



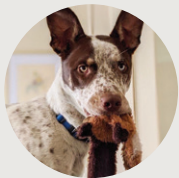
**BERKELEY
HUMANE**



GRANDMA ICE CREAM

“She’s a magical nugget! She stands in the shower demanding it be turned on!”

-Rebecca, Adopter



FITZ

“He is incredibly good natured, a perfect family pet for cuddles and puppy kisses.”

-Alison, Adopter



WINK

“She’s the most affectionate cat. We foster cats regularly and Wink welcomes each like family.”

-Kelle, Adopter



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Together We Save Pets

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A New Start for Meadow - Thanks to You!

Neglect for an animal can be a death sentence. Meadow came to the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society in April, after being found wandering alone, an obvious victim of neglect. We don’t know whether she was only kept for a backyard breeding operation, or something else.



Meadow could barely walk. The tangled mats of fur, feces, and debris on her legs were so huge that they restricted her movement and hid other medical problems. Because of your donations to the Hope Medical Fund, we didn’t think twice about transporting Meadow to our shelter—our veterinary team had the resources to create an immediate plan to help Meadow.

After removing pounds of densely matted fur, our medical team found a mouthful of rotting teeth, cherry eye, and multiple masses on her underbelly. She also needed to be spayed—important for female dogs to prevent mammary cancer and Pyometra, an infection of the uterus.

In just one day, our medical team gave Meadow the opportunity to find love with a new family. She received her four necessary surgeries, and her personality completely changed! Meadow held her head up and trotted down the stairs with pep. She could finally move around comfortably.

Meadow recovered beautifully in foster care over the next few weeks. The transformation kept going! Her silly antics blossomed as she enjoyed walks around the neighborhood. Most importantly, her risk for tumors and cancer was greatly reduced. Her years of suffering were over.

In May—just a month after arriving at Berkeley Humane—Meadow gave us a final goodbye lick and was off to start anew with her adopted family.

A Message From Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director

These last few months have tested us, our community, and the world. There is no place that the COVID-19 pandemic hasn't hit—including Berkeley Humane. But in the midst of these unprecedented times, we're grateful. We're grateful for our fosters, who in one day stepped up to clear our shelter of animals, allowing us to practice social distancing while performing essential duties. We're grateful for our volunteers, who have been packing food for our Pet Food Pantry every week. And we're grateful for our donors, who have been providing financial support as revenue sources have decreased dramatically.



All the dogs and cats in this newsletter have one thing in common: they were with us during the COVID-19 pandemic. They might not have known exactly what was going on, but they knew that they were safe with us, no matter what was going on in the world.

Thank you for saving the lives of so many dogs and cats, puppies and kittens—those featured in this newsletter and countless others.

With gratitude,

JEFFREY

You Relieved His Suffering

Jagger had lived a life of pain. This sweet cat came to us in April from a local public shelter, clearly having suffered for a long time. His eyes were damaged—one was shrunken—and his paw pads were inflamed, a troubling sign of another disease, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). Because of donors like you who support the Hope Medical Fund, we can transport sick animals from public shelters that do not have the resources for complicated cases like Jagger.

For 10 years Jagger lived with a chronic eye injury or irritation that, by the time he got to Berkeley Humane, caused his eye to shrink and go blind. There was no hope in saving it, but our medical team was able to remove it—eliminating the pain and preventing the eye from possibly becoming cancerous.

Jagger's other eye had entropion, a serious condition where the eyelid is turned inwards, causing the eyelashes to constantly rub on and irritate the cornea.

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Is Your Pet Prepared for a Disaster?

We have an 8 step checklist of easy tips for you to follow to ensure your pet is prepared in case of a disaster.

berkeleyhumane.org/disaster-preparedness





Iggy, A Medical Mystery

We adore every fuzzy, wiggly litter of puppies that come to Berkeley Humane. Their energy and adorableness excite everyone from staff to volunteers. Most of the time the pups just need some TLC until they are big enough to be adopted. However, we are vigilant to identify illnesses common to shelter puppies, such as the fatal parvovirus or the incurable distemper.

In February when we welcomed a bouncing litter of four 8-week-old Husky mix puppies, we took the same precautions. Each puppy was vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and observed for signs of illness. All acted like normal puppies, except for one. Iggy was visibly smaller than his siblings, and our canine team noticed some peculiarities.

