


2019-2023

# IMPACT REPORT

Blind at just a few months old, Chia's story started off grim and uncertain—until she was rescued by Berkeley Humane. Treated, cared for then adopted, she was renamed "Hope"—a reminder that with love and support from people like you, all homeless animals—regardless what they have been through, can Hope for a better future.



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A photograph of a man with glasses and a pink shirt, Jeffrey, smiling and holding a small brown and white puppy, Monarch, against his chest. The puppy is looking towards the camera.

Jeffrey saying "I'll see you later" to Monarch the puppy, before she flutters away into the home and hearts of her new family!

## DEAREST FRIEND

Whether working with families to keep their pets, or finding loving families for shelter animals, your generosity has been tremendously impactful the last five years.

Thanks to your support, we continue to advance our mission and significantly expand our reach. We've transferred animals needing medical treatment from over eighteen counties, organized kitten convoys from Southern California, and managed evacuation flights from Maui. Our ability to mobilize quickly and provide urgent medical care has saved thousands of lives. The dedicated volunteers and staff who ran these successful transfer operations saw the impact of your generosity in every adoption, medical success, and life saved.

We cannot do this without you. Our volunteers and staff are among the best in animal welfare. Our donors, and corporate and community partners make our lifesaving work possible. Your support allows us to respond to life-threatening conditions caused by overcrowding, limited resources, or natural disasters like wildfires.

Together we will continue to impact the lives of our shelter dogs and cats. Thank you for loving the animals as much as we do.

  
Jeffrey Zerwekh  
Executive Director

### 2019-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

#### **SUPPORTING OUR PARTNER SHELTERS STATEWIDE**

*We expanded our support of shelter partners post COVID-19 as pet surrenders continue to increase.*

#### **RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS**

*Strive to provide medical care and necessary resources to our community's pet owners, in order to prevent animals from being surrendered into the shelter system.*

#### **DISASTER RESPONSE BEYOND THE BAY AREA**

*Always prepared to mobilize and provide emergency relief to disaster victims throughout the country.*

*Celebrating Community*



Tomotona, one of our first "Aloha Dogs", found love and a second chance with his new family!

## ALOHA DOG PROJECT

In early 2022, we launched the "Aloha Dog Project" to provide relief to severely overcrowded Hawai'i shelters. Partnering with airlines and volunteers, we have successfully transplanted and found homes for dozens of shelter dogs who otherwise have no hope for adoption.





19,509  
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.

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SHELTER EXAMS

Between 2019-23, we performed 6,436 medical exams for dogs and cats in the shelter system.

