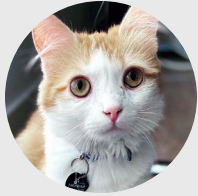




Together We Save Pets

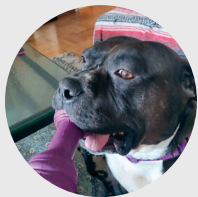
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BORI

"We're so grateful to her former foster parents and to Berkeley Humane for making the adoption process so easy."

-Bori's Adopter



BEEDE

"So far Beede loves holding his toy, hikes, stylish outfits, and paddle boarding."

-Beede's Adopter



FRANKIE

"Our life over the past two years would have been missing a lot of laughs and extra joy if she hadn't come into our lives."

-Frankie's Adopter



Injured, scared, and broken

Thanks to You, Sweet Pea Can Wiggle Her Butt Again!

In April, Berkeley Humane rushed to save a small dog in big pain. A local stray we named Sweet Pea had been hit by a car. X-Rays revealed that the bones connecting her tail to her spine were broken. While the accident didn't break her back nor paralyze her, she no longer had control over her tail and it hung limp, causing her terrible pain. The only option to give Sweet Pea any relief was amputation. Would she ever be able to wiggle her butt again!?

Thanks to support from donors like you, animals like Sweet Pea receive urgent care in their most desperate hour. Your generous donation to the Hope Medical Fund makes it possible for our medical team to relieve this senior girl of pain and suffering. Our talented veterinarians performed a meticulous surgery to maintain her intact vertebrae and not disturb the many nerves around the base of her spine. They were able to amputate her little tail (all 4 inches of it) and unexpectedly discovered mammary cancer – exacerbated because she had never been spayed. The mass was removed and she was spayed as well. Sweet Pea recovered well from a day of three surgeries. After less than a month in the care of her amazing foster family, she was adopted and now lives pain-free!



Broken tail was not the only bad news



Our community saw an unprecedented need for Spay the Bay's programs in 2020, which we are able to provide at low cost with your donations. Thanks to you, we could respond to this need and double our low-cost spay and neuter program. In 2020, 788 animals were spayed or neutered at Berkeley Humane—more than double our 2019 surgeries! We also saw a huge need for our low-cost vaccination clinics, which we held while some veterinary offices were only able to do emergency procedures. We performed 561 vaccinations and provided 644 microchips, all to keep the pets in our community safe. We can make all of this affordable because of our donors.

TRAIN THE BAY

Virtual and in-person dog training classes for puppies to seniors! You and your dog can benefit from the training model that has helped over 30,000 pet families.

To learn more or join a class trainthebay.org

Planned Giving

A little planning can provide a lot of peace of mind—ensuring the future care of your family, pets, and the causes important to you.

Creating a living trust, will, or other legal document outlining your wishes is critical for a smooth process and to ensure your wishes are met.

Berkeley Humane's partner, FreeWill, provides a fast and free online tool to help you plan your legacy.

For more information berkeleyhumane.org/planned-giving

A Message From Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director

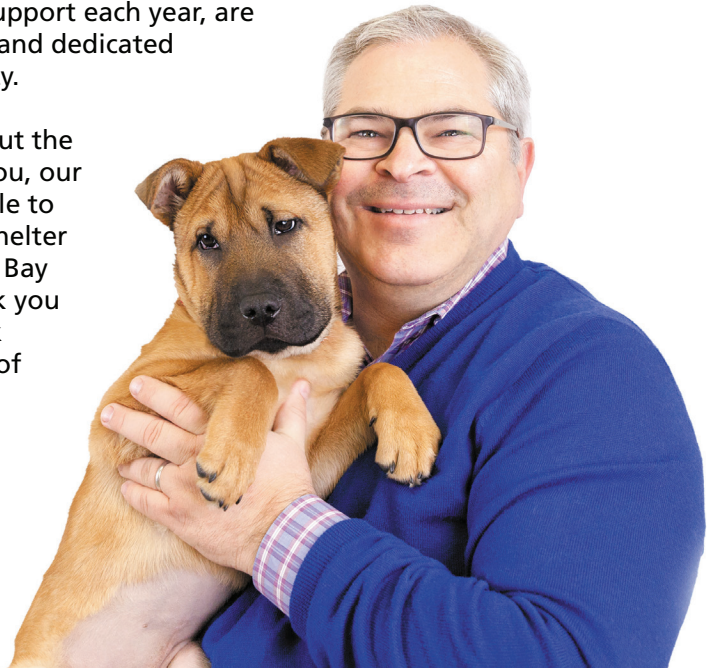
As the Bay Area begins to emerge from the pandemic there is another threat on the horizon. All indications are that the ongoing drought and warm temperatures could lead to an extremely busy fire season. At Berkeley Humane, we are prepared to respond to the evacuation of a public animal shelter that finds itself behind the fire lines.

