COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2018





DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBER,

You made something incredible happen this year and I am deeply grateful. Berkeley Humane has been serving the animals and people of the Bay Area since at least 1895 but this past year we conducted 1,184 adoptions – the most in a single year and a new record for connecting pets with loving families.

This was only possible with a dedicated army of volunteers, the most talented staff working anywhere in animal welfare, and you, the very special donor who provided us with the resources we needed to save so many lives.

Your support provided the medicine, vaccinations, surgical equipment, kitty litter, nutritious food, training treats, and toys (so many toys!) to ensure our animals were healthy, happy, and ready to start their lives over with a new loving family. That alone would have been cause for celebration, but through our other community programs: PAWS Safety Net Services, Spay the Bay, and Train the Bay, over 2,000 animals received the care they needed to remain in homes and out of the public shelter system.

Thank you for loving animals as much as we do.

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1,184 ADOPTIONS

Every animal received medical care, socialization and/or training, proper nutrition, and love. We found caring families for them. As we serve more animals every year, Berkeley Humane stays committed to meeting each animal's physical and emotional needs. Your support saves lives and prepares these animals to find new, loving homes.



We found homes for 15% more dogs and cats in 2018.



88% of our animals came from municipal shelters in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Joaquin, Solano, and other counties.





5,409 EXAMS, VACCINATIONS, AND SURGERIES

Providing quality medical care to homeless 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. Of these procedures, 23% were spay and neuter surgeries, helping reduce overpopulation of dogs and cats in the Bay Area.







685 STUDENTS

After 33 years, Berkeley Humane's award-winning training and behavior program received a new name and a new look. Train the Bay offers a wide variety of classes with proven curriculum, small class sizes, and certified instructors. We continue to keep animals out of the public shelter system by teaching skills, creating understanding, and building stronger bonds between families and their pets.

373 families helped via our free behavior advice line.





69,036 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Our small but expert team was able to expand our life-saving efforts in 2018 thanks to our volunteers. Volunteer hours were up 25% from 2017. Berkeley Humane could not have broken all of our previous records without hundreds of loyal volunteers who helped take our mission to new heights.





1,164 ANIMALS FOSTERED

Since 88% of our animals were rescued from municipal shelters, a break from the shelter in a home environment can help animals decompress and show us their wonderful personalities. It also builds capacity at Berkeley Humane and facilitates well-matched adoptions as we see these animals blossom emotionally and physically. Together, we increased the number of animals who received love and socialization with a foster volunteer by 17%.

2,000+ ANIMALS ASSISTED

Berkeley Humane's Pets are Wonderful Support (PAWS) safety net programs support families during difficult times so pets can stay with their loving families and out of shelters. Programs include the Pet Food Pantry, end-of-life care, training and behavior support, and much more. Berkeley Humane started a pet loss support group in 2004—the first free monthly counseling program of its type in the East Bay. Sessions are led by a licensed therapist and a licensed social worker to help community members heal after the loss of a pet.

Pet Food Pantry distributed 4,425 lbs of pet food to 296 East Bay families, and 3,000 lbs to disaster-affected areas.

We consoled 77 pet guardians through devastating loss.





\$1.6 MILLION RAISED

As our programs continue to grow and expand, we need your help more than ever. Berkeley Humane is supported entirely by private donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations. While donations stayed consistent, the number of animals rescued and the medical services provided rose over 15%. Expand your gift this year at berkeleyhumane.org/donate.







FINDING LOVE IN 2018

Want to start your own Berkeley Humane story? Our dogs and cats can't wait to meet you!



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Berkeley Humane serves the people and animals of our community by providing life-saving programs for dogs and cats, 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. Berkeley Humane is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization funded entirely by private donations.