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**For Immediate Release:**

## **East Bay SPCA Receives Grant to Save At-Risk Senior Dogs**

[August 23, 2023, Oakland, CA] East Bay SPCA has received a \$7,500 grant from The Grey Muzzle Organization to subsidize at-risk senior dogs that often take longer to find their new homes. One such dog supported by the grant is nine-year-old Fez, a miniature poodle that arrived at East Bay SPCA as a stray. In his old age, he had become partially deaf and had severe “dry eye,” which can lead to blindness. He also had several benign tumors and sensitive digestion. Our expert medical team began treating his eyes, removed his tumors, and put him on a special diet to reduce gastrointestinal inflammation. Fez responded well to his treatments, felt better quickly, and found his new home soon after. This grant gives senior dogs like Fez the veterinary care they need to be healthy and ready for their forever homes.

“While many stray senior dogs arrive with a host of medical issues, our veterinary care gives them a second chance. It’s deeply gratifying to see senior dogs who were formerly in pain or discomfort enjoy healthy and peaceful senior years.” - Dr. Josie Noah, Shelter Veterinarian

To encourage the adoption of senior pets, East Bay SPCA has a Seniors for Seniors program that waves senior pets’ adoption fees for adopters 65 and above. This program improves the health and quality of life of senior citizens.

East Bay SPCA is grateful for the generosity of The Grey Muzzle Organization and the opportunity to transform the lives of senior animals.

### **About East Bay SPCA:**

East Bay SPCA is a local nonprofit that is not affiliated with any national organization. They are proud to be one of the oldest shelters in the country and one of the most innovative in the region. East Bay SPCA has helped injured, lost and abandoned animals since 1874. They serve Alameda and Contra Costa Counties with locations in Dublin and Oakland. [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org)

### **About The Grey Muzzle Organization:**

The national nonprofit The Grey Muzzle Organization improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. [greymuzzle.org](http://greymuzzle.org)

### **About Dr. Josie Noah, Shelter Veterinarian, East Bay SPCA**

Dr. Josie Noah graduated from UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, after previous careers as a high school math teacher and curriculum developer. She has focused her veterinary career on shelter medicine and community outreach.