

WINTER 2017

# ANIMAL FRIENDS

A WARM  
AND CUDDLY  
WELCOME TO  
2017!



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a smart giving  
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A Voice for the  
broken and sick

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Tips from the East  
Bay SPCA Medical  
Support Staff



## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO ALLISON LINDQUIST

**WINTER BLEW IN THIS YEAR WITH DRENCHING STORMS** that ended our long drought. Our dream is to end the stream of homeless dogs and cats in the East Bay but we're not there yet. In 2016, thanks to our generous supporters, a record-breaking 3,417 dogs and cats were adopted out of the East Bay SPCA. That's 20% more animals than 2015 and huge growth in the last five years. Thanks to our donors, we've been able to meet that demand with expanded quarters, upgraded systems and increasingly talented staff.

During their stays, many of those animals needed medical and behavioral care. Our expanded facility doubled the size of what we call our "holding area." On a recent tour with a donor, a member of the medical support team passed us in the hall with a carefully loaded tray of medications. The donor commented that our holding area looks just like a "Rehabilitation Center" for humans. We found that to be an interesting comparison. Just like humans, visiting animals gain back their health and build good habits with food, shelter, medication, enrichment activities and consults with a team of experts.

For that donor and most visitors, our facility is unlike anything they've ever seen before. It's larger than anything else in the region in scale and skill sets of the staff. We've made a commitment that no animal who comes through our doors will be euthanized for time or space. That means we'll spend the time it takes to help every incoming animal with treatable, medical or behavioral issues. Of course for some that takes longer than others.

We're proud of the work that we do to get these animals to the adoption floor. Proud of the white boards all over the shelter that track each animal's needs and progress from intake to adoption. Proud of the high numbers of adoptions despite a growing percentage of animals with high medical or behavior needs. Supporters like you helped us fund the streamlined systems, professional staff and expanded quarters to help this seemingly endless flow of animals get to loving forever homes.

We hope this newsletter conveys that pride and our dedication to serving these animals 365 days a year for the next 143 years and more.



Sincerely,

**ALLISON C. LINDQUIST**  
President and CEO  
East Bay SPCA

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### LOCATIONS

**Oakland Adoption Center and  
Theodore B. Travers Family  
Veterinary Clinic**  
8323 Baldwin Street  
Oakland, CA 94621  
510.569.0702

**Oakland Spay & Neuter  
Surgery Center**  
410 Hegenberger Road  
Oakland, CA 94621  
510.639.7387

**Dublin Adoption Center and  
Spay & Neuter Surgery Center**  
4651 Gleason Drive  
Dublin, CA 94568  
925.479.9670

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### OUR MISSION

**THE EAST BAY SPCA** is committed to the welfare of cats and dogs in the communities we serve. We strive to eliminate animal cruelty, neglect and overpopulation by providing programs and education that support people and companion animals.

# RESEARCH DRIVES A SMART GIVING DECISION



Cheryl Resh with kitten, Wool

It was their work at University of California, Berkeley that brought Vincent and Cheryl Resh together and their work that led them to establish an endowed fund for spay and neuter at the East Bay SPCA.

Dr. Vincent Resh is a professor at UC Berkeley, and his wife Cheryl directed the university's financial aid office. They met at work, got married and Dr. Resh's research on water-borne disease and water quality monitoring sent them all over the world.



Irma - adopted from the East Bay SPCA in 1980

For 30 years, they visited UC Berkeley's biological field station on the island of Moorea just north of Tahiti. On visits over the years, they watched the island become overpopulated with unwanted dogs and cats.

"Without spay and neuter available, Moorea became overrun with imported dogs and cats who had a huge impact on local birds," said Cheryl Resh.

**"I've always given to animal causes and we wanted to go local in our giving. Spay and neuter just makes sense to us."**

Mrs. Resh said her office managed the scholarship endowment funds for students and she saw what a difference endowments made for students.

"Small gifts increased over time and many donors gave additional funds as they saw how their gifts were administered and how the students were positively affected," she said. "We set up the Vincent and Cheryl Resh Fund because we wanted to make a difference locally with an endowment that could grow over time and be in place for an easy transition if we passed."

"We have adopted our cats Irma and Mimi from the East Bay SPCA and made annual gifts as well. We have been pleased with how our endowment and donations have been utilized."

