



BERKELEY HUMANE

2017 Community Impact Report



Jameson

Adopted March 2017



Gunther

Adopted June 2017





Cirrus

Adopted July 02, 2017

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.

Photography by Jason Britt, Matthew Choa, Jackie Garcia, Rebecca Schwarz, & Polina Ulyanova.

Dear Community Member,

Working in animal welfare is always challenging but at the same time one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I am not sure how to put into words what it was like when, in advance of Hurricane Irma, a shelter in Florida reached out and asked for help. Although we said 'yes' without any hesitation, we had no idea how we were going to accommodate another 50 animals in our shelter that was already full – and we had less than 24 hours to figure it out. What happened next was nothing short of amazing.

Our volunteers and staff got to work. Our community pulled together. Donors responded with badly needed resources. When the plane touched down on the tarmac just a few hours later our hospital was fully equipped with a medical team standing by, fresh litter boxes and cozy beds were made, and bowls of food were ready to welcome our weary travelers.

Later that first night with all of our animals settled and tucked in there was barely a sound to be heard throughout the shelter. Volunteers whispered to each other as they turned down the lights and wished our wayfarers a good night sleep. Tomorrow would be the first day of their new journey but for now, they were fed, cozy, and most of all, safe.

While it was not easy, 2017 was another record-breaking year for Berkeley Humane, and we are so proud to be one of the oldest and most trusted animal welfare organizations serving the Bay Area. 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.

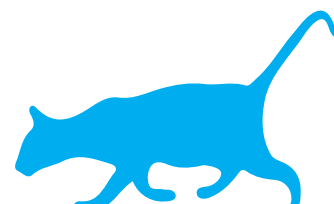
Thank you for being part of an organization that makes a lasting and profound difference in the lives of people and animals and thank you for loving animals as much as we do.



JEFFREY

Jeffrey Zerwekh
Executive Director

Franklin
Adopted March 02, 2018



1,013 Adoptions

It is not just about the number of animals we rescue. It is about being there for each and every animal when they need us. Through no fault of their own they may have become abandoned, injured, sick, or alone and scared. As soon as they come through the door we stop their pain, provide tasty food, a cozy place to sleep, and lots of love and kindness. We meet their medical, physical, and emotional needs and start them on a journey towards a new life and a new loving family. We save lives and we make families.



Olga

Adopted September 22, 2017



Icee

Adopted September 15, 2017

4,526 Exams, Vaccinations, & Surgeries

Providing quality medical care to shelter animals is not just core to our mission, it's the single greatest thing we can do to improve the lives of the animals in our care. Over 60% of our animals require extensive medical intervention before becoming available for adoption. In 2017 we also provided low cost medical services to our community through our Spay the Bay Clinic to help reduce overcrowding in the public municipal shelters throughout the Bay Area.

SPAY THE BAY

62 Saved from Disaster

The hurricanes and local fire storms were devastating tragedies. With less than 24 hours to prepare we took in more than 50 animals from Florida and Puerto Rico. Our volunteers and staff went into overdrive and worked tirelessly to meet their medical, physical, and emotional needs – many animals required extensive care before being made available for adoption. While our facility was still at full capacity with many of the hurricane animals we also responded to local fires by housing another 12 cats from the affected fire zones. These animals were stressed and exhausted. Once they were in our care they began to experience a safe, calm, and loving environment to begin the long road to recovery.



Kendra

**Adopted February 1, 2018
(after 147 days in our care)**

676 Students

We know you can teach an older dog a new trick. We do it every single day. We also know how to motivate a puppy to be successful in a new home. We teach the skills that dogs and their humans need to communicate better and build stronger bonds, ensuring more animals stay out of the public 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!

Po-Po

Adopted August 18, 2017





Michelle

Adopted November 4, 2017

966 Fostered Animals

No matter how much love they get in the shelter, there is nothing like hanging out in a real home. Fostered animals make happier and more sociable animals, which helps facilitate well-matched adoptions.



51,654 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.



Oscar

Adopted January 13, 2018



Mollie

Adopted May 20, 2017

72 Pet Guardians Consoled

The enormous sadness of having beloved pets pass away is 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.

5,183 lbs. Pet Food Distributed

Families can go through difficult times where financial resources are stretched. We are committed to keeping animals in homes with loving owners and out of the public shelters. Through our Pet Food Pantry we distribute pet food and supplies to those who just need a little bit of help.



