

In brief: East Bay SPCA plans to expand services with new \$200,000 grant

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As the East Bay SPCA celebrates 150 years, the organization's leaders are proud to announce having received a transformative \$200,000 multiyear grant from PetSmart Charities, a commitment poised to make a significant impact on the region's pet care landscape.

This generous grant is part of PetSmart Charities' broader initiative, pledging \$100 million nationwide over the next five years to enhance access to veterinary care for the estimated 50 million U.S. pets facing barriers to essential services. Rising costs and various obstacles have resulted in owners of these pets struggling to obtain services such as spay/neuter procedures, vaccinations and critical medical and preventative care.

With the grant, East Bay SPCA officials plan to to elevate the standard of care for local pets and families by expanding its services through humane advocacy efforts (keeping pets and people together), introducing telemedicine services, focusing on veterinarian recruitment and enhancing ultrasound services at its Oakland facility. For more information online, visit eastbayspca.org.

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