

2017-2021

IMPACT REPORT



**BERKELEY
HUMANE**

Kittens Jingle and Jangle were transported from Southern California to Berkeley Humane to help increase their chance of adoption.



DEAREST FRIEND

The last few years have seen monumental changes in every facet of our lives—and the way Berkeley Humane saves animals has been no exception. The demands on our organization to change came so quickly and dramatically that we wanted to take this opportunity to provide perspective on where we came from, how we have adapted and thrived, and what our future holds.

This report takes a look back five years, from when we were successfully focused on transporting animals in need of medical and behavior care from public shelters, to the early days of the pandemic when our hospital was declared an essential service, to expanding our pet food pantry and community services to meet the emergency needs of pet families.

We know none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the support of so many incredible people. Our volunteers and staff are some of the best folks working in animal welfare anywhere in the country. Our donors, corporate and community partners make our life-saving work possible. Thank you for loving the animals as much as we do.

Jeffrey Zerwekh
Executive Director

2017-2021 HIGHLIGHTS

TRANSFORMED ANIMAL CARE & ADOPTIONS

Continued care and adoption of shelter animals during Covid-19 and mandated shut-downs.

RESPONDED TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

Expanded resources for community pets and guardians facing hardships due to the pandemic.

HELPED BEYOND THE BAY AREA

Transported dogs and cats out of wildfires' paths, and from overcrowded situations in Orange County and even Oklahoma!

Celebrating Community



A foster learns how to feed a newborn kitten. These fragile "bottle babies" need to be fed every 2-3 hours, and require meticulous care for up to two months before adoption.

28,602

MEDICAL PROCEDURES

When a dog or cat arrives at Berkeley Humane, one of the first things that happens is a complete medical examination. Our experienced medical team ensures that everything—from their teeth to their tail—is healthy before a dog or cat becomes available for adoption.

The Hope Medical Fund underwrites the costs of these procedures, which can include setting broken bones, mass removal, dental surgery, eye surgery, and spays and neuters. Donors like you mean we can say yes to the complicated and expensive medical cases when urgent care is needed to take away the pain.

20,775
SHELTER MEDICINE

Between 2017-21, we performed 20,775 exams, vaccinations, and surgeries for shelter dogs and cats in our care.

2,884
PUBLIC SPAYS
& NEUTERS

In five years, 2,884 pet dogs and cats in our community got spayed and neutered through our low-cost Spay the Bay clinic.

1,709
PUBLIC VACCINES

1,709 core vaccines were provided to pet dogs and cats, preventing disease and subsequent medical surrenders.

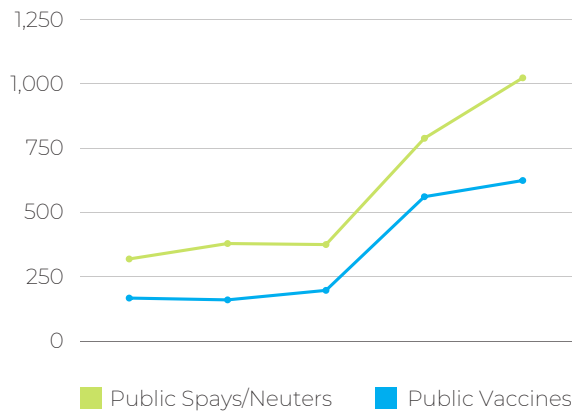
In addition to shelter animals, we provide essential medical services to family pets through our low-cost Spay the Bay program. With weekly spay/neuter appointments and quarterly vaccine clinics, pet families throughout the Bay Area can find affordable medical care at Berkeley Humane.



In November 2021, Billie arrived at Berkeley Humane with a dangerous eye infection. We immediately provided treatment and after just two weeks in our care, Billie found love in her new adopted family.

SPAY THE BAY

When we saw an exponential increase in need for these services during the pandemic, we responded by doubling the spay/neuter appointments and growing the vaccine clinics.



We continue to expand our services to support our community's needs, including essential medical services.



