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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO ALLISON LINDQUIST

LOOKING FORWARD

Thank you to all of you who continue to support the life-saving work of the East Bay SPCA. Just last year I was reflecting on our first challenging year of COVID; here I am reflecting on what was our second year of this global pandemic.

Last year, our community's needs for assistance remained great. We are grateful to you, and to our fabulous staff and volunteers who allow us to continue to provide care to the people and pets who need us most.

I especially want to thank the Elinor Patterson Foundation for their recent \$60,000 grant that will allow us to begin Pets For Life programming and add a part-time employee to our Humane Advocacy department. Our Humane Advocacy program serves the most vulnerable members of our community and provides free or discounted critical vet care and a host of other services that help keep pets and their people together. We continue to work closely with City, County, social service agencies and hospitals to ensure we can provide a safety net – even more important during these exceptionally challenging times.

We have wrapped up our first-year partnership with the City of San Leandro to provide housing for their Animal Control operations. We took in nearly 400 animals from both the officers and residents of San Leandro and celebrated many happy reunions of pets reconnecting with their owners. We look forward to continuing this successful, life-saving service with the City of San Leandro in the years ahead.

This year we are optimistic that we will be able to live host our annual Growl, Meow and Wine signature fundraising event. It is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2022, at our Baldwin facility. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for a fun afternoon of food, wine, animal meet and greets, live and silent auctions and lots of lively entertainment. Please visit our event website at growlmeowandwine.org for more information on sponsorships and tickets.

Thank you for helping us continue to serve animals and people who especially need our help now more than ever before.



With appreciation,

ALLISON C. LINDQUIST
President and CEO
East Bay SPCA

Find all the latest updates and information about how we've adapted our activities, programs and services since COVID-19 at eastbayspca.org/coronavirus.

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Oakland Adoption Center and Theodore B. Travers Family Veterinary Clinic
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Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 569-0702

Oakland Spay and Neuter Surgery Center
410 Hegenberger Road
Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 639-7387

Dublin Adoption Center and Spay and 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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HAPPY TAILS

RECENT ADOPTION UPDATES



Lumi, adopted 10/2021

"When I first met Lumi, she was only about two months old and very shy but curious. Lumi was so sweet and playful from the very moment she stepped into her new home. She has brought so much new-found joy into my life. It's already been such a lovely and rewarding experience watching her grow so much in size and personality."



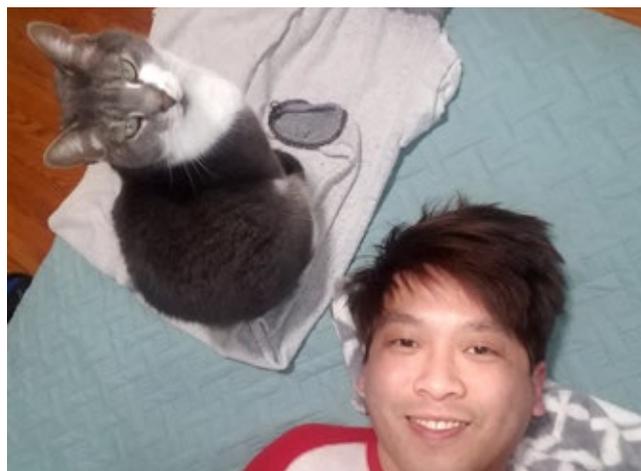
Jojo, adopted 12/2021

"Our resident dog Jack gave Jojo (pictured in front) a tour of our apartment and his favorite dog park. Jack is sharing all his toys with Jojo really well! So far, they love to cuddle, nap, play fetch and go for walks. We're all so overwhelmed with joy and so grateful we can provide Jojo with his forever home!"



Pickle, adopted 01/2020

"We adopted the best pittie mix from your Oakland location! Pickle just arrived at the shelter the day before, at 12 weeks old. A sign read 'not ready for adoption' next to his kennel. After making our rounds we kept coming back over to see him. Every time, he'd pick up his toy and bring it to the door. Our hearts melted. By our third pass the sign was gone and we ran up to the desk to ask about him. He's been an incredible addition to our family and we are so lucky to have adopted him."



Kit, adopted 8/2018

"It's been three years since I brought Kit (aka Kitty) home from the East Bay SPCA Dublin. She's doing well! She wanders around the house a lot and chases the laser pointer. Even though she's an older cat, 12 almost 13 years old this year, she's just as active at times as any kitten. It took some time for her to open up to us but eventually she came around. I'd like to think she's happy here."

HUMANE ADVOCACY

PROGRAMS TO KEEP PETS WITH THEIR PEOPLE

The Humane Advocacy programs at the East Bay SPCA prioritize making meaningful connections and helping pet owners in our community find veterinary care, financial assistance, or social services they need when they are unsure where to turn to help their pet.

