



Petunia

"I adore her to pieces. She has made my life the best!"

-Angelica, Adopter



Tina

"Having them has been a perfect and easy match. She's the mellowest dog, and the little one loves her company."

-Catie, Adopter



Boba

"Iota (now Boba) has been with us for three years now, and we're loving every minute of it."

-Grant, Adopter

Together We Save Pets

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You Saved Jason From the Carr Fire

In an emergency evacuation of a shelter there is only one objective: Get the animals to safety as quickly as possible. Transporting large numbers of animals is incredibly stressful on everyone, especially the animals.

In 2017, animals were flown to Berkeley Humane in advance of Hurricane Irma and more recently, we brought in dogs in need of immediate rescue from the Carr Fire in Redding.

A unique challenge was that these were large dogs who were used to running freely on forested trails and in wide-open yards. Suddenly, they found themselves in a very foreign and loud, urban environment, so our volunteers and staff took special care to help them acclimate.

While most of the evacuated dogs adjusted quickly, each day was a struggle for Jason. Everything seemed to startle him. We devised a very special training plan for him. Several times a day, for many months, we worked with Jason until he became comfortable and felt safe walking on a leash.



Message from Jeffrey Zerwekh

Berkeley Humane, under the original name of Berkeley SPCA, began responding to the needs of abandoned, neglected, and abused animals as early as 1894. Forty years later, we opened a permanent shelter at Ninth and Carlton in Berkeley, where we remain today. The shelter was aptly named Animal Rescue Haven. Although we no longer use that name, I believe the spirit and intent of these pioneering volunteers is still very much alive.

Berkeley Humane remains a haven for thousands of animals transported to us in need of refuge, urgent medical care, behavior training, and proper nutrition. Sometimes the only thing they need is time – the time to feel safe and experience kindness, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

As a financial donor, you are there with us for every ear scratch and chin rub. Your dollars continue a legacy of love, and we could not do it without you. On behalf of the animals with no voice, please allow me to thank you for saving lives.

With Gratitude,



Executive Director



Fosters Fight to Save Kittens

The fight against kitten mortality is real and, with your continued support, one we are determined to win.

Since 2016, 1,600 kittens have been saved. The majority of these kittens were under 8 weeks of age. This wouldn't have been possible without an extensive network of foster volunteers and donors who funded specialized formula and supplies. Mortality causes can be varied – everything from trauma, infection, poor nutrition, or simply being separated from their mothers too soon.

Thanks to your donations, we are saving unprecedented numbers of the most vulnerable kittens; the ones that need around-the-clock care.

2016  432 KITTENS

2017  511 KITTENS

2018  650 KITTENS

Become a Foster Volunteer!

Open your home to kittens, dogs, or puppies who need one-on-one socialization and care. You supply the love, and we'll provide everything else!

berkeleyhumane.org/foster



Love is Blind—One Dog’s Journey

Langdon was in pain – that was clear. The moment we saw him in a chain link kennel at a local municipal shelter, we knew he needed urgent medical care. He was transported directly to Berkeley Humane.

Langdon was understandably sensitive to handling. He was scared, confused, and hurting. With one blind eye, perhaps from a past trauma or an untreated infection, we immediately scheduled him for surgery to remove the eye. Initially during his recovery, he still didn’t like being handled. But as he healed, our volunteers and staff worked patiently to build his trust and followed an individualized training plan.

As his pain subsided and he got used to regular nutritious meals, lots of treats, and unlimited ear scratches, his true nature emerged. He blossomed into a playful and charming dog! Visitors adored him, finding him endlessly entertaining and silly. It did not take long for his charm to win over his new family. His adopter said they knew Langdon was the one for them after only a few moments.

Often times the physical recovery is the only priority of an animal’s journey to healing. However, we know that the trauma of being abandoned, neglected, or abused also needs to be addressed on an emotional level. Our volunteers and staff are dedicated to helping each animal fully heal inside and out. Langdon’s very special journey was made possible thanks to donors like you!