Photo by volunteer photographer Polina Gupaliuk.

3,323

BEHAVIOR ADVICE RECIPIENTS

For 35 years, Train the Bay has offered a wide variety of classes with proven curriculum, small class sizes, and certified instructors. In 2020, we moved it entirely online to continue to support dog guardians during the pandemic. Our "Zoom Graduates" learned in the comfort of their own living rooms from experienced trainers. As we have been able to open in-person classes, we have kept some of them online to make sure that as many people as possible can participate.

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.

TRAIN THE BAY

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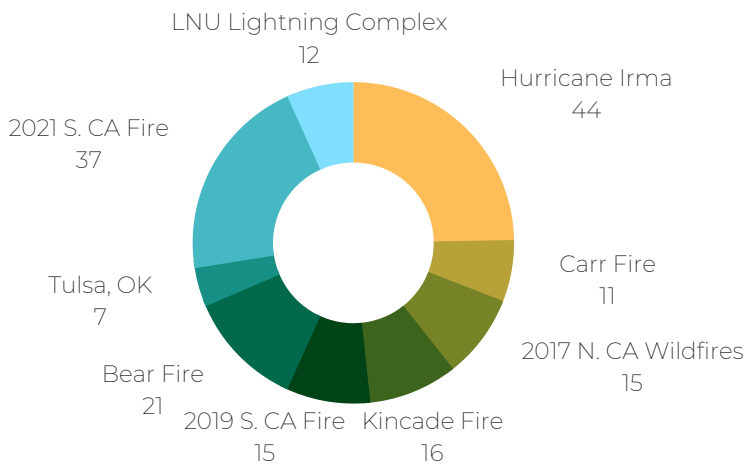
DISASTER RESCUES

Berkeley Humane has responded to emergencies and disasters far and wide. Our volunteers and staff are always ready to do whatever it takes to ensure that shelter animals are out of harm's way—from smoke-filled public shelters where we quickly load up all the animals into transport vehicles to large-scale relief flights with multiple agencies coordinating relief efforts.

Once the animals are safe at Berkeley Humane they receive medical attention, soft bedding, toys, treats, ear scratches, and a volunteer reassuring them that they no longer need to be scared.



OUR DISASTER RESPONSE



Between 2017-2021, Berkeley Humane responded to nine disasters across the country, each time allocating timely resources to save vulnerable disaster victims.



Grace was rescued from the 2020 Bear Fire. The senior dog had a malformed foot, multiple masses, and teeth that needed to be removed. After multiple surgeries and a prescription for liver medication, she was healthy. She stayed with a foster family who took her for daily walks in a baby carriage, before she was adopted by a loving family.



Berkeley Humane driving into smoke and ashes and towards fire victims who desperately await our rescue from injuries and trauma.



Photo by volunteer photographer Polina Gupaliuk.

Berkeley Humane took Pudge into our care in June of 2019. At just two months old, Pudge was a big puppy weighing over twenty pounds and growing bigger by the minute! We gave Pudge a nutritious diet to support his puppy energy, lots of treats, plenty of socialization, and most importantly, love. It wasn't long before we sent Pudge off to start his adventure with his newly adopted family.

4,783
ANIMALS ADOPTED

Berkeley Humane supports animal shelters and rescues far and wide by transporting dogs and cats in desperate need of individualized care.

During the pandemic, weekly transports all but stopped due to public shelters closing their doors. We worked quickly to reach out to private hospitals and community members who had pets in need of care.

All of our animals were placed in Foster Care and we developed a new online adoption process so pets could be adopted directly from our fosters.

With public shelters re-opening, we continue to utilize fosters for animals who thrive in a home setting, which allows us to serve hundreds of dogs and cats beyond the walls of our shelter.

KEEPING FAMILIES *Together*

PET FOOD PANTRY

Prior to the pandemic, we distributed approximately 5,500 lbs of pet food annually. When we saw the need increase exponentially in our community in 2020, we responded, and have distributed 55,134 lbs in 2020 and 64,492 lbs in 2021—over 60 tons since the beginning of the pandemic.