Iggy would get sick after eating just a few bites. He did not have the same energy as his siblings and tired quickly. He seemed wobbly and could not stand for long periods of time. As he grew, he developed a hunched back and his front legs looked deformed. What was going on with Iggy?



Because of your donations, we had the resources to run as many tests as needed to solve this mystery. First, Iggy had to be quarantined. He hated being alone and cried out for his siblings, but it was necessary for their protection. Iggy tested positive for Bordetella and was put on antibiotics for several weeks. Next, we consulted with a neurologist who suspected Iggy was suffering from Myasthenia Graves, a malfunction of signals between the nerves and muscles. He was prescribed an expensive medication that—thanks to you—we could afford. He responded well to that medication and became more energetic! He even started to run and play with our staff.

Radiographs confirmed that Iggy also had a large, distended esophagus preventing him from eating normally. This is consistent with Megaesophagus, a disease often associated with Myasthenia Graves. Surprisingly, the simplest solution for this condition was to carry him in a baby carrier for 20 minutes after each meal! Iggy loved all the attention. As he got older, our canine care team trained Iggy to sit in a specially built 'Bailey Chair'. There is no cure for Megaesophagus—Iggy will have to be fed sitting upright and remain in that posture for at least 20 minutes after each meal for the rest of his life.

With his big moon eyes shining through beautiful black fur and his tiny, grey speckled mitten-like paws, Iggy was enchanting from day one. He radiated love and gave everyone licks. Your donations made it possible for us to quickly discover his medical issues and save his life. His first months of life may have been uncertain, but we are confident now that Iggy will have the full and happy life he deserves. Iggy was adopted by his new family in April.

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

SPAY THE BAY

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.

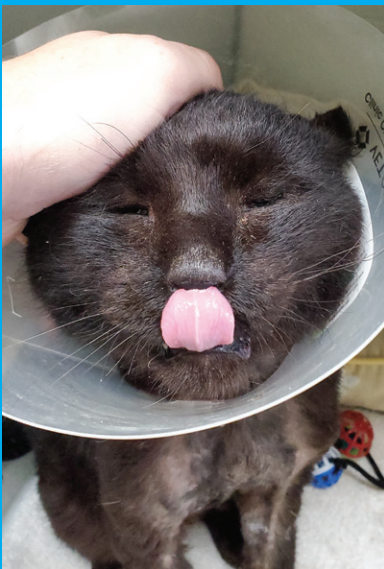
Clinics are happening quarterly. For dates and more information, see spaythebay.org.

TRAIN THE BAY

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





You Relieved His Suffering - Continued

Fortunately, thanks to donations made to the Hope Medical Fund, our medical team saved this eye with surgery.

Tests confirmed that Jagger was FIV positive, causing a painful condition in his paw pads. The inflammation was so bad that he needed surgery to remove the excess tissue.

Throughout his many medical procedures, Jagger was a calm and affectionate cat. He was patient even with a cone around his head, stitches in his eye socket, and with his little front paws bandaged up to the point where he couldn't walk. His foster family commented that "He's had a rough life but is so full of love."

After six long weeks of recovery, he became an active cat, playing with his foster family. In fact, his foster family had fallen in love with him, and they couldn't let him go! Jagger was adopted by them and is living his best life with the family that nursed him back to health.

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

Responding to COVID-19

As an animal shelter, we are used to responding quickly in an emergency. Over the years, natural disasters and animal overpopulation have brought us animals in need of medical attention, shelter, food, and a new home. Because of your donations, we have been able to keep our doors open to support the community and partner shelters throughout California and across the nation.

When COVID-19 became a public health crisis in March, we knew we could continue to help the community, just in a new way. Shelter in place began and unemployment grew. When times get tough, pet parents will go hungry to make sure their pets get fed. And in tough times, pets are such an important part of the family—the last thing we wanted to see was mass surrenders of beloved pets because of someone's financial situation.



We rushed to expand our on-site Pet Food Pantry program from one day a month to twice a week. We also supplied food distribution sites within the Oakland School District with pet food. The Pet Food Pantry was supported by community donations to provide free dog and cat food to those in need. But to accommodate the program's huge expansion in the wake of Coronavirus, we had to facilitate a massive donation of over 12 tons of pet food. For that, we partnered with World Central Kitchen, the International Fund for Animal Welfare, and GreaterGood.org.

In the first few months, we distributed over 30,000 lbs of pet food to the community, providing a vital resource for families to keep their animals home with full bellies. This wouldn't have been possible without your support—thousands of dogs and cats thank you!