



Together We Save Pets

Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society
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NIKKI

"She brings love and joy into our lives every single day."

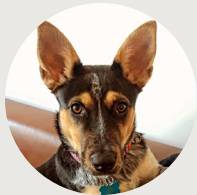
-Jessica, Adopter



NOKHOD & FISTIK

"They bring our family lots of joy with their antics, cuddles and playfulness."

-Negar, Adopter



EVIE

"She is loving, super sweet, and full of energy so she's always ready for an adventure!"

-Jieda & Jack, Adopters

From Painful Vision to Seeing Love, Thanks to You!

Dexter, a five-year-old looking Boston Terrier, was transported to our hospital from a shelter in the Central Valley with a significant mass on his left eye. This was an unusual injury because it was on his cornea in the center of his eyeball. It was likely caused by significant trauma which was not treated and resulted in the formation of a large inclusion cyst.

While it must have been causing him significant pain and discomfort, you would never know it from his charming and friendly disposition. From a medical perspective, the easiest thing would have been to remove his eye, but we were determined to save his eye and eliminate his suffering.

Our medical team consulted with a veterinary ophthalmologist who connected us with the UC Davis Veterinary Medical program and asked them to take Dexter on as a special case. They determined Dexter was a candidate for a groundbreaking new surgery with a good chance that most of his vision would be restored. During the surgery they found and removed a small foreign object from his eye...



Dexter, before his surgery

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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

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.

Learn more and join a class: trainthebay.org



A Message From Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director

For 127 years Berkeley Humane has provided vital programs and services to the animals in our community—and the people who love them.

While our work is often referred to as Animal Welfare, the truth is that for all of the animals we save, medical care we provide, trainings we offer, and adoptions we facilitate it is all completely dependent on people who love animals as much as we do.

We are grateful for the generosity and financial support from our community and we work every day to earn your trust, to stretch every dollar, and to continue to provide all the care and love our animals deserve. While the work can be emotionally and physically challenging at times, we remain honored to be of service and humbled by your ongoing support.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JEFFREY". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'J' and a trailing flourish.



Fewer Teeth, Big Loving Hearts

On first glance Pookie, a seven-year-old female Tabby, came across as one laid-back cat. One volunteer even compared her demeanor to 'the dude' in *The Big Lebowski*—that's how mellow she was. But, for our experienced team, they had a hunch that things may not be as they seem.

Pookie was transported to Berkeley Humane from a shelter in Solano County with no indication that she had any medical needs, but after a full evaluation we determined that she had some terrible teeth that must have been causing her incredible pain. Her blood tests also came back positive for Feline Leukemia (FeLV).

FeLV is not curable and may ultimately reduce her lifespan, but she has a regressive infection. This means the infection is dormant, so hopefully, it will not cause health issues for her in the future. We knew that if we improved her overall health, she could still live many years with a great





Big Mystery in a Tiny Package!

by Ian Goodbar, Foster Coordinator

For the hundreds of sick animals that we treat every year, each one is a unique medical and behavioral mystery that needs to be solved, and sometimes, the most complicated cases come in the smallest of packages.

That was true for Jeordie, a Lynx Point Siamese cat, who was transported to Berkeley Humane in September 2021. At only 4-months-old he appeared to have a nasty case of conjunctivitis. The skin around his eyes was badly irritated, which was not out of the ordinary for a young kitten living on the streets. We treated him with medicated eye drops and expected it to clear up in a matter of days.

Unfortunately, his symptoms didn't improve, and even seemed to get worse. The redness around his eyes spread all over from his ears to his toes, his...

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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.