Legacy Giving

Leave a legacy for the causes you care about and ensure the ongoing care of your loved ones by creating your will today. Berkeley Humane’s partner, FreeWill, provides a fast and free online tool to help you plan your estate.

berkeleyhumane.org/planned-giving

Free Grief Counseling

When a pet passes away, feelings of grief, despair, and loss can be overwhelming. Berkeley Humane offers free group counseling sessions with licensed therapists. *3rd Tuesday every month at 7:00pm.*

berkeleyhumane.org/pet-loss

SPAY THE BAY

Thanks to donors, Berkeley Humane’s Spay the Bay is reducing dog and cat overpopulation in the Bay Area by providing low-cost spay and neuter services.

spaythebay.org

TRAIN THE BAY

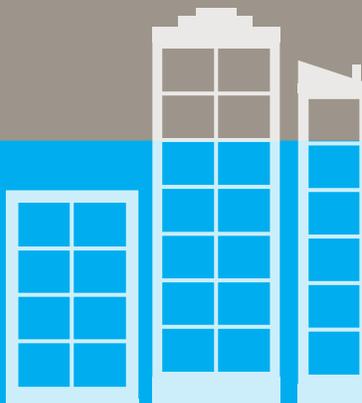
Train the Bay is the pet behavior and training program of Berkeley Humane. Because of your support, the program has helped more than 30,000 families.

trainthebay.org

Join the Kitty Condo Club!

Sponsor a kitty condo and support the care, nutrition, and love each cat receives while waiting for their new, loving home.

berkeleyhumane.org/kitty-condo



You Stopped His Pain and Suffering

When Julia and Teddy met Hendrix, they instantly fell in love with his gentle, playful nature. But they had no way of knowing the suffering he endured before coming into their lives. Hendrix, an older Cocker Spaniel, was languishing in a large, municipal shelter. He was passed up by other rescue groups because of his age, matted fur, and obvious medical needs.

Thanks to your support for our Hope Medical Fund, Hendrix was transported back to Berkeley Humane for an urgent medical exam. Our veterinarian discovered that his bulging eye was so badly damaged and blind that it had to be immediately removed. We could only imagine how excruciating the pain was. Hendrix was also shaved to remove the matted fur and dozens of dangerous foxtails. Now he was finally on the road to recovery.

While Hendrix was getting all fixed up, his future adopters were searching for a dog to join their family. "We had been checking the website every week for new dogs," explained Julia and Teddy. "When we saw Hendrix, he wasn't what we had originally pictured as our first dog. He was a senior dog with one eye, but something about him called to us."

Older animals with medical conditions are at the greatest risk of euthanasia in overcrowded shelters. Thanks to our financial donors, Berkeley Humane matches hundreds of senior animals, like Hendrix, with loving homes every year.



THANK YOU TO THE MAX AND VICTORIA DREYFUS FOUNDATION, AND ALL OUR DONORS, WHO SUPPORT THE HOPE MEDICAL FUND TO SAVE SENIOR PETS LIKE HENDRIX.



A Puppy Covered in Paint

The dried, orange paint was so thick that one of the puppy's little ears was pinned back to her head. When our transport team is rescuing animals, they often come across acts of suspected abuse or neglect.

Berkeley Humane's team scooped this little puppy up and rushed her back to our hospital, but the paint could not be washed out. We spent the better part of a day carefully trimming every hard-crusting part from her fur. We don't know how or why she was covered in paint, but she made a full recovery, and that is what is most important.

We named her Monet, because she had such a good impression. She quickly became a sweet, playful girl – everything a healthy puppy should be. Monet looked like a miniature golden retriever, and was snatched up by a fantastic family the very first weekend she went up for adoption.

Saving Jason (continued)

It took many months, but finally Jason was ready to go home.

As if right on cue, a nice couple who had come in a few times asking about Jason, decided to take him for a walk. It was his big moment and he performed perfectly! He was such a superstar on his walk that they fell in love instantly and took him home that day.

Thanks to donors like you, Jason and the other dogs from the Carr Fire received individualized medical attention and training. Thank you for helping save Jason and all the other dogs who needed a little extra help before finding their loving homes.

