



BAILEY

Bailey is a blessing. She is bringing so much love and smiles to our family & to those who meet her on our walks/outings. We are so blessed to have her. Thank you, Berkeley Humane for finding her. She's a true gem. - Debbie Barrett



STUART

Stuart is just a cute little goofball... he will come to you onto the bed and tap with his little paw if he wants to get pet scratches...but he hates to be cuddled...and he loves hanging around close to wherever we are. - Tiffany Wong



CORA

It's been wonderful. Cora has been such a wonderful blessing in my life. She has such a great personality. She is funny and playful and she loves people, especially children. She loves to go to the dog park and walk around the mall. She's a great travel companion and is always great to cuddle with. She has brought so much joy to my life. - Aric Juarez

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Kenzie's Happy Ending: 500 Days of Never Giving Up

Some stories test our patience. Kenzie's tested our hearts.

Kenzie holds an unfortunate record at Berkeley Humane as the longest stay of any dog in our care. She waited more than 500 days for a family to call her own. But those 500 days were not empty. They were filled with healing, small victories, and love.

During that time, Kenzie moved through several foster homes. Each one gave her exactly what she needed: a soft bed, a steady routine, patient care, and sometimes even a playful canine companion. Foster care was

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A Message from Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As construction continues on the Bay Area Animal Resource Center (BAARC), I feel both gratitude and pride. This new building represents an exciting future for Berkeley Humane, but what inspires me most is what is happening right now. Even as we build our new home, our mission has not paused. In fact, it has grown stronger.

While BAARC is under construction, Berkeley Humane is operating as a fully foster-based organization. That means our lifesaving work is happening not inside a traditional shelter, but inside the homes of compassionate people throughout our community. Foster caregivers are the heart of our mission today. They provide safety, stability, and love to animals who need time to heal, decompress, and prepare for adoption.

Even without a building, our impact continues to grow. Animals are receiving critical medical care,

behavioral support, and adoption services. Every day, more pets are finding new beginnings because foster families open their homes and donors like you make this work possible.

As we look ahead to the opening of BAARC, I hope you feel proud of what you have made possible. Your generosity ensures Berkeley Humane remains a trusted resource for animals and the people who love them.

With heartfelt thanks,

JEFFREY



PETIE: Rescued on the Road, Loved All the Way Home

In October 2025, Petie's life changed in an instant when a woman spotted him injured in the middle of a four-lane road in Oakland. Suspected of being hit by a car, Petie was badly hurt. Yet even in pain, he was incredibly sweet and trusting. The woman rushed him to a veterinarian, and when it became clear his injuries would require extensive care, she reached out to Berkeley Humane for help. Because of compassionate supporters like you, Petie received the urgent medical care he needed. His treatment included care for fractures to his pelvis, amputation of his tail, and surgery to restore his comfort and mobility. Your generosity made it possible for Petie to receive the specialized care he needed to heal.

Petie's story became even more remarkable because the woman who rescued him stayed by his side. She opened her home as his foster caregiver and supported him through every step of recovery. When Petie was healthy enough, she made their bond permanent and adopted him.

Petie's journey shows what compassion and community can do together. Thanks to supporters like you, injured and vulnerable animals receive lifesaving care and the chance to find the loving homes they deserve.

BRAVEHEART: A Grateful Patient Story of Hope and Healing

Braveheart's life began with hardship no puppy should ever endure. In the chaos of a domestic violence situation, he suffered serious injuries to both of his front legs, injuries so painful that every step was a struggle.

When Braveheart arrived at Berkeley Humane, his journey toward healing began. Thanks to donors like you, he received the specialized veterinary care he urgently needed.

Braveheart required multiple surgeries to give him a real chance at a healthy future. Your generosity made it possible to provide the advanced treatment needed to preserve his legs and prevent amputation, giving him the opportunity to grow, move comfortably, and live without constant pain.

Like so many animals in our care, Braveheart's recovery was not only physical but emotional as well. During this critical time, he was welcomed into the homes of compassionate foster caregivers. These dedicated volunteers gave him a safe place to rest, follow his treatment plan, and begin to trust again after such a frightening start to life.

Because of the love and patience of his foster families, Braveheart learned that people can be kind.