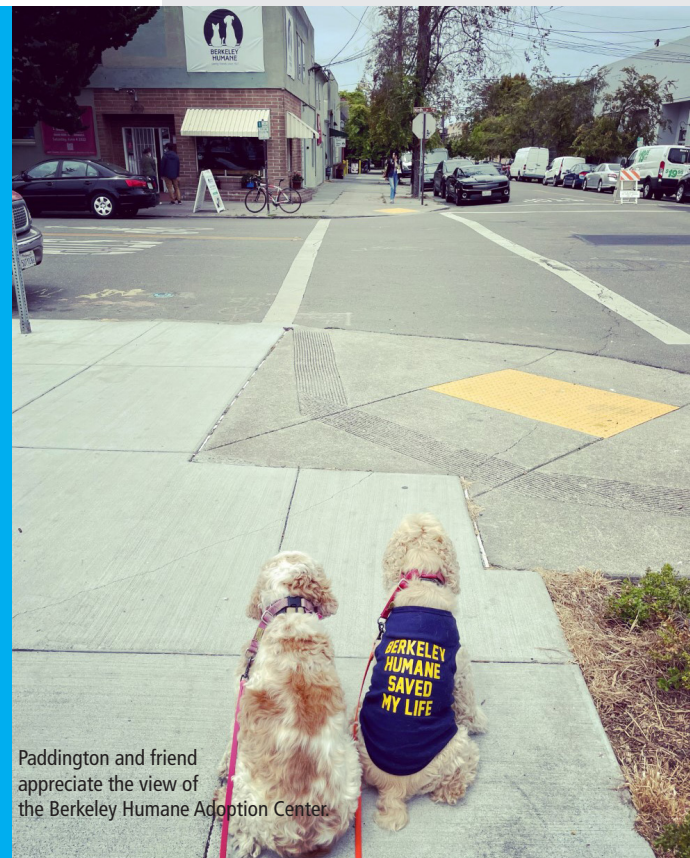
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planned-giving](https://berkeleyhumane.org/planned-giving)

quality of life. Pookie was immediately scheduled for dental surgery.

Pookie isn't alone when it comes to needing urgent dental work. Often, dental procedures are costly, making them a significant barrier to an animal's adoption and causes potential adopters to skip over them in the public shelters. The longer they go without appropriate medical care, the more their health can deteriorate, putting them at risk for euthanasia.

In order to save more animals, dental work has become one of the most important surgeries we provide. In the past five years, we performed more than 260 dental surgeries and helped these animals find their loving homes, just with a few less teeth.

Your support of the Hope Medical Fund allowed us to save Pookie and introduce her to her new loving home. We can all celebrate that 'the dude' is happy, healthy, and living the life she deserves.



Paddington and friend appreciate the view of the Berkeley Humane Adoption Center.



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 2022" contest.



- ① Best Nonprofit Organization
- ② Best Animal Rescue Group
- ③ Best Dog Trainer (Train the Bay)
- ④ Best Charitable Event (Pints for Paws)

Big Mystery in a Tiny Package!(continued from page 3)

...skin became crusty and he began losing his hair. He spent most of his days hiding away, and while he always took his medication like a champ, he never really opened up to our volunteers or staff. We soon realized that his behavior was being affected by a rare chronic allergy. After weeks of trial and error, we finally found a special prescription hypoallergenic diet and daily allergy medicine, an immunosuppressing drug called Atopica, that worked for him.

His gorgeous white fur and striking blue eyes were now as clear as day. Not only did his redness disappear, he began to act like a normal kitten! His sweet, playful side was starting to shine through.

Jeordie's new care regimen would include a monthly injection to keep his skin condition from recurring, which is not something most adopters are willing to take on. We knew it could take a long time to find the right match, so he was the perfect candidate for our Foster to Family program. After 6 months of love and care in a foster home, he was finally adopted by a new family—which included a veterinarian, so now he will receive expert care for the rest of his life!



We never know what to expect when the next animal comes through our doors. It's only because of support from donors like you that we have the resources to solve these medical mysteries and set them up for long, happy, and healthy lives.

Make An Impact: Your donation will provide life-saving medical care and programs for hundreds of cats and dogs each year. www.berkeleyhumane.org/donate



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...which was likely to have caused all of the issues.

The mass had formed on top of the object to try to protect the eye. A few weeks after surgery Dexter was recovering nicely and available for adoption. It didn't take long for him to win over his new family. Now Dexter gets to enjoy all of their love—and see all the toys and treats that come his way! Dexter's very special journey was made possible thanks to donors like you and for that our entire team, Dexter, and his new family are eternally grateful!