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"From the moment these two came home from Berkeley Humane they have transformed my life with their incredible love."

– Donald, Adopter



**SKUNK**

"We're enjoying watching him grow up into the confident and loving little guy he is. Thanks for bringing him into our lives!"

– Sarah, Adopter



**DONUT**

"Donut is doing amazing. Very energetic and healthy. Growing too fast on me. lol.

I'm gonna adopt another cat so he can have a sister or brother!"

–Chhaya, Adopter

# Together We Save Pets

Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society  
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## The Heart of Fostering: Giving a Life the Chance It Deserves

At Berkeley Humane, saving lives starts with people like you. During construction of the new Bay Area Animal Resource Center (BAARC), we've gone fully foster-based, meaning animals now rely on compassionate families to provide safety, healing, and love until they are adopted. Your generosity powers every success, supplying foster families with the tools and care they need. Even without a shelter, you're giving animals the second chance they deserve, one home, one heart, one life at a time. Join us at [berkeleyhumane.org/get-involved](https://berkeleyhumane.org/get-involved).



## A Message from Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director

As autumn arrives, we reflect on a season of bold change and even greater potential.

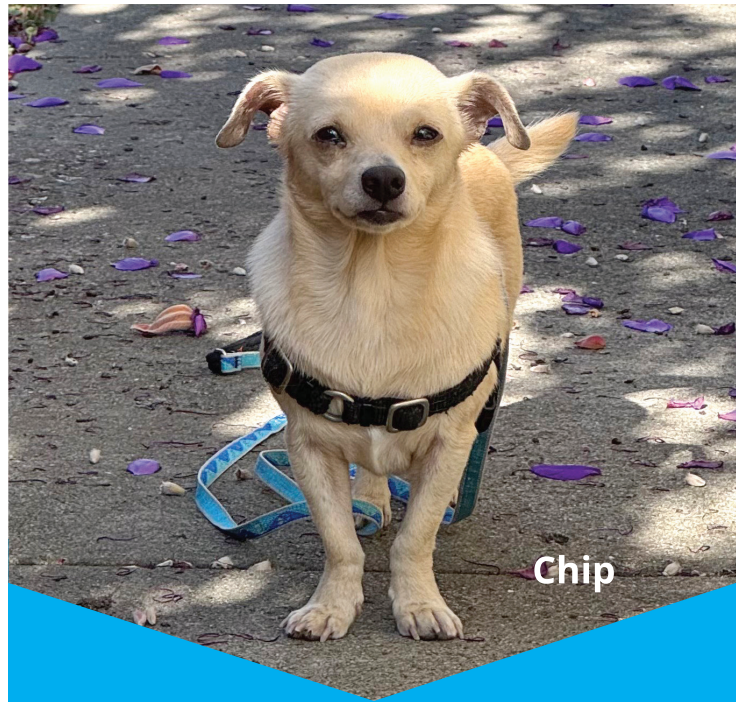
This year, Berkeley Humane entered a new chapter, rooted in compassion, driven by community, and focused on saving lives. We've said goodbye to our old facility and officially begun construction on the Bay Area Animal Resource Center (BAARC), a visionary new space that will expand access to care, deepen our impact, and better serve animals and the people who love them.

In the meantime, your support has powered our foster-based model, turning homes into healing spaces for animals in need. It's a powerful reflection of who we are: adaptive, community-first, and always focused on what's best for the animals.

None of this would be possible without you. Every life we touch, every story of hope, we owe to your generosity.

But to bring the full vision of BAARC to life, we need your continued support. Our daily operations and our capital campaign still require critical funding to succeed. The dream is within reach, but we can only get there together.

With heartfelt thanks,



## From the Streets to Safety: You Gave Chip a Second Chance

When Chip, a 6-year-old terrier mix, was found wandering the streets of Oakland, he was scared, underweight, and in pain. His ears were severely infected, swollen, filled with pus, and so painful he couldn't be examined without sedation. We feared he might lose his hearing forever.

But, because of donors like you, Chip didn't have to face that fear alone.

