



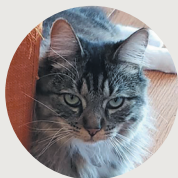
BERKELEY  
HUMANE



Lulu

"She's one active & tough elder cookie that has brought endless joy every day."

-Renee, Adopter



Comet

"We can't imagine our life without our sweet, crazy, beautiful girl!"

-Philip and Family, Adopters



Earl

"[He] has been the best companion anyone could ask for. I adopted him 13 years ago."

-Brahim, Adopter



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# Together We Save Pets

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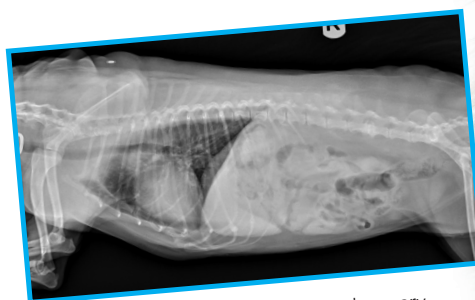
## A Little Dog With A Big Heart

When we first saw Sparkie at a shelter in Stockton, we thought she would get adopted right away! Sparkie is a chipper 8 year old, 10 pound terrier mix with a great smile. We transported her to Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society where a routine exam revealed she was suffering from heartworm as well as Intervertebral Disc Disease, where a collapsed disc presses painfully against the spinal cord.

Without treatment for her heartworm disease, Sparkie would die. Because of donors to the Hope Medical Fund, we immediately put her on medication, but treatment lasts several months. We could only wait and see whether it would be successful.

Sparkie did beat her heartworm disease after three months of daily medication! But she also needs a special family who can help her with her chronic spine issues.

Many senior animals languish in shelters, but donors like you have made a commitment to Sparkie and others who need you the most. Because of your donations, we can provide exceptional care for this special lady every day until she finds a loving home, no matter how long it takes.



Sparkie's disc disease and her pulmonary abnormalities from the heartworm.



## A Message From Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director

When we transport a dog or cat to Berkeley Humane, we know one thing for sure: this animal needs our help. Most of the time they have medical needs, but more and more we are seeing dogs who have picked up some bad habits along the way.

Because of generous donors, we can make the months-long commitment to behavior and training to give them the skills they need to be successful with a loving family.



In this edition of "Together, We Save Pets" you will find, in addition to medical cases, stories of dogs who benefited from behavior plans, training programs, or both. Berkeley Humane volunteers and staff work with our dogs every day to make sure they learn the skills that they need to be wonderful family pets.

Thank you for saving their lives, and the lives of so many other dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies.

With gratitude,

JEFFREY

## You Saved Joey—Twice!

Sometimes life throws you a ball that you just can't fetch. For Joey, his happy life started in 2014 when donors like you saved him. He came to Berkeley Humane as a puppy and found a loving home. After five years, his military family was transferred, and they could not bring him. Berkeley Humane's safety net services were there for Joey and his family.

We gladly accepted Joey back, though our reunion was bittersweet. After years of devotion and love, Joey's family had to say goodbye to their beloved family member. Once again in our care after 5 years, he was friendly but nervous, upset and cautious.

After a routine exam, our staff wondered how well he could see. We contacted a specialist veterinary ophthalmologist, made possible by generous donations, who confirmed that Joey's vision is impaired, and he will most likely become blind. This explained a great deal as to why Joey was fearful of new people and environments.

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## Kitten Season is Here!

Last year, Berkeley Humane saved 621 kittens by providing them with nutritious formula, a warm foster home, socialization, and so much love!



## You Relieved Their Suffering

Lightning sometimes does strike twice! Two kittens, of the same age, with similar life-threatening medical issues came into our care in the same month. Liefia (F, grey and white) and Cabo (M, grey) had already experienced two lifetimes of pain in the first few weeks of their lives. They came to Berkeley Humane independently, but with the same needs—needs donors like you fulfilled for them.



