

SPRING 2019

# ANIMAL FRIENDS



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Saving Lives Since 1874

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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO ALLISON LINDQUIST

**AT THE EAST BAY SPCA, OUR APPROACH TO ANIMAL WELFARE IS HOLISTIC.** We try to consider all the factors that can contribute to the distress of animals and pet owners in the areas we serve including demographic, socioeconomic and human health issues.

As the cost of living in the Bay Area continues to rise, we are encountering more animals and pet owners in crisis situations than ever before. To meet the growing demand for the work we do, we have developed strategic partnerships with other animal welfare groups, regional nonprofits and municipal agencies to help us better serve our community.

To increase the number of spay/neuter surgeries performed at our Oakland Spay/Neuter Center, we have partnered with other local rescue groups to utilize our facility on days of the week that we have not previously been open. This allows for more pets and people to receive services and will ultimately reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats in the future. By collaborating with other animal welfare organizations, we are all stretching our limited resources even further, and saving more lives in the process.

We have also built strong relationships with the District Attorney's office and other social services to provide critically important assistance to those who need it most. Many victims of domestic violence often feel trapped when their abuser threatens to harm a pet in the home. We can provide a confidential safe haven for pets of these victims so they can focus on finding the help and safety they need for themselves.

Pet owners who have medical emergencies or require extended hospital stays can suddenly find themselves with no pet care options except to surrender their only furry family member. This could have been the fate of Napoleon, a beloved dog whose owner needed multiple weeks of hospitalization. But through our Humane Advocacy program, we provided temporary shelter for Napoleon until he could be reunited with his owner. Read Napoleon's story on page 2.

These are just a few examples of the many innovative, life-saving programs and services we are able to offer at the East Bay SPCA thanks to your generous support. And as the needs of the animals and people we serve continue to increase, your continued support is even more critical than ever. Our greatest partnership is with you, our loyal friends and donors. Thank you for caring.

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
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410 Hegenberger Road  
Oakland, CA 94621  
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- Dublin Adoption Center and Spay & Neuter Surgery Center**  
4651 Gleason Drive  
Dublin, CA 94568  
(925) 479-9670

### 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.

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# HUMANE ADVOCACY

## NEW TEMPORARY HOLD PROGRAM KEEPS PETS AND OWNERS TOGETHER

The East Bay SPCA is more than a shelter. We're proud to offer Humane Advocacy programs that can help qualified pet owners find the financial assistance or social services they need when facing a crisis. With a full-time social worker on staff, we strive to help responsible pet owners avoid surrendering their pets due to cost or other significant challenges.

Our new Temporary Hold Program was created to help individual pet owners who find themselves in emergency situations and have few or no options for safe, reliable pet care.

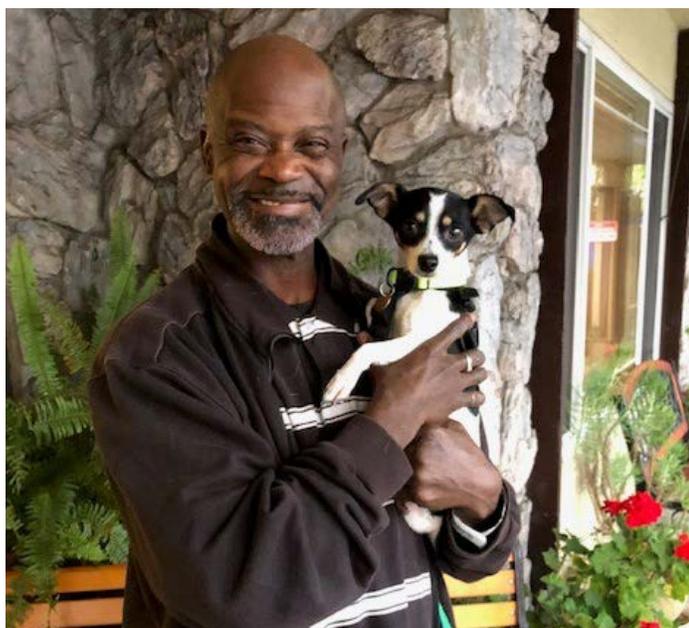
One such example is Lamont, who suddenly required long-term hospitalization. Having no friends or family members who could care for his dog, Napoleon, while he was in the hospital, he turned to us for help and was relieved that Napoleon could be temporarily housed at the East Bay SPCA.