BEHAVIOR ADVICE LINE

Especially as people sheltered in place, they discovered the bad habits their pets had picked up! 2,167 people took advantage of free behavior support advice from our certified trainers for issues such as excessive barking, resource guarding, walking on leash, and more.



Keeping dogs and cats out of the shelter is vital to the health of the community's pets. Berkeley Humane has several programs to support pet families.

VIDEO RESOURCES

We released a library of training and behavior videos so families had even more ways to engage with their pets.

ANIMAL SURRENDERS

When there was no other alternative, we accepted animal surrenders. In 2020, we started accepting courtesy listings so owners could facilitate rehoming without the animal ever coming into the shelter.

END OF LIFE SERVICES

To compassionately support pet guardians, we offer a free virtual pet loss support group and low-cost euthanasia.

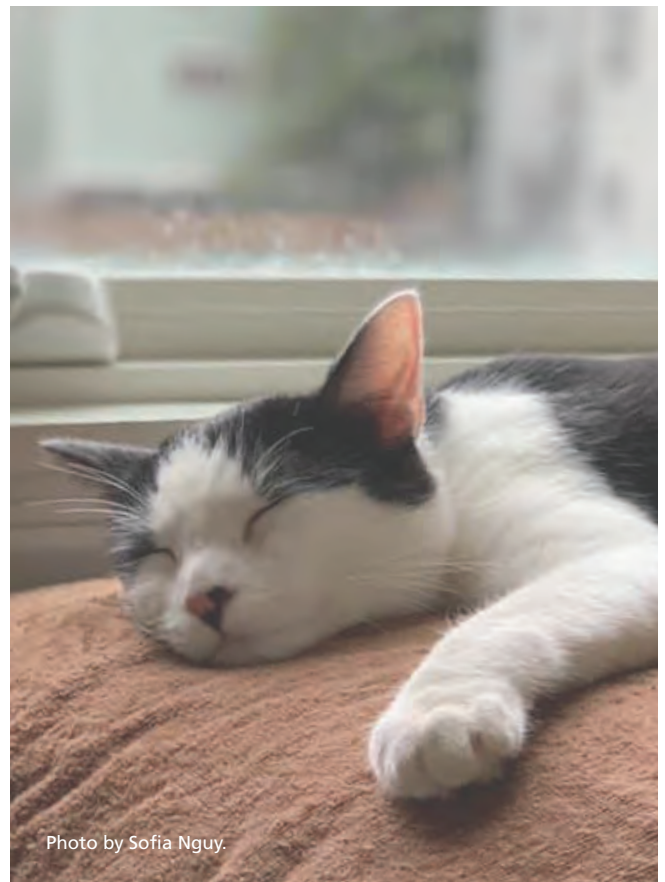


Photo by Sofia Nguy.



Bay Area AND BEYOND

Berkeley Food Network

CORE (Contra Costa County program Coordinated Outreach Referral and Engagement)

Hold Your Horses Livestock Evacuation and Response Team

World Central Kitchen (OUSD)

East of Eden

Kitten Central

Forgotten Felines

ICRA

Fieldhaven

Paw Fund

Goldie & Papi's

Antioch Animal Services

Berkeley Animal Care Services

Cat Town

City of Stockton Animal Services

City of Tracy Animal Shelter

Community Concern for Cats

Contra Costa Animal Services

Contra Costa Humane Society

East County Animal Shelter

Friends of Alameda Animal Shelter

Animal welfare is an all-hands-on-deck undertaking, and we are so grateful to partner with shelters, rescues, and nonprofits across the area and beyond to save more lives together.

