



# Together We Save Pets

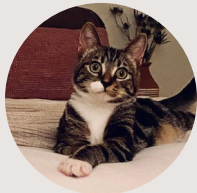
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**ELSIE**

"She's rolling around on her back, smiling, as I write this to you...We love her so much!"

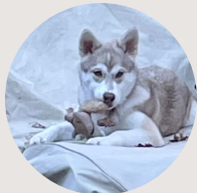
-Rona, Adopter



**LADY**

"She's so special and we believe we were meant for each other. "

-Jamie & Daniel, Adopters



**WINTER**

"Winter is settling in and doing great. She's a very happy pup now that she has a big brother."

-Amy, Adopter

## Living and Loving: A New Life After Hoarding

You see the stories in the media all too often. Someone who started with good intentions accumulates a large number of animals and then quickly becomes overwhelmed. We have seen people with large numbers of animals in their care struggling to provide minimal standards of nutrition, sanitation, and veterinary care. They can fail to act on the deteriorating condition of the animals including disease, starvation, and even death. In overcrowded conditions, it can become impossible to maintain a sanitary environment which can negatively impact the health of both the people and the animals in the home.

Ripley, a four-year-old Chihuahua was transported from a local home with dozens of dogs and cats when the owners/guardians had become overwhelmed. Ripley and the other animals we took into our care all had medical and behavioral needs. Ripley had untreated allergies that led to a terrible skin infection, scabby patches, and hair loss due to constant scratching.

After receiving a thorough medical examination we began a treatment of antibiotics, prescription food, and medicated shampoo to help relieve his pain.



Ripley: Ready to start a new, safer and healthier life

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To reduce overpopulation of dogs and cats in the San Francisco Bay Area, Berkeley Humane offers low-cost spay and neuter services. Because of your support, families can access critical services and resources regardless of their financial abilities. We believe that when these services are made accessible, pet guardians are more likely to spay and neuter their pets, which prevents unplanned litters and alleviates overcrowding in local shelters.

For more information or to schedule an appointment: [spaythebay.org](http://spaythebay.org)



Mim and her family are longtime students of Train the Bay courses:

“Train the Bay has been tremendously helpful with my two dogs. I have done many classes over the past 9 years and all have been well designed, positive, and fun. I also love the personal attention as well as the videos and handouts. It is obvious the goal is for you and your dog to be successful. My previous dog and I took several classes to ready her to become a therapy dog and because of encouragement and patience from Nancy and Dee, my dog and I were an excellent therapy team. My current dog is now taking training classes so that he, too, can become a therapy dog.

“I love the variety of classes offered and highly recommend them to anyone wanting their dog to learn something new.”

Learn more and join a class:  
[trainthebay.org](http://trainthebay.org)

## A Message From Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director

So many of us were excited to see the end to 2021—with the new year brimming full of hope, like the first flowers of spring. The dogs and cats don't know that anything is different. They wake up, get breakfast, go on walks or get playtime, and get lots of love from volunteers and staff. This can only happen because of generous donors like you.

The stories you'll read here—from a dog whose owner knew they couldn't care for the number of pets they had, to the staggering number of kittens we care for every year—are a testament to your love of animals.

As we're learning to live with the pandemic, keeping the best parts of the changes that have been forced on us, we're glad to still have you with us.

With gratitude,



## Newborn Kittens Without Milk Will Die Within Hours

As soon as the daytime temperatures begin to warm hundreds of kittens are born throughout our community. While the lucky ones have a nursing mom, at least 10% of the kittens rushed to Berkeley Humane are younger than 4 weeks old and will not survive without quick intervention. Every year we train special “bottle-baby” volunteers who have committed to spend long hours and many weeks working to save the lives of these tiny little animals. In the early days, a kitten must be fed a special formula every two hours, day and night. The kittens are also kept warm with heating pads because they are so small they cannot easily regulate their body temperature.