During Lamont's hospitalization, Napoleon was given shelter at our facility, and taken to see Lamont twice a week in the hospital. These visits proved to be a vital part of Lamont's healing and motivation to recover quickly. East Bay SPCA staff and volunteers provided daily enrichment for Napoleon and grew to care very deeply for the sweet-natured, little Chihuahua. We also neutered and vaccinated Napoleon at no cost to Lamont as part of this program. After five weeks, Lamont was released from the hospital and reunited with Napoleon at last. They were both thrilled to go home together.



*Oreo and Anilla were also able to be reunited with their owners thanks to this new program.*

Since the Temporary Hold Program began in 2018, seven pet owners were able to place their animals in the temporary care of the East Bay SPCA and avoided having to surrender their pets during personal emergencies or crises.



Napoleon going home with Lamont just in time for the holidays.

**“We help provide a safety net and peace of mind for individuals in crisis with pets who have nowhere else to turn. It's incredibly gratifying to be able to transform what might otherwise be a devastating separation into a joyful reunion!”** says Raquel Bernardo, Humane Advocacy Manager.

# WILDFIRE EMERGENCY RELIEF

## ABOVE AND BEYOND

Last summer and fall, California experienced some of the most devastating wildfires in history, destroying unprecedented acres of land and displacing thousands of people and animals. All of us at the East Bay SPCA were ready and more than willing to assist in these emergency situations, however and whenever possible.

An important way we were able to help was by transporting animals already in local shelters to our facilities in the East Bay in order to create more space to accommodate animals impacted by the fires. By keeping displaced animals closer to their homes, they were more likely to be found and reunited with their owners looking for them.

"Every dog and cat we were able to transport from those highly impacted shelters helped make room for more animals in crisis," says Animal Recruitment Coordinator Ryan Erickson.



Animal Recruitment Coordinator, Ryan Erickson (left), with California wildfire evacuee, "Tootsie Roll". Ryan and colleague, Adriana Mariscal, unloading evacuees when they arrived at the East Bay SPCA.

In response to the Camp Fire, Ryan transferred 17 cats and dogs from Oroville to the East Bay SPCA's Oakland and Dublin shelters on November 15, 2018. More than half of these animals were suffering from respiratory problems and required immediate medical attention. A female cat called "Mamas" had just given birth to a litter of three kittens the night before.



"Mamas" and her babies the day they were transferred to us.

Many of the animals we evacuated from wildfire emergency areas needed special care in a foster home before they could be adopted. Our team of compassionate foster volunteers, including East Bay SPCA staff member, Genevieve Cottraux, took in these animals to provide them with a safe, loving environment to heal and prepare for adoption.

## PROTECTING YOUR PETS DURING WILDFIRE EMERGENCIES



- Birds are particularly sensitive to changes in air quality and should not be allowed outside when smoke is present.



- Let dogs and cats outside only for brief bathroom breaks if air quality alerts are in effect.



- Avoid intense outdoor exercise during periods of poor air quality. Exercise pets after dust and smoke have settled.

- Have a pet evacuation kit ready and include your animals in your disaster preparedness planning. Find out more at [eastbayspca.org/disasterprep](http://eastbayspca.org/disasterprep).

# 2018 CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RESCUES

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Fire rescue dog, Martin, had suffered a laceration on his paw and spent time in a loving foster home before he was ready for adoption. He was quickly adopted by India Powell and her family (shown with Martin here) and they report, "Some of his favorite things are playing fetch, chasing seagulls on the beach, chewing on his toy giraffe, and snuggling on the couch. We are so lucky to have him in our lives."



East Bay SPCA staff member, Genevieve Cottraux, fostered "Mamas" and her newborn babies until they were all ready for adoption.



Sativa (fka "Baby Girl") in her new home. Adopter Priscilla Cude reports "Sativa loves to run around and play with our dog Jake. She's a wonderful addition to our family!" Sativa's brother, "Baby Boy", and mom, "Mamas", have also been adopted.

# PLAN YOUR PET'S FUTURE

## HELP FOR TINKERBELL AND SAM

Your pets depend on you every day for food, shelter and companionship. But if anything were to happen to you, do you have a plan for their continued care?

The East Bay SPCA's Pet Survivor Placement Program can provide you with peace of mind by designating us as your pets' guardian and care provider should they outlive you.

Bonded senior cat pair Tinkerbelle and Sam suddenly found themselves without their home and owner after she died unexpectedly of a heart attack. With no surviving family or friends able to care for them, we provided them with food and shelter as we sought to place them in a new home.

The abrupt change of environment and emotional loss of their owner were difficult for Sam and Tinkerbelle. They suffered from anxiety and a variety of medical problems due to their advanced age. They weren't eating and their blood pressures were at dangerously high levels.

Fortunately, our own East Bay SPCA staff Customer Care Associate Rebecca Palacios was able to provide them with a quieter, more comfortable environment as their foster care provider.