As we continued to be affected by COVID-19, Humane Advocacy programs never stopped operating to ensure that hundreds of pets and their families were supported and kept together. We have remained flexible and vigilant in responding to what the community needs most during these challenging times.

Our full-time social worker leading our Humane Advocacy department works diligently daily to respond to dozens of varied requests for help, ranging from an individual urgently needing pet food to advising and counseling pet owners on how to apply for and obtain funding for procedures and services rendered at our Full Service Veterinary Clinic in Oakland. We believe that each person who reaches out is unique and therefore we utilize a case management approach to provide holistic, individualized, and compassionate care to every individual.

Every person and their pet, regardless of their housing situation, income level, race, spoken language, or access to resources should be able to experience the joys of the human-animal bond. The more programs and services we can provide, the better we can help keep families together.



Client picking up food at our drive-thru Pet Food Pantry



Manager of Humane Advocacy, Melissa Robinson (center) with Lead Pet Food Pantry volunteers Ben Mow (left) and Barbara Vernon (right)

Facts & Figures

from 2021

\$60,000

of funding provided to 320 pets in need of veterinary care to help keep them in their homes.

250,000

meals for pets provided to over 1,000 unique households, made possible by the 720 hours served by Pet Food Pantry volunteers.

"With happy and grateful tears, I want to thank you for giving my Susi the gift of life. I considered putting her down because of my financial situation. The East Bay SPCA is amazing. They took great care of Susi. Thank you so much for your help." *Humane Advocacy client and Susi guardian*

With a desire to evolve and reach more pet owners in our community, we will be launching a new community outreach program this spring called Pets for Life. Our goal with this new program is to not just meet people where they are in our community, but to become part of these communities, engaging pet owners through education and also providing free veterinary care, spay/neuter, vaccines, food and supplies.

In launching the Pets for Life program, we will hire a bi-lingual member directly from this community to join the team and lead the efforts in traveling within the immediate areas surrounding our Oakland Shelter to connect with pet owners. This new Outreach Coordinator will provide direct support in all areas of the program, including communicating with and assisting pet owners, developing strong community relationships and being able to provide basic wellness care, such as vaccines and deworming, to pets they meet without having the pet come to our clinic.

We are excited to help even more people and pets and to be able to further share with our supporters more about the program as it evolves.



Manager of Humane Advocacy, Melissa Robinson, with Susi

Pets for Life is transforming the lives of dogs and cats by honoring the love people have for their pets, closing the service gap that exists for people and pets in underserved areas and bringing awareness in a new way to larger systemic inequities and injustices. Poverty and structural inequality create obstacles to affordable veterinary and pet wellness services similar to the challenges and barriers to accessing healthy food, education, jobs, health care and housing. With tens of millions of pets living with families in poverty – at least triple the number of dogs and cats entering shelters – the extreme lack of access to pet resources is a national crisis overlooked by most. Learn more at humanesociety.org/issues/keeping-pets-life.

175 deeply discounted spay/neuters performed that were scheduled directly through our Humane Advocacy program to remove the barrier of online scheduling.

The **Hold for Home** program provides temporary boarding for pet guardians needing support for their pets while they are stabilizing themselves during or after a life altering event or situation.

VOLUNTEERS MEET THE NEED

NEW WAYS VOLUNTEERS ARE HELPING

Our volunteers have always been an essential piece of the East Bay SPCA and this year was no exception. Despite COVID-19, our volunteers showed up to help us adapt to the needs of the community and achieve our mission. New programs were developed in response to the pandemic and volunteers responded to the call.

Our Pet Food Pantry expanded dramatically to provide pet food to pet parents. During 2021, volunteers bagged 35,850 pounds of pet food to be distributed. In addition to their weekly volunteer work on-site at the shelter, Ben Mow and Barbara Vernon are also our Pet Food Pantry Volunteer Leads. Ben says, "The pandemic has highlighted the human need for support services and changed my perspective on volunteering. Where I once viewed volunteering as a casual optional activity, I now view it as a necessary activity where I can make a real difference for people and their pets." The 26 pantries held in 2021 were a lifeline. Barbara says of the pantries' significance, "We ensure they don't have to make difficult decisions between paying bills or providing quality food for their pets. It has been a wonderful experience that has given me great pride in volunteering and insight into the importance of the services the East Bay SPCA provides to our community."

The addition of a shelter veterinarian to the medical support team has increased our ability to respond to medical cases. We on-boarded four savvy volunteers as surgery assistants to assist with the preparation and recovery of surgery patients. Medical Support Assistant volunteer Susan Bradshaw, a retired Emergency Med Physician says of the department, "I am in awe of the skills,

competence and organization demonstrated by the staff. The return is enormous if I know I helped an innocent animal recover from anesthesia, be a little less afraid, safer and more comfortable. It is an honor." Our medical support volunteers also help with medical rounds, distributing medications, and prepping supplies.

