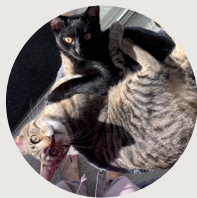




Together We Save Pets

Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society
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BASTET & RAMSES

"They've brought us so much love and joy!"

-Adam & Kris, Adopters



STEWY

"Stewy is crazy, fun and loving."

-Layla, Adopter



JAX

"He has been such a wonderful addition to our family."

-Danielle, Adopter

Declawing is Horrific and Abusive – But Where There Is Love, There is Hope

Declawing is the amputation of the last bone of each toe which would be like cutting off your fingers at the last knuckle. Declawing can cause paw and back pain, infection, tissue necrosis (tissue death) and lameness. Removing claws also changes the way a cat's foot meets the ground which can cause pain similar to wearing an uncomfortable pair of shoes.

Declawing is illegal in certain cities, including Berkeley. Auryn (named after the Celtic word for gold), a 4-year-old female cat, came to us having been declawed by her owner who failed to provide her the proper medical care to heal appropriately. In addition to the pain, she was also malnourished because it was so difficult for her to move to get to her food. It was clear she was going to need great medical care and a loving foster caregiver to nurse her back to health.

Despite the dire circumstances, her sweet nature shone through, and our volunteers and staff recognized there was something very special about Auryn. We were determined to do everything possible to heal her pain – both physical and emotional.

Auryn needed hospital visits several times a week to make sure her paws were healing. The care included an examination of her feet which would also need to be rebandaged, cleaned, and often re-sutured. This was an...

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Auryn feeling some love during recovery



You Are Having An Impact On Animal Overpopulation

Thanks to your support, families can access critical services and resources regardless of their financial abilities. To reduce the overpopulation of dogs and cats in the Bay Area, Berkeley Humane offers low-cost spay and neuter services. We have seen 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.

To learn more and join a class:
trainthebay.org



For free behavior advice, contact
Nancy Frensley at (510) 845-7735.

A Message From Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director

Like you, we love animals. For close to 130 years, our mission has been based on providing extraordinary, individualized care and ensuring every animal feels comfortable, safe, and loved. None of this would be possible without outstanding volunteers and staff.

Our volunteers dedicate over 50,000 hours each year in direct animal care and operational support. They walk dogs, clean kennels, feed, and give head scratches from early in the morning to the evening hours seven days a week, including holidays! Our fosters care for pets in their homes 24 hours a day for weeks at a time. These pets are recovering from surgery, getting extra socialization and training, or just taking a break from being in their kennels.

Our staff is among the best working in this field anywhere in the country. Their dedication and compassion have no limits. They are highly skilled professionals who keep the focus on the animals and the people who love them every single day.

And you, our donors, make all this possible. Every week more animals arrive with new medical challenges, care needs, and behavior questions. You provide the resources to ensure we jump into action with every transport, whether it is from a hoarding case, a public shelter, or a plane from Hawaii. Thank you for playing the most critical role in ensuring love and care for the pets who need it the most.

With gratitude,

JEFFREY



Island Girl Finds Love and Health on the Mainland

Lilo's name in Hawaiian means "generous one," because she freely showed her love to everyone she met, but that loving personality was hiding some very complicated medical issues.

Lilo, a 10-year-old female, came to us from the municipal shelter in Kona as part of our Aloha Dog Project. Dogs are transported by tourists back to Berkeley to have a better chance at adoption.

Her first medical exam made it clear she was going to be a big project for our volunteers and staff. Lilo's extensive dental disease was concerning, and xrays showed that her limp was the result of an old pelvis fracture, but the





Special emergency transport to save dogs from unsafe home

Save Even More Lives With Tax-Efficient Giving!

Non-cash gifts are often overlooked, but they can have an incredible impact by providing the resources needed to save more lives. Gifts of securities, real estate, vehicle donations and cryptocurrency are all tax-efficient ways to have a major impact on the lives of shelter animals.

More information is available at berkeleyhumane.org/gift

What Would Happen To Your Pets If Something Happened To You?

We have a fast and easy solution! You can create a will in only 20 minutes with our free estate planning tool kit.

berkeleyhumane.org.mylegacygift.org

The Impact of Hoarding: Treating Both Emotional and Physical Damage

Animal “hoarding” is when someone is housing more animals than they can adequately and appropriately care for. It is a complex issue that often encompasses mental health, animal welfare and public safety concerns.

When a hoarding case is discovered and an owner is cooperating, a rescue coalition is often formed among several partner organizations. The coalition must move quickly not only because the owner can change their mind, but also because the animals are usually sick, malnourished, and fighting for their lives.

Berkeley Humane recently joined with two other organizations to relocate...
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most serious issue was the mammary tumors along both sides of her abdomen that would require surgery. Because these surgeries would be extensive and taxing, they had to be performed in stages to give her time to heal between them.

To our relief, the pathology tests showed the tumors were benign, clearing the pathway for her to become available for adoption once she was healthy and recovered from her surgeries. It was heartwarming to see Lilo adopted, knowing her incredible journey and that if she did not get the chance to travel from Kona to Berkeley Humane, her life would likely have been cut short.

Thanks to your support, Lilo is now in a new safe home, healthy, happy and with many years ahead of her, surrounded by the love she deserves.

*Despite her pain,
Lilo loved everyone
she met*



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 2023" contest.

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

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...eighteen dogs that were living inside a small trailer outside Reno, Nevada. A volunteer from Nevada drove six dogs to Sacramento and met one of our transport volunteers at a rendezvous point. The dogs were then driven directly to our hospital for medical exams and treatment.

Not surprisingly, none of the dogs had been receiving anything close to adequate veterinary care. They also had internal and external parasites, including flea infestation and advanced dental disease, which meant several of them needed multiple dental extractions. None had been spayed or neutered.

It is important to note that treating their medical conditions is only one aspect of caring for pets from hoarding cases. Another concern is they are usually under-socialized. This is where the expertise of our volunteers and staff really comes into play. Each of the six dogs received a complete behavior assessment and is now on their own individual recovery plan. They are slowly learning to trust humans and are consistently rewarded as they come out of their shells. They're becoming more social every day and when they are ready, no matter how long it takes, they will be made available for adoption where they can start again with a new loving family.

It takes time and resources to retrain a pet who has lived through so much trauma. The resources and support you provide will give these dogs the best opportunity for a new life in a new loving home.

Pet Food Pantry Keeps People And Pets Together

For more than 30 years, our Pet Food Pantry has been providing food, treats, litter and other resources to families struggling to make ends meet. This volunteer-led program distributes more than 75,000 lbs of donated food annually to help pet families going through a difficult time caring for their pets. Your support helps keep families together and prevents more surrenders to the already overcrowded Bay Area shelters.



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..incredibly stressful process for her, but even so, she became used to the vet visits. She even started to willingly walk into her carrier when it was time for her checkups! Her foster family was completely devoted to her. In the beginning they spoon-fed her and gave her lots of love and cuddle time. She began to get her strength back and to trust people again, which, once fully healed, made her ready for adoption.

We are often called upon to care for pets who have experienced abuse and neglect, and as difficult as that can be, we are also privileged to be surrounded by people who provide the care and resources necessary to save pets like Auryn. She's now been adopted and is settling in nicely with her new loving family. Your support for our medical, foster, and adoption programs gave Auryn a new chance in life.



Exciting progress after many weeks of recovery