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SPAY/NEUTER  
SURGERIES

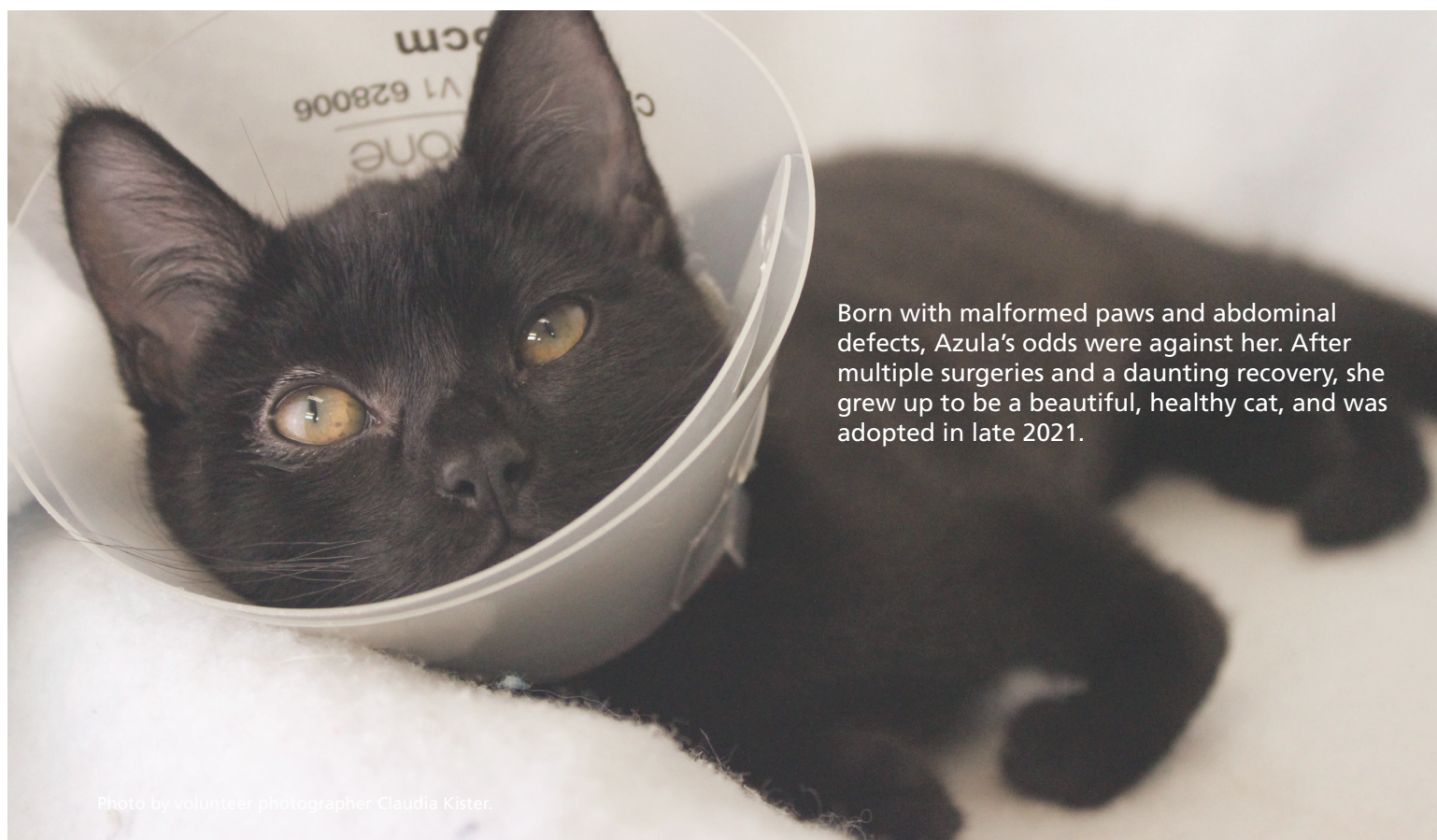
We spayed and neutered 6,043 dogs and cats over five years. 3,361 of which were low-cost surgeries offered through our Spay the Bay program.

7,030

VACCINES

7,030 core vaccines were provided to dogs and cats over the course of five years, preventing disease and medical surrenders.

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.



Born with malformed paws and abdominal defects, Azula's odds were against her. After multiple surgeries and a daunting recovery, she grew up to be a beautiful, healthy cat, and was adopted in late 2021.

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.

When we saw an exponential increase in need for these services during the pandemic, we responded by doubling the spay/neuter appointments and growing our Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic.



# 3,845

FREE BEHAVIOR ADVICE **RECIPIENTS**

For more than 40 years, our award-winning Train the Bay program has provided behavior and training services for the greater Bay Area.

We offer a wide variety of classes with proven curriculum, small class sizes, and certified trainers. From entry-level basic skills classes to specialized rally and tricks, Train the Bay deepens the human-dog bond and results in greater knowledge for our entire community.

Keeping dogs in their homes and out of shelters is at the heart of the no-cost behavior advice line that serves the Bay Area and beyond.