Family Dog Rescue

Haven Humane Society

Hayward Animal Services

Hopalong Rescue

Humane Society of Broward County

Humane Society of Tulsa

Jelly's Place

Kern Project

Long Beach Animal Care Services

Marin Humane

Napa County Animal Shelter

Northwest SPCA

Oakland Animal Services

Orange County Animal Care

PAWS Clinic

Pets in Need

San Francisco Animal Care and Control

Solano County Animal Care Services

Sonoma County Animal Services

Tri-City Animal Shelter

The Little Lion Foundation

White Kitty Foundation

294,457

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Berkeley Humane—they save animals every day. Volunteers run the gamut from animal care, to training and fundraising, to supporting the Pet Food Pantry and Thrift Shop. When the pandemic struck in 2020, our volunteer needs changed and volunteers responded, bringing animals into their homes to foster. Volunteers have dedicated almost 300,000 hours over the past five years. Thank you to our volunteers!



Ernest spent more than 300 days at Berkeley Humane—many of those with a foster family. Both of them are superheroes!

Photo shared by volunteer foster Erin Edens.

3,295

FOSTERED ANIMALS

When the shelter at home order was enacted in 2020, we moved every single animal into a foster home in one day. This dedicated group of very special volunteers care so deeply for the dogs and cats, and provide a vital opportunity for the pet to decompress in a comfortable home.

3,295 dogs and cats were fostered between 2017 and 2021.





Our Future

BAY AREA ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER

Berkeley Humane has a long and distinguished history, due to living in the present while looking toward the future.



The new Bay Area Animal Resource Center (BAARC) will be more than a shelter—it will be a comprehensive pet resource center that features state-of-the-art veterinary, adoption, training, and education programs for the community.



With the opening of BAARC, we will continue our promise to find loving homes for 100% of the adoptable animals brought through our doors. We are currently securing leadership level gifts from generous donors to help make BAARC a reality.

BAARC



EVERY DOLLAR *Saves Lives*

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. Expand your gift this year at berkeleyhumane.org/donate.

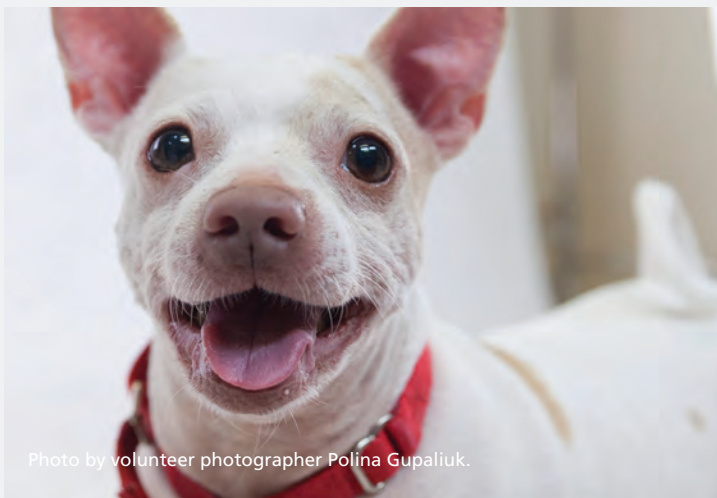


Photo by volunteer photographer Polina Gupaliuk.



Photo shared by volunteer foster Chiaki Treynor.

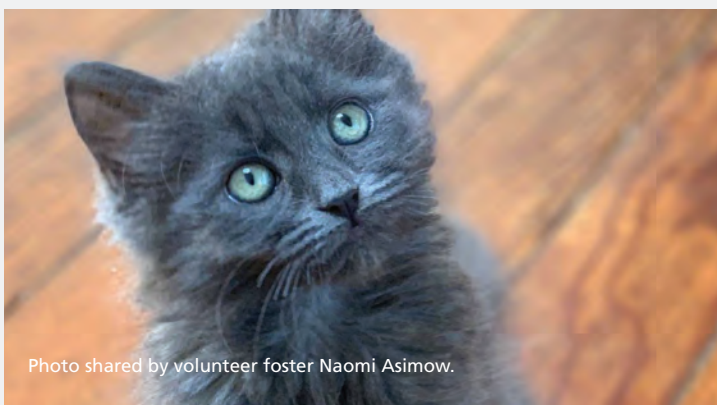
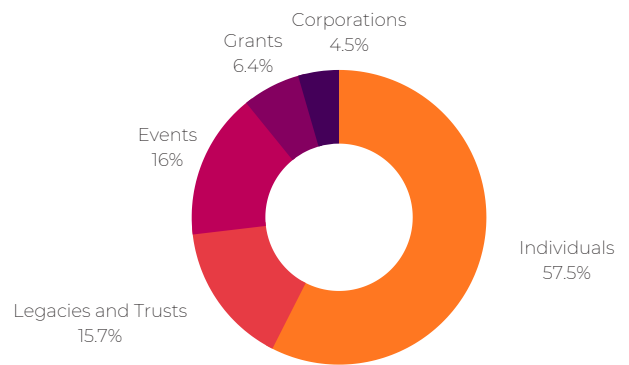