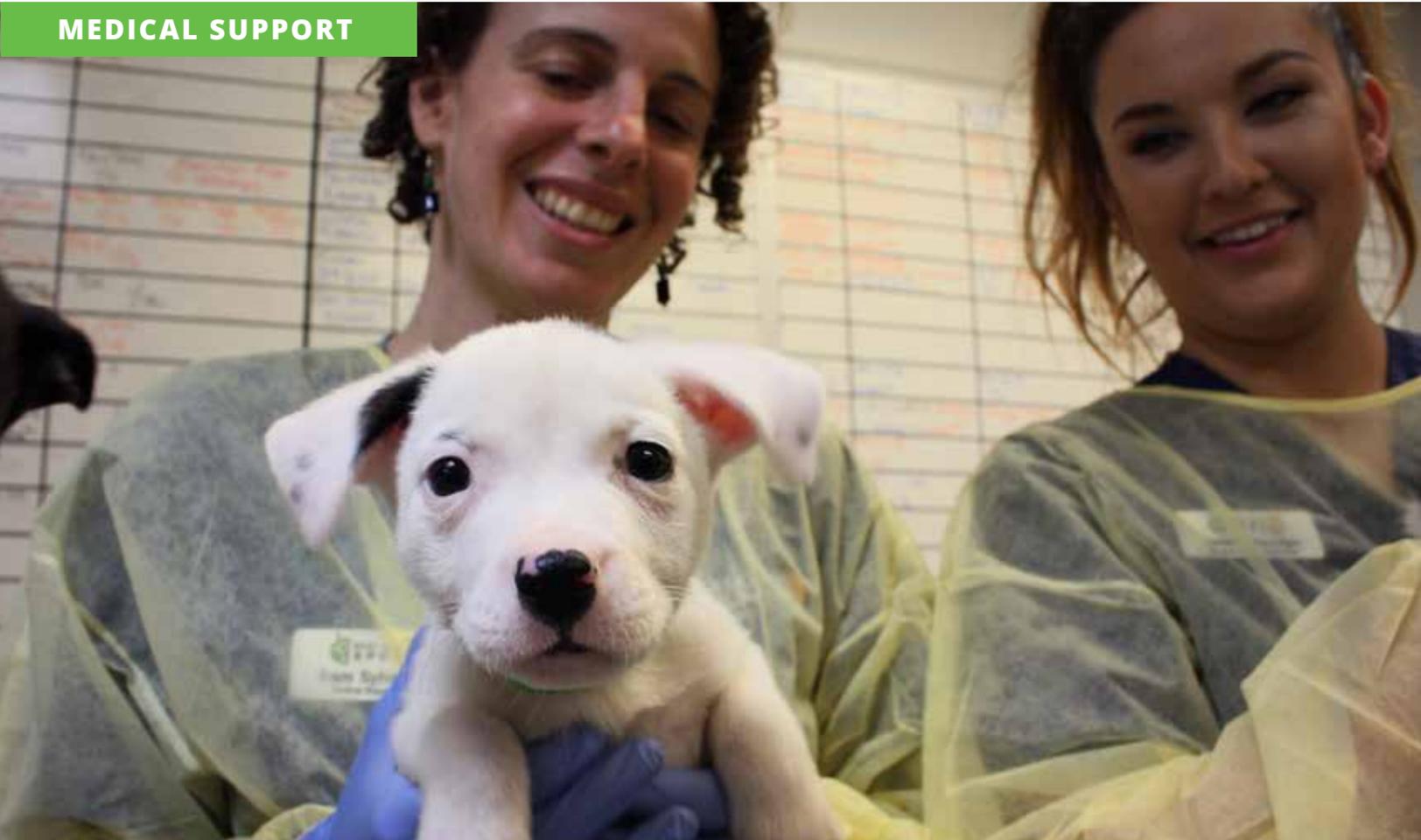


Mimi - adopted in 2001 from the East Bay SPCA

Contact Grace Reddy at [greddy@eastbayspca.org](mailto:greddy@eastbayspca.org) or 510-746-5111 if you have questions about establishing such a fund yourself.

# A VOICE FOR THE BROKEN AND SICK

## MEDICAL SUPPORT



When you're sick, you go to the doctor. You explain that your stomach hurts or you have an earache. Whatever the problem is, you can explain it to a doctor and find a solution. With animals, it's a whole different story.

It would be great if animals could tell humans what is wrong with them, but that's not the case. At the East Bay SPCA, the shelter medicine department gives sick animals a voice. Staff members' days are dedicated to the sick, broken and bandaged shelter animals at the East Bay SPCA. From administering medications to providing fluids and just the right diet, each animal gets the medical attention and TLC that is needed to get them adopted.

Joseph Romero, Samantha Sylvester, Amber Jocelyn and Kayla Lichtenberger make up this super team. With their full staff, streamlined procedure and treatments, and East Bay SPCA Veterinarian support, the department can easily take on a large caseload and diagnose conditions.



Kayla Lichtenberger, Samantha Sylvester and Amber Jocelyn

# ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

"The knowledge and training from our veterinarians is immeasurable," says Samantha Sylvester. "We are able to be self-sufficient and save more animals' lives by diagnosing earlier."

Medical Support staff often invite the extremely tiny and ill to stay in their office for a little extra TLC. Missy, a Chihuahua mix, was a recent "special guest". When she arrived at the East Bay SPCA, she seemed paralyzed — unable walk or open



Missy

her mouth. Missy baffled medical support as she didn't show signs of her ailments. Using their knowledge from other cases and veterinary staff, they administered pain medication and antibiotics. Staff arrived the following morning and amazingly, Missy was walking! A few weeks later, Missy was spayed and adopted on the

day she was available for adoption. "Watching animals come back from the brink is miraculous," says Kayla Lichtenberger. "To know that I am part of their treatment and recovery is amazing!"