This year has truly shown us the resiliency of our community to be here for the animals and the people in their lives. For East Bay SPCA volunteers, volunteering is more than just something to do, it is a way of life. Sabina Pecchi, sums it up perfectly, "During shutdown days I missed volunteering and I realized how important it had become for me. I was giving my time and love for animals, but they were giving me back tenfold."

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Volunteer, Sabina Pecchi, with Lila

To learn about our volunteer programs visit eastbayspca.org/volunteer.

To learn about our foster volunteer program visit eastbayspca.org/foster.

HUMANE EDUCATION

PROGRAMS TO HELP YOUTH DURING COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the East Bay SPCA's Humane Education programs remained popular and vital for young people in our community. With high unemployment rates and schools moving to virtual learning to keep students and staff safe, unique issues arose for some families. One such family is T's (name shortened for anonymity). T participated in our Shelter Scouts and Animal Camp programs. His family's income was affected by the pandemic but thanks to generous grants from the Thelma Doelger Trust for Animals and the West Davis & Bergard Foundation, we were able to offer T scholarships to attend programming.

T is the kind of student who thrives on interactions with his peers. He has a sharp sense of humor and is sensitive to the well-being of his peers. T wants to be liked by everyone and does his best to befriend all. He likes big dogs (specifically German Shepherds) but wasn't able to have one in his family's apartment. School moving to virtual learning was a challenge for T. He began to withdraw and fall behind on school work, which worried his mom. She found our programs and enrolled him. T's mom saw a marked improvement and was kind enough to share their experience with us.

"Our son was having a difficult time emotionally when remote school started due to COVID-19. His teacher recommended counseling, and we tried several things for him to reduce his stress level. T is getting so much better about regulating his emotions ever since we re-started the East Bay SPCA's youth scout program again. He is also getting back on track in school assignments, which is great!"

"We are very happy to see a big smile back to our child and hope to continue this program."

"Thank you very much for giving us a great scholarship opportunity for the summer camp! We can't thank the East Bay SPCA enough for what you have brought to us!"



The East Bay SPCA's Humane Education department is grateful to have the opportunity to provide impactful programming to youth in Oakland, Dublin, and the East Bay. We have been able to support the social needs of many youth throughout COVID and look forward to continuing to create a space where people of all ages can explore how they can make a positive impact.

ANIMAL CAMP is a full day camp that mixes fun and skill building to allow participants to build their knowledge about animals and animal welfare, becoming stewards of empathy and compassion in their communities. It is our largest Humane Education program and runs in the spring, summer, fall and winter.

SHELTER SCOUTS are able to give back to the East Bay SPCA and earn community service hours learning about various animal welfare topics, creating enrichment, socializing animals, and performing other shelter tasks.

SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS allow us to bring the shelter into the classroom! Using fun, engaging activities, the East Bay SPCA staff touch on topics such as overpopulation, basic pet care, animal body language, and more! Staff facilitate a safe animal meet and answer the myriad questions young people ask.

TOURS, WORKSHOPS, AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES allow people of all ages to interact with our shelters in a unique way. They're able to learn about what we do and see it in action behind the scenes! Our Humane Education department allows a special, personalized access point to foster compassion and collaboration. We work with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, adult schools, senior centers, school clubs, and more!

For more information about East Bay SPCA Humane Education programs
visit eastbayspca.org/humane-education.

Growl Meow & Wine

Sunday, May 15
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us for fun animal appearances, a lively Silent Auction and Live Auction with a variety of exclusive items to bid on, specialty hors d'oeuvres, craft beer, fine wine and more!

Tickets on sale now at growlmeowandwine.org

*Due to the service of alcohol, no one under the age of 21 is permitted.
We will be following all Alameda County Covid-19 Health and Safety Guidelines.*



An interactive educational exhibit about the world of dogs.

East Bay SPCA Dublin

Free Admission

Learn More at eastbayspca.org/exhibit

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Animal Camp

APRIL 4 - APRIL 8

DUBLIN & OAKLAND

1ST - 8TH GRADE

Summer Animal Camp

JUNE 6 - AUGUST 12, 5-DAY SESSIONS

DUBLIN & OAKLAND

1ST - 8TH GRADE

Purr-fect for youth who are passionate about pets, want to make a difference for shelter animals, or just need a little experience before adding a furry friend to the family. Animal camp is both educational and fun! Learn more at eastbayspca.org/camp.

TRAINING RESOURCES

Ongoing Dog Training Classes

Our training classes are designed to enrich the bond between you and your companion through positive reinforcement methods. Classes are offered online and in-person in Oakland and Dublin. eastbayspca.org/dog-training.

On-Demand Cat and Dog Behavior Courses

We offer a variety of affordable on-demand, online classes on common cat and dog behavior topics. eastbayspca.org/on-demand.