## TRAIN THE BAY

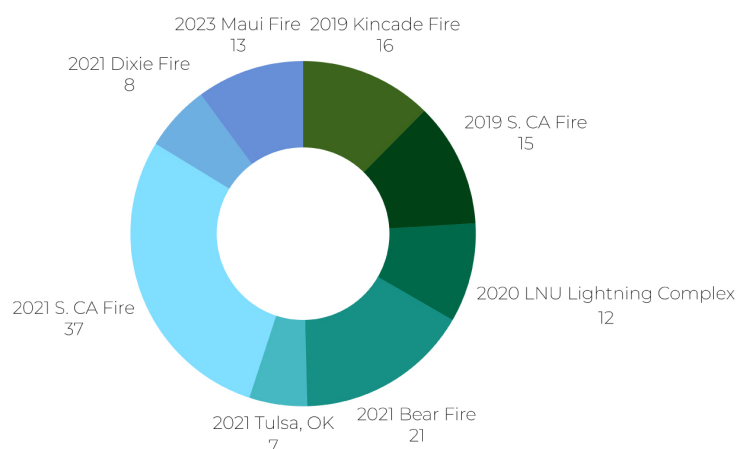
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## DISASTER RESCUES

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.

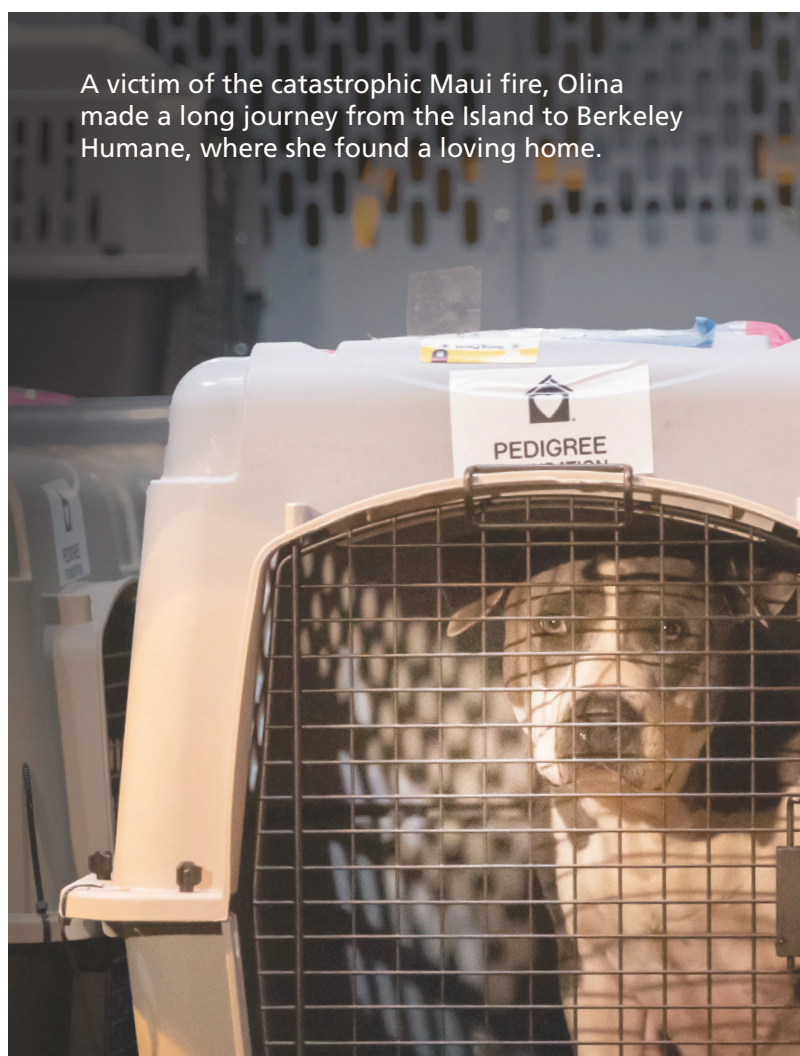
### OUR DISASTER RESPONSE



Between 2019-2023, Berkeley Humane responded to eight disasters across the country, each time allocating timely resources to save vulnerable disaster victims.



A victim of the catastrophic Maui fire, Olina made a long journey from the Island to Berkeley Humane, where she found a loving home.