Both sweet kittens had malformations in their eyes and eyelids—causing them intense pain and requiring surgery. To make matters worse, they both had upper respiratory infections and parasites.

Both Cabo and Liefia were too small to get the vital eye surgeries they needed, but thanks to Hope Medical Fund donors we had time. The two kittens were placed in isolation and treated for their infections.

Then we introduced them to each other. They quickly became best friends—maybe they knew that they were experiencing the same thing! They waited together, getting bigger every day, for several months until they could receive the surgeries they needed to address their painful eye issues. Cabo also got new eyelids!

Cabo and Liefia’s fast bond reduced the stress of having to be in medical isolation and helped them recover more quickly after surgery. They helped each other tremendously while in recovery in our Foster to Family program. Having spent most of their life together, Cabo and Liefia needed to be adopted together. Thanks to our Foster to Family program—which donors like you started three years ago—they could wait for the right family in the comfort of a home. That special day finally came and now they enjoy a normal and happy life together in a loving family.

## Kitten Season is Here!

You can save the lives of kittens this spring by going to [berkeleyhumane.org/donate](http://berkeleyhumane.org/donate).

## Legacy Giving

Leave a legacy for the causes you care about and ensure the ongoing care of your beloved pets

Learn more:

[berkeleyhumane.org/planned-giving](http://berkeleyhumane.org/planned-giving)



Thanks to donors, Spay the Bay is reducing dog and cat overpopulation in the Bay Area by providing low-cost spay and neuter services.

Last year, Spay the Bay expanded to offer low-cost vaccination services to the community.

Clinics are happening quarterly. For dates and more information, see [spaythebay.org](http://spaythebay.org).



Over 30,000 families have benefited from Train the Bay’s small-group behavior and training classes.

Learn more and join a class:

[trainthebay.org](http://trainthebay.org)





## You Saved Joey—Twice!

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Because of donors like you, we had the resources to give Joey months of weekly scent work lessons—a great way to engage with dogs with limited vision—and he practiced with our volunteers and staff. This helped him have fun while in our care, as well as build his confidence and engage him mentally and physically.

Through scent work and time in foster care made possible by our donors, Joey's confidence skyrocketed and his playful personality emerged! Joey was in our care for six months until one day a man came to meet him. He was also living with vision loss and both felt an immediate bond! He and his partner were so taken with Joey's personality, that after a quick trial adoption, they decided to make the decision permanent! As of October 2019, Joey now lives cozy with his two dads and his fellow Pit Bull brother.

**Have An Impact:** Your donation will provide life-saving medical care and programs for hundreds of cats and dogs each year. [www.berkeleyhumane.org/donate](http://www.berkeleyhumane.org/donate)



## It Takes A Village—and You—to Raise a Pet

Most two-year-old dogs have a lot of energy so they can happily play and chase and explore. It's important for a dog to learn good habits early, so they engage with people and dogs in a safe way. Sharona was never given that chance before donors like you saved her.

In July 2019, we transported Sharona to Berkeley Humane. She loved people and attention, but took it too far. She played with toys like a tornado touching ground. It was difficult to get her harnessed for a walk, and the walks themselves could fulfill your weekly gym requirement! Though only 33 pounds, she was extremely strong and, with no impulse control, could easily injure someone.

To give Sharona her best chance at finding a loving family, we knew she had to go back to basics. Fortunately, she is a smart and enthusiastic young dog who excelled at every challenge. Because of donors like you, every animal stays at Berkeley Humane until they find a loving family. Sharona started to learn impulse control: to receive anything she wanted, including attention from humans, she needed to have all four paws on the ground. She also needed to learn how to "politely" meet other dogs.



Because of your donations, we were able to work on her training every day for five months. Finally she was approved for adoption and she found a home with a loving family committed to continuing the behavior training. Berkeley Humane is a resource for Sharona and her family for the rest of her life because of your support. Her potential is limitless with just a little bit of patience and a lot of love.