Today, Braveheart has reached a joyful milestone. He has been adopted into a loving home where he can continue to thrive, walk without pain, and enjoy the life every dog deserves.

Stories like Braveheart's are possible because donors like you make this lifesaving work possible.



Braveheart

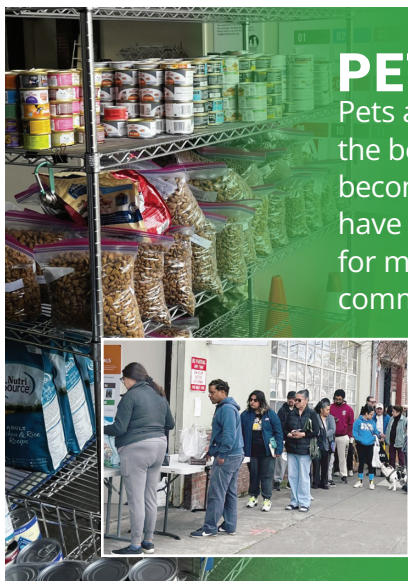
PET FOOD PANTRY

Pets are family. During challenging times, the bond between people and their animals becomes even more important. Rising costs have made daily life harder to manage for many families, but their love and commitment to their pets never wavers.

The reality is that when people are struggling financially and must decide between feeding themselves or feeding their pet, they will prioritize their pets' needs, choosing to go hungry

themselves. To keep pet families together we distributed over 6,930 pounds (almost 3.5 tons!) of pet food to 888 families, helping ensure beloved animals remain healthy, cared for, and right where they belong: at home with their families.

This work would not be possible without you. We are grateful to our volunteers for giving time and compassion, and to you for supporting our safety net services. Because of you, pets and the people who love them can stay together.



OPEN YOUR HOME. SAVE A LIFE.

As Berkeley Humane continues operating as a fully foster-based organization during construction of the Bay Area Animal Resource Center (BAARC), our ability to save animals depends on compassionate people like you. Every dog, cat, puppy, and kitten who comes into our care needs a safe place to land. Foster homes provide the comfort, stability, and love that help animals heal and prepare for adoption.

When you foster, you become part of an animal's transformation and help us rescue more animals in need.

You can make a difference. Visit berkeleyhumane.org/foster or email foster@berkeleyhumane.org to get started.



CALIFORNIA ADOPT-A-PET DAY & PINTS FOR PAWS

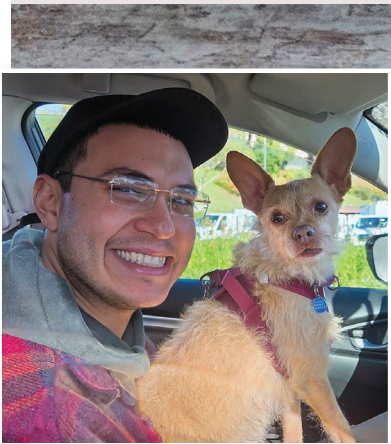
Two Celebrations with Purpose

On **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, Berkeley Humane will host two exciting events in one incredible day, all at the same location and all in support of animals in need.

The day begins with **California Adopt-a-Pet Day**, where Berkeley Humane will proudly serve as one of 150 participating locations statewide offering fee-waived adoptions for dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens. More than 60 adoptable animals will be available, each ready to find a loving home. Last year, every single pet was adopted. Let's make it happen again!

Later that afternoon, the celebration continues with **Pints for Paws**, now in its 12th year. This award-winning community party brings together more than 1,000 animal lovers from across the Bay Area for an unforgettable afternoon featuring unlimited tastings of craft beers, artisanal wines, handcrafted vodkas, delicious food, music, and great company all to help save more shelter animals.

For more information and tickets:



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not just temporary housing. It was the bridge that made her future possible. Our team continued to support her every step of the way, never rushing her story and never giving up on finding the right match.

And in late December, it finally happened.

Kenzie was adopted into a loving home with a family, and a four-legged sibling, ready to welcome her. After 500 days, she found permanence. She found belonging.

Her happy ending took time. It took commitment. And it took a community that refused to give up.

Because of supporters like you, Kenzie had safety while she waited and the chance to find the loving home she deserved.



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