Thanks to your generosity, we had the resources to act fast. Chip received urgent medical care, antibiotics, and the comfort of a loving foster home. Healing was slow and gentle, built on trust, patience, and the quiet determination to give him a better life.

And it worked.

Today, Chip's ears have healed, his hearing is intact—and best of all, he's been adopted into a family who adores him. You made that transformation possible.

Because of your support, we were able to say yes to Chip when he needed us most. But for every animal saved, another waits in pain—hoping for someone to care, to give, to act. You are the reason second chances exist.

With your help, we can give more animals like Chip the healing, hope, and home they deserve.

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**FIREPAWS**  
FOSTERS IN RESPONSE  
TO EMERGENCIES

### FIREPaws: Fosters In Response to Emergencies

In times of disaster, animals are at risk and need a safe place to stay. FIREPaws is Berkeley Humane's new program designed to train individuals to become emergency foster caregivers, stepping in when animals must be relocated due to wildfires or extreme weather.

Volunteers receive training in animal care and emergency preparedness, helping provide a safe, temporary home for animals in need and ensuring they receive the care they deserve during a crisis.

For information on FIREPaws and how to be part of a critical network ready to respond when animals need us the most; email: [Foster@berkeleyhumane.org](mailto:Foster@berkeleyhumane.org)



Teddy



## TEDDY'S TALE

### From Fleas and Fear to Fostering Hope

When Berkeley Humane received a call about a mama cat unable to feed her newborns, our team immediately jumped into action. One tiny kitten, Teddy, was especially fragile, just two weeks old and no heavier than a newborn. He hadn't eaten in about 2 days and was covered in fleas. His survival was uncertain.

Thanks to your support, Teddy was placed in a loving medical foster home and given around-the-clock care, critical medications, and nutritional support. "Teddy and I spent many sleepless nights wondering if he was going to make it," said his foster mom. It wasn't until he was nearly six weeks old that Teddy finally latched onto a bottle, and from that moment, he began to thrive.

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## Give with Heart Through Your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

If you have a Donor-Advised Fund, you have a powerful way to make a difference for animals in need. By recommending a gift from your DAF to Berkeley Humane, you help provide lifesaving care, foster homes, and hope to pets waiting for their second chance.

It's easy to give—simply visit [berkeleyhumane.org/donate](https://berkeleyhumane.org/donate) and select "Donate with a Donor-Advised Fund" for simple instructions.

Your thoughtful generosity, no matter the size, helps us save more lives and build brighter futures—thank you for being part of this journey with us.





## Because of You: A New Era Begins for Berkeley Humane

For more than 130 years, Berkeley Humane has been a lifeline for animals—providing lifesaving medical care, helping pets find loving homes, and keeping families together. Every wag, every purr, every joyful adoption is because of you.

Now, thanks to your generosity, the future is here: the Bay Area Animal Resource Center (BAARC). This new facility will mean more surgeries, better housing, expanded care, and more pets finding the families they deserve. It will also serve as a vital hub for shelters, rescues, and veterinary partners—spreading your impact across the Bay Area.

Construction is underway, but we have not yet reached our fundraising goal. Your gift will help open BAARC's doors—and open new possibilities for animals who need us most.

To learn more, connect with us at: [BAARC@berkeleyhumane.org](mailto:BAARC@berkeleyhumane.org).



### TEDDY'S TALE From Fleas and Fear to Fostering Hope (continue from page 2)

With continued care from Berkeley Humane's medical and foster teams, Teddy made a full recovery. When it was time for adoption, his foster mom knew her heart had already chosen him.

Today, Teddy is not only thriving — he's giving back. He helps welcome other fragile kittens into his home and offers comfort as they recover, just like he once did. "It's like he knows what he's been through and wants to help," she shares.

Teddy's journey has even inspired thousands; he now has over 15,000 social media followers who cheered him on from crisis to recovery.

Stories like Teddy's are only possible because of you. Your generosity saves lives and creates little heroes like Teddy who keep giving back.



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