the time they spend in foster homes, where they get to stretch their legs for days at a time, and remember what it’s like to be in a home setting. Fostered animals make happier and more sociable animals, which help facilitate well-matched adoptions.
40,449 Volunteer Hours

We are overachievers at Berkeley Humane, and every day we strive to do far more than is possible with our small but nimble staff. Whether it's saving another life, healing another soul, or connecting a deserving animal with a loving home, we cannot accomplish our lofty goals without our hundreds of dedicated volunteers, and the tens of thousands of hours they put into realizing our mission.
The enormous sadness of having beloved pets pass away are well known and understood by us. Grief, despair and loss are sometimes debilitating, and often overwhelming. To help our community members heal, we provide free monthly counseling led by a licensed therapist and a licensed social worker, where those who have experienced loss can support one another through various stages of grief.
4,533 lbs. Pet Food Distributed

Because we are committed to keeping animals in homes with loving owners, and preventing them from entering the shelter system, we collect and redistribute pet food and supplies to our community members who can benefit from a little bit of help.
5,244 Generous Donors

Berkeley Humane is supported entirely by private donations—from individuals, foundations, and corporations. In 2016, thanks to the support from thousands of donors, we raised nearly $1.6M to care for homeless animals throughout the East Bay. Thank you to each of you who made this possible!
6 Counties Served

Berkeley Humane continues to expand our reach into the Bay Area, rescuing animals from more municipal shelters than ever before. In 2016, we brought in animals from 12 shelters across 6 counties, helping the dogs and cats who were likely to be overlooked in municipal shelters, and giving them a second chance at Berkeley Humane.
Our Services

Adoption Center
Cat and Dog Adoptions
Volunteering
Save-A-Life Foster Program
Mobile Adoption Center
Community Events

Behavior & Training Center
Behavior and Training Classes
Behavior Advice Hotline

PAWS East Bay Safety Net Services
Pet Food Pantry
Pet Loss Support Group
End-of-Life Care
Subsidized Emergency Veterinary Care

Veterinary Hospital
Shelter Hospital
Spay the Bay Clinic
You can help Berkeley Humane save 1,000+ lives

- Adopt
- Behavior & Training
- Donate
- Foster
- Spay & Neuter
- Volunteer

For more information on how to get involved, visit our website www.BerkeleyHumane.org or call 510.845.7735.

Dezra
Rescued April 11, 2016
Adopted April 15, 2016
Lost dog reunited with owner.