"The shelter can be a scary and lonely place, so I make sure I give the animals extra TLC while they are in my care. I feel like I'm a stepping stone to the animals' forever home." **AMBER JOCELYN**



Administer medications to 60-90 animals twice daily



2.5 hours of medical rounds

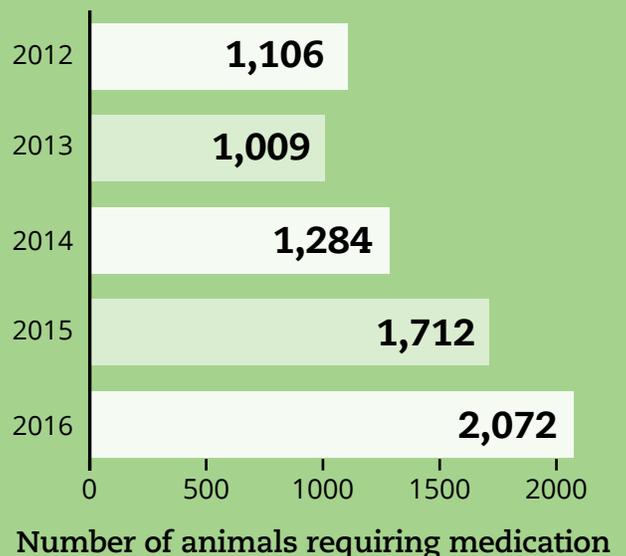


Provide fluids, blood tests and x-rays



Treat upper respiratory infections, diarrhea, parvovirus or ringworm

## ALL IN A YEAR'S WORK



# TIPS FROM THE EAST BAY SPCA

## MEDICAL SUPPORT STAFF

1



**Vaccinate animal throughout entire life, especially kittens and puppies**

2

**Senior animals require regular checkups**

Your pet may need to get a dental cleaning if you see any of these signs...

- Red gums and/or red line on gums
- Tartar or broken teeth



3

**Protect your puppy from Parvo**

Canine parvovirus, often called "parvo", is an extremely deadly disease spread via stool from one dog to another. Unfortunately, Parvo is very common in Oakland, spreads easily with rain and can stay in the soil up to eight years. The East Bay SPCA takes parvovirus extremely serious. There are special isolation rooms for infected puppies, along with dedicated tools and washing solutions to eliminate the virus from the shelter. There is no cure, but parvo is completely preventable with the simple act of vaccinating your puppy.



**If you see any of the following signs in your puppy, please visit your veterinarian immediately:**

- Change in appetite
- Lethargy or lack of energy
- Frequent, severe or bloody diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal discomfort or distention ("pot belly")

**Carry puppy when outside until s/he has had all shots, usually around four months of age.**

**Other options include:**

- Use pee pads inside to potty train your puppy
- If you've lived in your house for eight years or more and never had an unvaccinated dog in your yard, it's OK to let puppy on the ground in your backyard
- Let puppy eliminate on a concrete patch and spray down afterwards

## HAPPY TAILS



### **Blackberry, the senior polydactyl cat**

Blackberry was found stray on April 15, 2015, but nobody was waiting for her return. She was elderly—nearly 13 years old, emaciated and crying out for tender loving care. During her three months at our shelter, we helped her gain back the weight she needed, we cured her painful skin issues and provided long-overdue dental care. We made sure she got lots of food and attention while she was in the shelter and she bounced back, gaining weight, growing a glossy coat and demonstrating a fun personality.

After three months, she was adopted by a terrific Oakland family and now lives with another cat, coming back to our clinic for periodic checkups.

*Most cats have 18 toes — five on their front paws and four on their back ones — but some cats have a few extras, and they're known as polydactyl cats.*

Thanks for  
helping us  
adopt out  
**3,417**  
in 2016!

# GROWL meow & WINE

Save the date!  
Sunday May 7, 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Volunteer Meet & Greet

Dublin

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017 11AM - 12PM**

Oakland

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017 3:30PM - 4:40PM**

### Foster Orientations

Oakland

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017 3:00PM**

Dublin

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017 10:00AM**

Oakland

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 3:00PM**

### Pet Food Pantry

Oakland Spay Neuter Center

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017 9AM - 11AM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 9AM - 11AM**

### Free Veterinary Outreach Clinic—Dogs Only

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017 10AM - 1PM**

Addison Street & Bolivar Drive, Berkeley

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 9AM - 1PM**

Hopalong Animal Rescue

945 22nd Ave, Oakland

Check out our most up-to-date  
available animals and all  
things East Bay SPCA on our  
new and improved,  
mobile friendly website  
at [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).



There are grumpy dogs...

goofy dogs...



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