In recent months over 400 kittens were transported to Berkeley Humane from individuals in our community or public shelters throughout California...

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## What Would Happen to Your Pets If Something Happened to You?

Our dogs and cats are everything to us—make sure they are protected in case something happens.

A living trust, will, or other legal document is critical to ensure that your wishes are met—including proper care for your pets.

Berkeley Humane has partnered with FreeWill to provide an easy online tool to help you make your plans.

Your loving gift will have a lasting impact on the animals who need it the most.

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



Jupiter showing her new winning smile

## From Excruciating Dental Pain to A New Loving Family

When we met Jupiter, a 2-year-old Pitbull mix, at an overcrowded public shelter, we were immediately smitten with her affectionate and gentle personality. She charmed everyone she met!

But one look in her mouth told a different story. Jupiter was in urgent need of major dental surgery—a procedure that can easily run thousands of dollars. The public shelter didn't have the resources to take this on, and they knew that the state of her teeth would be a major barrier to her getting adopted, so they asked us to help.

Thanks to Hope Medical Fund donors, we were able to book an appointment quickly with a specialist veterinarian who could perform the complicated dental surgery that

Jupiter needed. This expensive procedure included extracting 2 canine teeth.

On the way into the surgery, we gave Jupiter a scratch on the ear and told her it would get better soon. She responded with a little lick, like she was telling us, “I know. I trust you to take care of me.”

Jupiter went to a loving foster home to recover, and if anything, she got sweeter! Now that Jupiter's pain was gone, her tail wagged even more and she just wanted to be friends with everyone she met. The foster family was as smitten as everyone else who met her—so much so that they decided to adopt her themselves!

Thank you for all you do for each of the animals that passes through the doors of Berkeley Humane. We know Jupiter would love to thank each of you, too, with an excited greeting of tail wags and bounding towards you!







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...except one very special kitten from Houston. Cherri was found abandoned and alone in the middle of a large parking lot at the Houston International Airport. By coincidence, one of our experienced kitten fosters had a layover in Houston after visiting family in Minnesota. She intervened and knew she could safely transport the kitten back to California. Cherri was allowed to board the flight. Somehow she knew she was out of harm's way and slept the whole flight tucked safely in her new foster's sweatshirt. Hours later Cherri received a medical check and became a Berkeley Humane kitten.

Not all kittens are as lucky as Cherri. This spring we will be prepared to respond to the hundreds of kittens who need a fighting chance at life. And you, our donors, are part of the fight. Today our dedicated volunteers are gearing up to provide loving care, necessary vaccines, and life-saving formula. By providing the resources they need to respond, we will ensure being born on the street was just a challenge these kittens overcame on their way to a new loving home. You can learn more at [berkeleyhumane.org/kitten-season](http://berkeleyhumane.org/kitten-season)

**Have An Impact:** Berkeley Humane is one of the first animal welfare organizations to accept gifts of cryptocurrencies. Please see our website to learn additional options for giving, including stock and real estate. [www.berkeleyhumane.org/donate](http://www.berkeleyhumane.org/donate)



## Living and Loving: A Life After Hoarding

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Due to his upbringing, Ripley was good with other dogs but was incredibly shy around people. We designed a behavior plan just for him to help him feel safe and gradually choose to come out of his shell. He received lots of love and individualized attention and he began to thrive. After several months in our care, the day finally came when he was ready for a new loving family of his own.

Ripley did not have to wait long. A family had recently lost one of their Chihuahuas which had left an

8-pound hole in their lives. Ripley was a great new fit in every way. He now has only 3 siblings, all just about his size, and two very doting new parents. According to the family, Ripley, who is now Winston, is enjoying life and his new little pack. They shared that he "loves to be loved and loves his family right back!"

Rescue efforts such as these are only made possible by donors like you who provide the resources necessary to respond to animals like Ripley. Every animal deserves a loving home to call their own, and we are grateful that you make this happen.