*Tinkerbelle and Sam enjoying a snuggle together.*

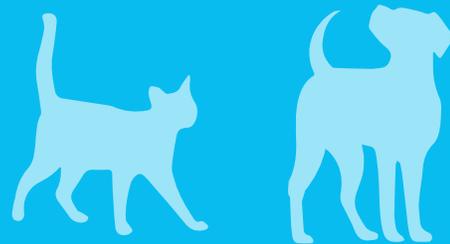
Living with Rebecca did wonders for Tinkerbelle and Sam. They began eating regularly and their blood pressures stabilized. She made the arrangement permanent by adopting the feline duo herself.

"Sam and Tinkerbelle are doing wonderfully," she reports. "Older cats and especially bonded pairs are more difficult to adopt, particularly if they have medical issues. I'm so happy I could give them the loving home they deserve."

## The East Bay SPCA's Pet Survivor Placement Program

With an annual gift of \$250 or more, we'll ensure that your pets receive care, medical attention, and shelter as we make every effort to find them a new, loving home.

Learn more at  
[eastbayspca.org/petsurvivor](http://eastbayspca.org/petsurvivor)



*Senior cats Tinkerbelle and Sam in their new forever home.*

# HUMANE HERO

## GLORIA HING, M.D.

As an ophthalmologist for over 60 years, an East Bay SPCA supporter for decades and an animal welfare advocate for a lifetime, Dr. Gloria Hing has a passion for helping others.

As a young girl growing up in Vallejo, she would feed stray dogs and cats in her neighborhood. While this might seem like a casual gesture, caring for wayward animals struck a profound chord within her. "The mistreatment of animals was widely accepted back then," she says. "But animals can't speak or fend for themselves. That's why I've always wanted to help them."

Faced with her parents' options of becoming either a lawyer or a doctor, Gloria chose to study medicine after earning her bachelor's degree from San Jose State University. At a time when the medical field was predominantly male, she questioned her chances of success. A friend suggested she apply to the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, the first medical school for women founded in 1850. "I had no idea a place like that even existed," she recalls. "And do you know what? They accepted me!"

Dr. Hing chose to specialize in ophthalmology because she greatly admired the "art" of surgery but wanted something "a little less intense." She practiced with Kaiser Permanente until she retired.

Gloria is a former board member and was involved in the East Bay SPCA's expansion to Dublin in 2001. Today she resides in Alamo with her Australian border collie, Splenda. She enjoys traveling with friends and family, especially on cruise ships, and rooting for her favorite football team, the San Francisco 49ers.



Gloria Hing, M.D. with her dog, Splenda.

## Make a Big Impact with a Future Gift



Want to learn more about creating a Legacy Gift but not sure where to start? Find basic information and gift options to fit your needs at [eastbayspca.org.planmygift.org](http://eastbayspca.org.planmygift.org)

We greatly appreciate your support!

# Save the Date!



**SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 - 7:00 PM**

East Bay SPCA  
8323 Baldwin Street  
Oakland, CA 94621

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Foster Care Orientations

Oakland

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2:00 PM**

Dublin

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 10:30 AM**

### Volunteer Meet & Greets

Oakland

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2:00 PM**

Dublin

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2:00 PM**

### East Bay SPCA Adopt-a-thon

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Jack London Square, Oakland

Meet hundreds of animals of all kinds at the Blockbuster Adoption Event of the Summer!

### Pet Food Pantry

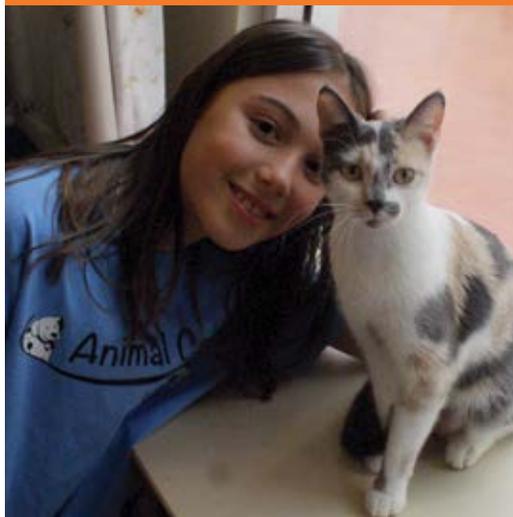
Oakland Spay/Neuter Surgery Center

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

# Summer Animal Camp



**Weekly sessions in  
Oakland and Dublin!**

**June 3 - August 9**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**For campers entering  
grades 1 - 8**

Sign up today at [eastbayspca.org/summercamp](http://eastbayspca.org/summercamp)