Shannon

Adopted March 26, 2017

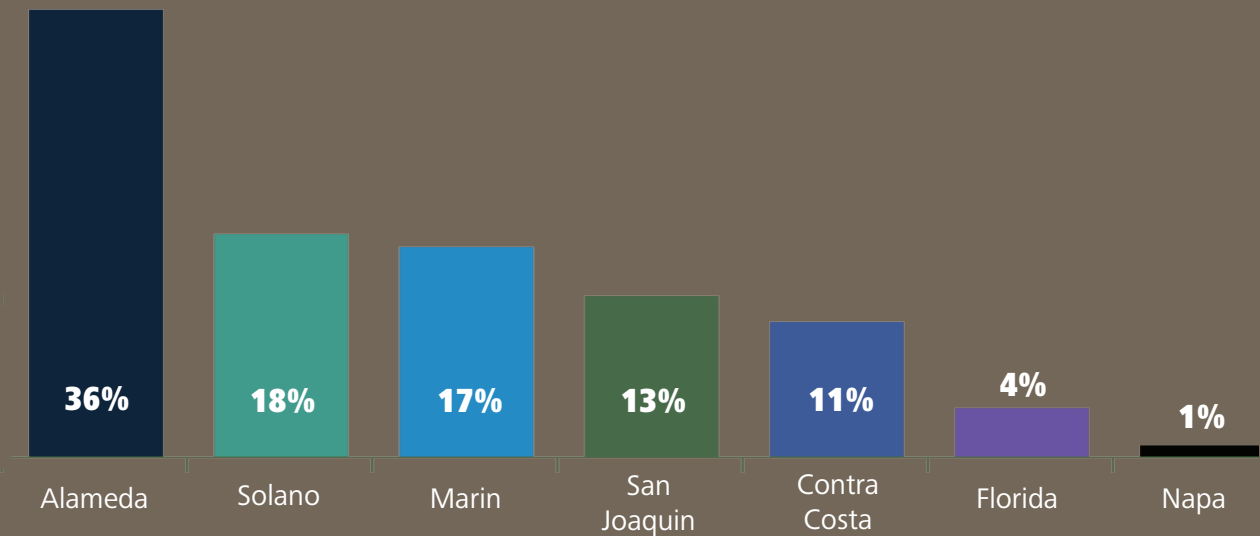


5,244 Generous Donors

Berkeley Humane is supported entirely by private donations—from individuals, foundations, and corporations. In 2017, 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!

Bay Area and Beyond

Berkeley Humane continues to expand its reach throughout the Bay Area, rescuing animals from more municipal shelters than ever before. In 2017, we rescued animals from 12 public shelters across 7 counties. We also made it a priority to accept litters of dogs and cats surrendered from the public, animals from disaster areas such as Sonoma, Florida and Puerto Rico, and from other private rescue groups who requested help with the animals in their care.



Our Services



Adoption Center

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



PAWS East Bay Safety Net

- Pet Food Pantry
- Pet Loss Support Group
- End-of-Life Care
- Subsidized Emergency Veterinary Care



Behavior & Training

- Behavior and Training Classes
- Behavior Advice Hotline

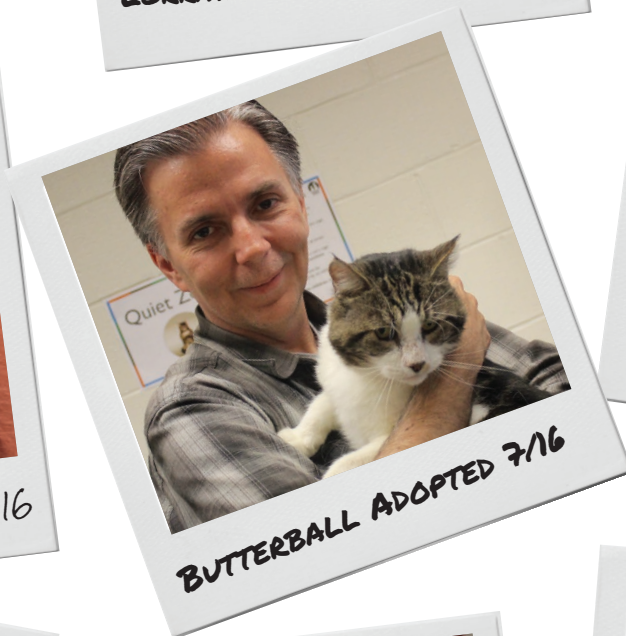


Veterinary Care

- Shelter Hospital
- Spay the Bay Clinic

You can help change 1,000+ lives

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





ANTHONY ADOPTED APRIL 20



JEAN ELLE ADOPTED 8/4



SHANNON ADOPTED 3/26



TROGDOR ADOPTED MAY 14



POTKY ADOPTED 8/4



DEREK ADOPTED 4/22



NACHO ADOPTED JUNE 16



PHOEBE ADOPTED 1/7



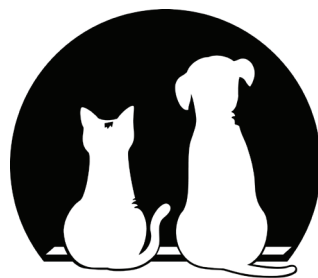
ADRIAN ADOPTED 6/18



SMORE ADOPTED DEC 15



GOOGLE ADOPTED 2/24



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