In August of 2023, we stepped up to help the animals that were already available for adoption or in foster homes before the Maui wildfires started. In a matter of days, Berkeley Humane assembled a coalition of 6 Bay Area shelters and a national rescue partner to relocate over 64 dogs and cats. At the time, our shelter was already at capacity, but in times of disaster response, we work collaboratively with our partners to save lives.



Our adoption event Bark (& Meow) Around the Block plays a crucial role in saving shelter pets. When shelters near capacity, adoptions must happen quickly to prevent euthanasia due to lack of space. Every year we invite 30+ partner rescues and shelters to our adoption event to adopt out 150+ animals. Thanks to donors like you, Bark (& Meow) Around the Block is considered the largest single-location adoption event in all of California.



4,147  
ANIMALS ADOPTED

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

To continue our over 100 year tradition of placing 100% of healthy and treatable animals in loving homes, we provide the animals in our care with specialized attention to their emotional health including three daily enrichment outings for dogs; cat socialization activities such as grooming, playing, and opportunities to socialize with other cats; and daily reinforcement of good manners and behavior, as well as extensive veterinary care as needed.

# KEEPING FAMILIES *Together*

## PET FOOD PANTRY

Since 2019, the Pet Food Pantry has distributed 256,000 pounds of food to over 4,200 families. This support has ensured that countless pets remain fed and healthy at home with their families. The program has seen a 150% increase in pet families served since 2019.

## BEHAVIOR ADVICE LINE

More than 3,845 people since 2019 sought answers about their pets' behavior and were provided resources 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.

## COURTESY LISTINGS

In 2020, we started accepting courtesy listings so owners could facilitate rehoming without the animal ever coming into the shelter, ensuring a smooth transition and prioritizing the well-being of both pets and their families. More than 300 families have utilized this service.

## PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

This free pioneering program started 18 years ago and was the first of its kind. Meeting virtually once a month, the professionally-led group provides a safe and understanding space for individuals all the way from Maui, Texas, New England, the Midwest and East Coast to share their experiences and find solace. Over the past five years alone, it has helped 3,900 people navigate their grief, supporting the emotional well-being of the community.





# 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  
 County of Hawai'i  
 East County Animal Shelter  
 Friends of Alameda Animal Shelter

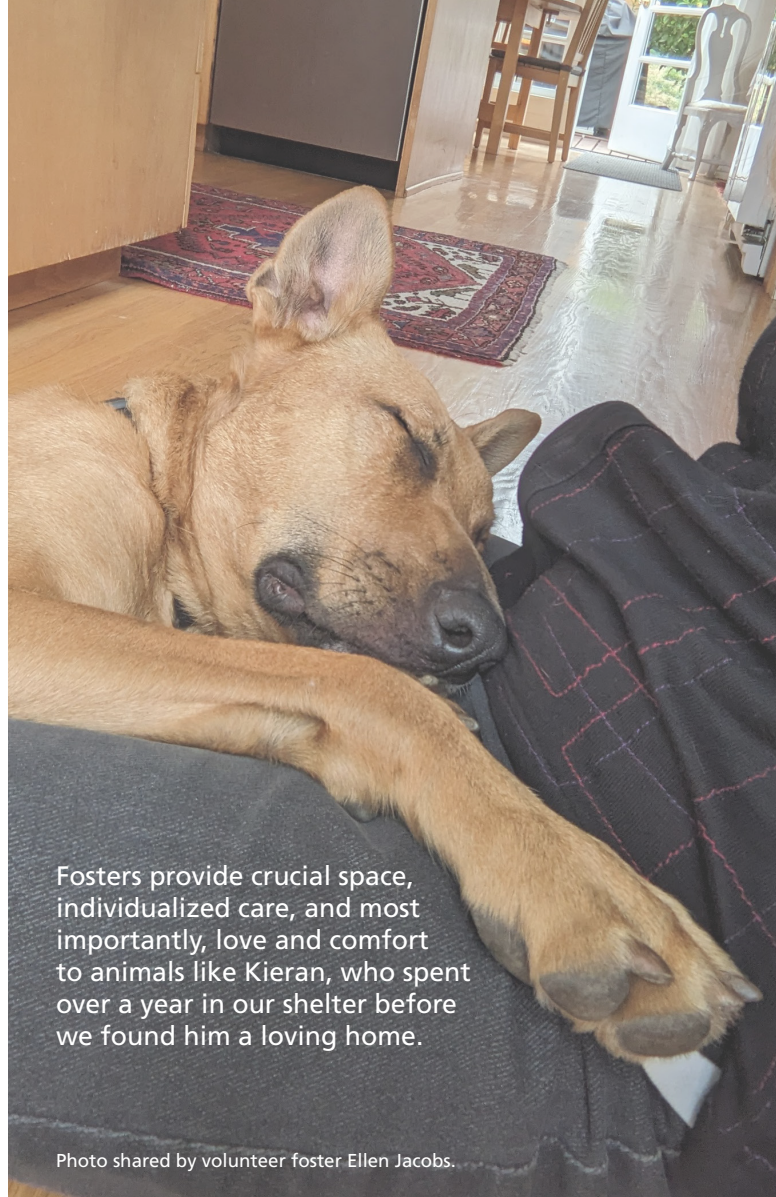
Animal welfare is an all-hands-on-deck undertaking, and we are so grateful to partner with shelters, rescues, and nonprofits across the area and beyond to save more lives together.

