



# Together We Save Pets

Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society  
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**DUFFY**

"He already knows which way to walk to the doggy park."

-Robert, Adopter



**HEART**

"We are so in love with him!"

-Judy, Adopter



**Bailey**

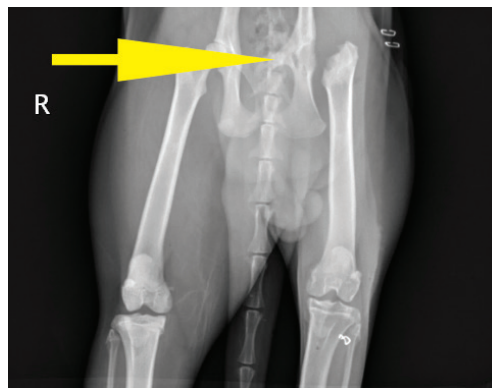
"Bailey is spending the summer in the Sierra Nevada mountains, living her best life! She loves hiking."

-Jen, Adopter

## A Heroic Journey of Recovery and Resilience

Associated with one of the bravest heroes of Greek mythology, Perseus is also one of the most resilient shelter cats Berkeley Humane has known. Transferred from a local public shelter that recognized Berkeley Humane's ability to provide top-level care, Perseus arrived in extreme pain, trembling uncontrollably.

Found as a stray with no known history, it was clear he had been suffering for a long time. X-rays revealed severe erosion of his left femoral head, severely limiting his hip's range of motion and causing a painful limp.



PERSEUS

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## Shelters Face Growing Overcrowding Crisis

As shelter overcrowding worsens, Berkeley Humane addresses Bay Area pet overpopulation with affordable spay and neuter services. Your support ensures these vital services are accessible to all families. By providing community spaying and neutering, we prevent unplanned litters and reduce the burden on local shelters.

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



## A Message From Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director

When we transfer a dog or cat to Berkeley Humane, we do so knowing that we may be their last chance at finding a new loving home.

Because of generous donors like you, we can meet the challenges that come with every medical case, surrender or transfer from an overcrowded public shelter. Every week, more animals arrive in the shelter with new medical and behavioral challenges. You save the lives of thousands of pets by supporting the highly skilled care provided by our dedicated team and volunteers.

Thank you for saving the lives of these shelter dogs and cats. As a financial donor, you've been with us every step of the way. Your generosity continues to ensure that these pets are cared for, loved, and stay with us for as long as it takes to find them a new family of their own.

With gratitude,

JEFFREY



## Planned Giving

Proper planning can provide significant peace of mind — securing future care for your loved ones, pets, and the causes you cherish. Drafting a living trust, will, or other legal document to specify your wishes is crucial for a seamless process.

Berkeley Humane's partner, FreeWill, offers a quick and free online tool to assist with your planning. With just a few clicks, you can start your planned giving journey.

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



## Bonded Hearts: Creedence and Isabel's Story

Separating bonded animals can have serious repercussions for their mental and physical well-being. At Berkeley Humane, we are committed to keeping bonded pets together when they are surrendered to us.

Unfortunately, not all shelters can make this same commitment due to the challenge of finding adopters willing to take two animals at once. However, we strongly believe that it is always worth the effort to find a new loving family that will open their hearts and their home to both animals.

Creedence, an eleven-year-old, and Isabel, a four-year-old, were discovered together, and it was evident that they were inseparable

Discover Berkeley Humane's Train the Bay program, keeping pets and families together through expert training.

We offer skill-building sessions to enhance bonds, with experienced trainers providing personalized guidance and positive reinforcement in a nurturing environment. Enrich your pet's life and strengthen family connections with our supportive community resources.

To learn more and join a class: [trainthebay.org](https://trainthebay.org)

YOGI

## Struggle to Snuggles: Yogi's Journey

It's a mystery how such a small dog survived the streets of Antioch, severely neglected and struggling on his own. When he arrived at Berkeley Humane, he was quiet and reflective, so we named him Yogi. Our medical team quickly noticed multiple health issues affecting his quality of life, including mild dental disease, a skin infection called pyoderma, likely caused by poor nutrition, and a painful physical condition known as luxating patella.

A luxating patella, unfortunately common in small breed dogs, causes the kneecap to slide in and out of place, making walking very uncomfortable and painful for Yogi. Determined to make his life pain-free, our team realized his severe case required urgent surgery.

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tortoiseshell cats. Our animal care team quickly observed their deep bond, as Creedence and Isabel would eat and play together, and always sleep side by side. Isabel would groom Creedence, and Creedence would curl up around Isabel at nap time.

While it took some time, we never lost faith that the perfect adopter would come along and fall in love just as we had. Eventually, our patience was rewarded when a compassionate individual expressed interest in adopting both Creedence and Isabel, ensuring they could stay together. Creedence and Isabel quickly (and happily) settled into their new loving home side by side.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous donations that made it possible for this bonded pair to find a loving home together, regardless of the time it took. It is highly unlikely that these two would have had the opportunity to stay together without the support of donors like you.

ISABEL



## Honor A Family Member or Pet

Sponsor a Kitty Condo to support the care, nutrition, and love each cat receives while awaiting their new loving home. Your personalized plaque will be placed on a Kitty Condo, creating a lasting tribute.

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### Struggle to Snuggles: Yogi's Journey

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Post-surgery, Yogi was on strict kennel rest and received physical therapy three times a day for four weeks. Slowly and steadily, he learned to trust his knee again. The walks that once caused him pain became the highlight of his daily routine. Now, he is healthy and thriving, and best of all, he has found his home, basking in all the love he can handle.

Thanks to your financial support, Yogi and many other pets who have been neglected, injured, or found struggling on the streets now have a chance at a new life.



YOGI

### SAVING LIVES FROM THE VALLEY

Berkeley Humane collaborates with a crisis animal rescue team dedicated to transporting dogs from the Central Valley to our medical program. The Kern Project specializes in rescuing dogs from under-resourced shelters and the community, whether they have been intentionally abandoned in fields or found as strays.

Due to ongoing challenges in accessing veterinary care across the Central Valley, dogs from this region frequently require urgent medical attention. Puppies, in particular, are vulnerable to contracting the life-threatening Canine Parvovirus. Your generous support ensures that hundreds of dogs from the Central Valley will receive vital care and be rescued this year.



PATTY



CHARLIE

### A Heroic Journey of Recovery and Resilience (continued from page 1)

Perseus underwent a femoral head ostectomy (FHO) and left patella repair, two critical surgeries to alleviate his pain and restore mobility. For eight weeks, he received physical therapy three times a day, overseen by his dedicated volunteer foster. His foster even adjusted their work schedule to ensure they could be home to care for Perseus, during his rehabilitation.

Thanks to the combined efforts of his foster and Berkeley Humane's animal care team, Perseus now walks pain-free and has regained his playful spirit. His transformation from a trembling, pain-ridden stray to a well-cared-for feline in a new home is a testament to the generosity and compassion of those who supported him. Perseus now enjoys sunbathing by the window, chasing his favorite toys, and is living a life full of comfort and joy. You provide adult cats like Perseus with the opportunity to overcome challenges and find loving homes.