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For Immediate Release:

## **Homes for the Holidays: Add a Furry Friend to Your Family This Season**

*Consider Adoption First – Animal Shelters Across the East Bay Are Ready to Help*

Oakland, CA – December 11, 2024 -- Just like shelter animals, no two homes are the same, but every family can benefit from having a pet. That is why this holiday season all twelve East Bay animal shelters are coming together with one simple message – that there has never been a better time to open your heart and your home to a new pet.

Adopting from a shelter has many benefits, including that all available animals have already received medical check-ups, have been vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and microchipped.

Local shelters also have a pet that is perfect for your family's lifestyle. Whether you're looking for a playful puppy or a calm adult dog, or perhaps a kitten that can grow up with your children, shelters offer a variety of animals of all ages, sizes, and energy levels – there are hundreds of animals waiting to meet you.

Most importantly, adopting saves lives and helps address the growing shelter population. Since the pandemic, many East Bay shelters have seen an influx of animals, including purebred and mixed-breed dogs and cats, seeking loving families.

### **12 Shelters Ready for Adopters**

The 12 shelters across Contra Costa and Alameda counties are open and ready to welcome adopters this holiday season. Each shelter may offer different pricing and promotions, but they all share the same mission: to find loving homes for every animal in their care. While these animals will be cared for and loved, there's no place like a real home, especially during the holidays.

Antioch Animal Services, 300 L St, Antioch (925) 779-6989  
<https://www.antiochca.gov/police/animal-services/>

Berkeley Animal Care Services, 1 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley (510) 981-6600  
<https://www.friendsofbacs.org/>

Berkeley Humane Society, 2700 Ninth Street, Berkeley (510) 845-7735  
<https://berkeleyhumane.org>

Contra Costa Animal Services, 4800 Imhoff Place, Martinez (925) 608-8400  
<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/9974/Animal-Services>

East Bay SPCA:

Dublin – 4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin (925) 479-9670

Oakland – 8323 Baldwin Street, Oakland (510) 569-0702

[www.eastbayspca.org](http://www.eastbayspca.org)

East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin (925) 803-7040  
<https://www.alamedacountysheriff.org/community/adopt-a-pet>

Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter, 1590 Fortmann Way, Alameda (510) 337-8565  
<https://www.alamedaanimalshelter.org/>

Hayward Animal Services, 16 Barnes Court, Hayward (510) 293-7200  
<https://www.haywardanimals.org/>

Joybound People & Pets, 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek (925) 256-1273  
[www.joybound.org](http://www.joybound.org)

Oakland Animal Services, 1101 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oakland (510) 535-5602  
<https://www.oaklandanimalservices.org/>

Tri-City Animal Shelter, 1950 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont (510) 790-6645  
<https://www.tricityanimalshelter.org/>

Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton (925) 426-8656  
[www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org)

### **A New Beginning for Homeless Pets**

Many independent cats and energetic pups eagerly await a second chance. No animal should spend the holidays in a shelter, particularly when so many wonderful families are looking for a companion. The clock is ticking for these animals to find a home before the end of the year.

If you are ready to make a lifelong friend, visit your local shelter today and help give a pet a fresh start. It's the season of giving—give the gift of a home and reap the benefits of companionship.

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### **About East Bay SPCA**

Established in 1874, East Bay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (East Bay SPCA) is proud to celebrate its 150th anniversary as one of the nation's oldest shelters and a leading innovator in the Bay Area region. East Bay SPCA is More Than a Shelter, transforming the lives of cats and dogs by enriching the human-animal bond through accessible and respected expertise. Serving Alameda and Contra Costa counties and beyond, East Bay SPCA is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, operating independently of any national affiliation. Learn more at [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).

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