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  
 PAWS of Hawai'i  
 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

# 272,929

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!



Fosters provide crucial space, individualized care, and most importantly, love and comfort to animals like Kieran, who spent over a year in our shelter before we found him a loving home.

Photo shared by volunteer foster Ellen Jacobs.

# 4,212

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.

4,212 dogs and cats were fostered between 2019 and 2023.





# *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

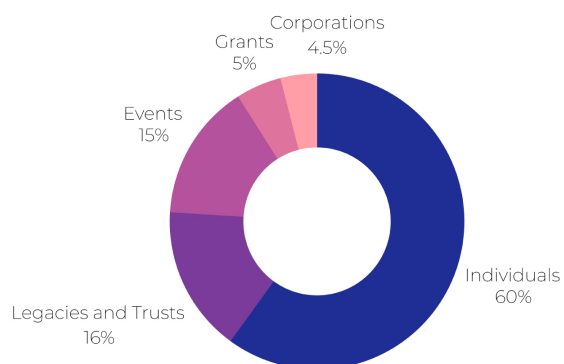


# EVERY DOLLAR *Saves Lives*

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](https://berkeleyhumane.org/donate).

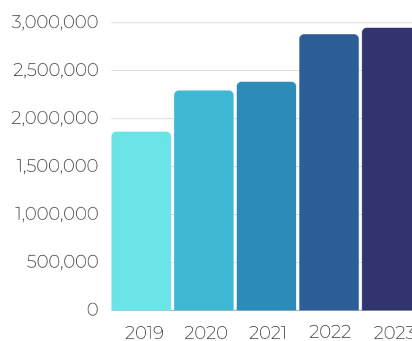


## REVENUE SOURCE



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.

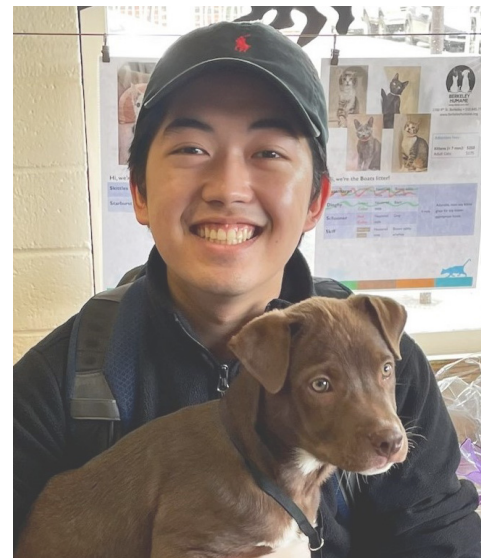
## REVENUE GROWTH



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.

Mr. Green, adopted in late 2023.