For over 125 years the volunteers and staff at Berkeley Humane have dedicated themselves to meeting the needs of every animal in our care. Whether they come to us directly from the public, through partner shelters and rescue groups, or an emergency mass evacuation, every pet deserves the same level of quality care.

Our volunteers and fosters, who provide thousands of hours of support each year, are among the most loving and dedicated people in our community.

It is also true that without the resources provided by you, our donor, we would struggle to meet the needs of the shelter animals throughout the Bay Area and beyond. Thank you for supporting our work and for saving the lives of so many deserving pets.

With gratitude,



Munchie, From the Street to Our Hearts

Most cats born on the streets cannot learn to live with people once they are beyond kittenhood. Munchie however, was a different kind of feral cat. In April, a local rescue group noticed this scruffy cat who was approachable and curious about people. He was brought to Berkeley Humane where he needed urgent care for external wounds and dehydration.

Munchie's demeanor was gentle and his injuries were most likely from attacks by other feral cats. It took him a while to get used to his new indoor surroundings—he was hesitant to even eat. But after a few days he warmed up to his many admirers (have you seen those green eyes!?)—accepting head scratches and treats, even playing with toys.

His first time in a home was at his fosters' where he acclimated quickly and learned to use the litterbox. We were delighted to learn he was comfortable and accepting of affection because it meant that Munchie could be adopted!

Looking to be rescued from the streets



Abandoned as a puppy and left to die



Best in Show — Stories from Beyond the Shelter is a storytelling competition and event on October 15, 2021 that celebrates the rescue pets who fill our lives with love.

Special guest, Pulitzer Prize winning author Jennifer Egan!

Submit Your Story!

Make us laugh or make us cry, tell us about a meaningful experience you had with a rescue pet!

Accepting submissions now through September 15, 2021

berkeleyhumane.org/best-in-show

Expert Medical Care + Professional Training = Love!

We will never know why this puppy was abandoned on the side of a busy road. She was sick, scared, and helpless. She was only a few steps away from being killed by a car, but was brought to Berkeley Humane in time. When she arrived she was suffering from severe demodex, better known as mange, caused by parasitic mites. The mange lead to secondary bacterial and fungal infections. It was clear her medical treatment would take months to make her healthy again, but those medical needs were only part of the story.

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Recovering from surgery

It didn't take long before Munchie stole the heart of a San Francisco resident. Now, he lives like a prince in a high-rise castle overlooking the City By The Bay.

Without the generosity and compassion of donors like you, Munchie would very likely have suffered on the streets and had a premature death.

Your donations to our Hope Medical Fund make it possible for animals, like Munchie, to go from the streets to living the highlife with all of the love they deserve.

Thank you!



From sleeping under cars to a warm snuggly bed



Enjoying his new lease on life



We are honored to be the Best in the East Bay!

Thank you to everyone who voted in the East Bay Express “Best of the East Bay 2021” contest.

- ① Best Animal Adoption Center
- ② Best Animal Rescue Group
- ③ Best Virtual Charity Event (Best in Show)

Fire Season, A New Normal

Over the last two years, the wildfires have forced hundreds of thousands of people—and their pets—to evacuate.

When disaster strikes, we go where we can do the most good. Berkeley Humane goes towards the fires to help partner shelters in Marin and Sonoma County. We have and will continue to transport their most medically-needy shelter animals to Berkeley Humane when they are overcrowded, without power, and in the path of danger.

This fire season will be no different. Your donations make it possible for Berkeley Humane to answer the call for help all season long.



Parasitic Infection left her skin raw with no fur

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At only a few months old she was tipping the scale at 40 pounds—a good indication that she was going to be a big dog. While all dogs benefit from training, larger dogs are often more challenging to adopt, and if left untrained, her prospects for a loving home would be slim. Berkeley Humane’s professional trainers jumped into action to ensure that as much attention was paid to her training at this critical stage of development, while her medical needs were being addressed.

We named our new rescued puppy Senara. A training plan was developed and with dedication from our volunteers, foster, and staff, we witnessed her complete transformation. She was almost unrecognizable from the sick and scared puppy who first arrived at our door. Senara’s fur grew back. Her manners improved and her spirit was high. She was now 50 pounds and almost 1 year-old, it was time to go home!

She did not have to wait too long for a new loving family and, as if there was not already a lot to celebrate, her adoption became final on her birthday—the best gift any shelter dog could wish for! Your support provided the medical and behavior resources to save Senara and give her the new life she deserves.



Months into treatment