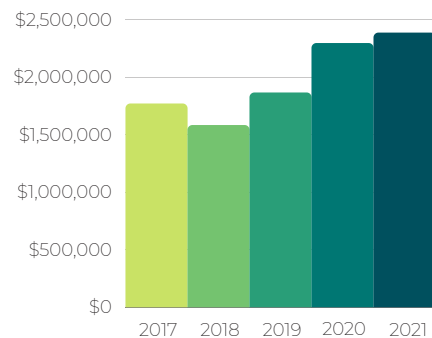
Photo shared by volunteer foster Naomi Asimow.

REVENUE SOURCE

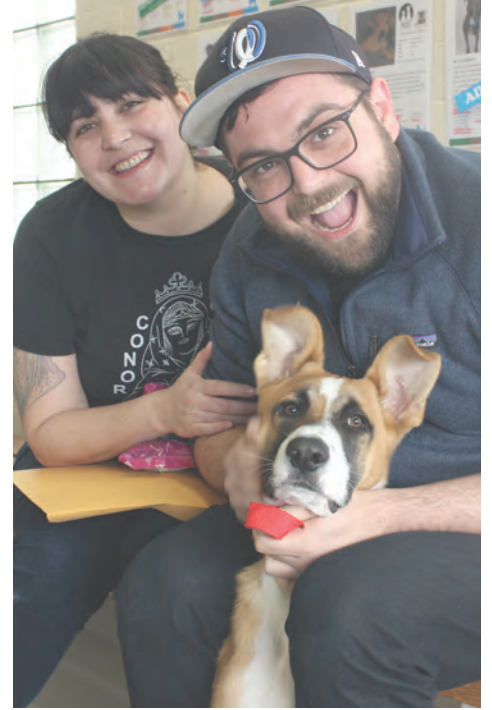


As an independent non-profit organization, our efforts are made possible by individual donors who donate cash, stocks, assets, and name us in their trusts. Additionally, we raise funds through events, grants, and by partnering with philanthropic corporations.

REVENUE GROWTH



As we continue to expand our programs in order to support more dogs, cats, and pet guardians, we need more funding than ever to sustain our mission.



WE FOUND LOVE
Going Home



We are so grateful to our amazing community for being a part of our legacy. From our shelter partners, medical experts, volunteers, fosters, donors, adopters, amongst countless others—the love, generosity and dedication shown to the vulnerable dogs and cats whom we serve is both humbling and inspiring. Thank you to everyone who played a role in the long journey of sending a shelter dog or cat on its way to a loving home.

Our Sincere Gratitude



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The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is a nonprofit organization serving the people and animals of our greater Bay Area community by providing life-saving programs for cats and dogs, cultivating compassion, and strengthening the human-animal bond.

To sustain and expand our century-long, privately-funded efforts, we rely on the generosity of our animal-loving community to adopt, volunteer, and donate.

We are thankful to our growing supporters—who we affectionately consider our “Berkeley Humane family”—and enthusiastically welcome like-minded animal lovers to join our family.



Tarragon, adopted 2019.

Photo by volunteer photographer Polina Gupaliuk.