



BAY AREA PET ADOPTIONS NEWS

SPRING 2019

.....and then there were TEN!



A call went out for assistance. Three huskies, a male and two females ranging in age from 3-8 years, had been abandoned on a one-acre property in Magnolia. The neighbors were trying to feed and care for them, but it was overwhelming. Husky rescues were full.

A volunteer and her friends organized a rescue largely funded by Terri Gale and Laura Curtiss. Their task was challenging and it took two days to capture Lobo, the male. Lobo and Stormi were heartworm positive, and one, Stormi, walked on three legs as she has a very large mass on her knee.



Of greater surprise was the arrival of 7 puppies within the next ten days. Skye, the younger female, delivered three puppies just days after arriving at the shelter. We thought she might be pregnant, but at an early stage. We were wrong. Stormi delivered four puppies a week later. Her condition was discovered through x-rays taken of the knee (which is frozen in a position near her abdomen). Happily, all puppies and Moms are healthy. Skye delivered three males named Bolt, Zephyr, and Nino. Stormi delivered four females named Xena, Kona, Mila and Luna. Lobo, is a proud father, but has now been neutered. We will defer further treatment of Stormi's knee until her puppies are weaned. Amputation may be required.

All ten require immunizations and need to be spayed/neutered, Lobo and Stormi require heartworm treatment, and Stormi will require further tests followed by treatment of her knee. Donations can be made to our general or medical fund to help care for Lobo, Skye, Stormi and their puppies.



Violet's Purple Paws

The abuse of animals is obvious in many ways: an animal's fear of people, apparent malnourishment, chronic illness and injuries; but there is another sign of abuse that's easy to spot – purple paws. A sweet-tempered, light gray cat we have named Violet was recently rescued and brought to the shelter, and immediately noticeable were her purple stained paws. Her purple paws are the result of the unconscionable act of dog fighters using markers to color the white parts of cats and kittens and then betting on their "color bait." These marked cats are used as bait for dogs to attack and kill as part of numerous betting games. The person whose "color bait" dies first wins the bet. Just as dogs are often stolen to use in dog fights, cats are also stolen to use in heinous crimes such as baiting. According to one rescue center, these cats can often appear relatively healthy, but the purple paws (or other colors as well) are a sign of abuse. Cat owners are encouraged to keep their cat indoors, and if they are allowed to venture outside, make their visits a "supervised" activity. This level of abuse is unforgivable, but we are very optimistic for Violet. She has been adopted into a loving home where she can spend the rest of her life happy, healthy and safe.



Dear Tabby



Dear Tabby,

I've written numerous times about my human's insistence that I scratch only on approved poles, posts, and cardboard contraptions. Not my idea of a feline frolic. I'm honestly trying through my purrfect persuasion to show my caring but inept human how much more satisfying the cool leather sofa and the newly upholstered chairs are than the "cat toys" that they purrrchase from something called a "cat" a-log! Cats have no interest in those products; in fact, there is no sensation (other than a litter box full of catnip) like the one we feel when we see an Ashley's sofa advertisement open on the kitchen table. Is my human finally buying me that ultimate scratching piece I've always wanted? Unfortunately, no. The human tosses this plethora of valu-

able scratching pieces in the recycle bin and returns to their futile search of Chewy's newest cat distractions. Are humans just slow learners?

Signed, Scratchless in Seattle

Dear Scratchless,

Tabby feels your pain. While sofas are preferable for a variety of reasons, try a little compromise and scratch the wretched posts you are furnished. After all, it is our duty to train these pitiful servants, and making them happy not only provides positive reinforcement, but it gives them hope. The boorish spray bottle will soon disappear if you attack the post with glee, however contrived. Come 2:00 AM, the sofas are all yours, with the slumbering oafs none the wiser. Remember, there is power in unpredictability,

Tabby

A Shout Out to the Eagle Scouts



This January, another Eagle Scout Project helped change the experience we provide for our dogs at Bay Area Pet Adoptions. Jared Cesen, and his fellow scouts from Troop 609, raised the fences of our three front yards to 6 feet from 4'6". Many of our big dogs could jump or scale the old fences, limiting our ability to place them in these yards. Raising these fences was an enormous project and particularly challenging given the constant rain which fell this winter. Jared vacuumed water from the yards with a wet/dry vac so the project could proceed. The fences look awesome and our dogs love the playing in the yards. Jared also installed a shade cover in the corner of our agility course that was constructed by another Eagle Scout, Ricardo Moreno, last year. Our thanks to Jared, all the Eagle Scouts involved, and Zachry Construction who provided

funds for the materials required. This project was on our bucket list for many years and you proved that DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE!



Lena's Good News: Adopting an FIV Positive Pet

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is often misunderstood, even by those of us who have owned cats our entire life. Lena, a cuddly, playful longhair, was brought to the shelter in a litter of kittens almost a year ago. While the other kittens were FIV negative, Lena tested positive. Knowing there can be false positives, Lena was tested again six months later and unfortunately tested positive a second time. Despite this bad news, her story has a happy ending, partly thanks to much research on FIV.

The good news is that Lena was adopted! Thanks to recent veterinary research, we now know that FIV is not easily transmitted to other cats, especially if the cat has been spayed/neutered and is not engaged in harmful fighting with other cats. The primary mode of transmission for FIV is through bite wounds. Casual, non-aggressive contact does not appear to spread the virus. As a result, cats in homes with stable social structures, such as those where the cats are kept indoors, are at little risk of acquiring FIV infections. Also, sexual contact between cats is not a major means of spreading FIV.

According to veterinary medicine, cats that are FIV positive should be fed a well-balanced, nutritional diet, and pet owners should avoid giving them any raw foods such as meat and eggs to limit the risk of bacterial and parasitic infections. Six-month checkups at the veterinarian's office are also recommended to be assured of the cat's continued health. Thanks to invaluable research and loving homes, cats like Lena can live a happy, healthy life.



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A Boy and His Dog: Comet's Happy Tail has a "Wiley" Ending



We adopted Comet on December 8, 2018. At Halloween we had to put our son's mamma dog to sleep due to lung cancer. We were looking for a female dog, 1-2 years old, around 35-40 pounds. Life had another path picked for us. We came to the shelter to visit with a few other dogs and we noticed that Comet was intently staring at our son. When we asked to visit with Comet, he never took his eyes off our son, no matter who was petting him. When we left without Comet our son cried and kept asking for Comet over the next week. It was an instant match.

Since bringing Comet home we renamed him Wiley. It was too close to Christmas to have a reindeer name. Wiley has settled in perfectly and has become my son's constant companion. The two play constantly and Wiley even jumps on the trampoline and has learned to go up the stairs on the swing set and go down the slide with our son. All I hear is giggles and laughter when the two are playing. Wiley is super sweet, loves to give kisses and thinks he is a lap dog. He is eager to please and easy to redirect. He is also a good runner and once his joints are mature enough, he is going to make a great running partner. Our older dog, Topsy, secretly likes him, too. She hasn't once snapped at him and we have caught her initiating play with him.

In the end, we wanted a dog that my son could grow up with and Wiley is just that. He is a perfect addition to our family.



Woofstock 2019- Wet and Wild!

Our thanks to Boondoggles and Chelsea Wine Bar for their ongoing sponsorship of our Woofstock fundraiser. They are incredible partners and please remember, their patios are always pet friendly! We had lots of four legged friends and their owners come by to enjoy the festivities. In addition to great vendors we had a magician, face painter, photographer, and plenty of other activities. Old man weather decided to "Rain on our Parade" just as the Parade of Adoptable Dogs began, but within the half hour our dogs had the chance to strut their stuff. Our thanks to all who supported us! Everyone had fun and we raised over \$8,000 to support our pets!



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The Big Summer Hazard - Heat Stroke in Pets

Spring has just sprung here in South Texas, and we are enjoying temperatures that don't need a parka or a string bikini. That being said, we all know it won't last long before the famous Texas heat is here along with our need for some good old-fashioned lemonade or sweet tea.

Texas summer can be full of fun on the water, but for your pets, it can be very dangerous, and even deadly. Here are a few things to do to help prevent heatstroke in your pets.

- Never leave your pet in a parked car, even if you think it's cool enough or you won't be gone long. A vehicle can heat up to dangerously high temperatures within minutes, even with your windows cracked or open.
- Keep plenty of water available for your pet. Dehydration is extremely dangerous.
- Walk or exercise your pets early in the morning or late in the afternoon when it is cool. Touch the sidewalk or asphalt with your bare hand. If it's too hot to touch, then it is too hot to walk your pet on. It can easily burn the bottom of their paw pads.
- Make sure you have accessible shade for your pets to get out from under the hot sun.

What to do if you think your pet is suffering from heatstroke?

- Immediately move your pet to a shaded cool area and begin a cooling down process. Using only tepid water (never cold water), pour water or use wet towels on your pet. Concentrate on the chest, neck, belly and arm pit areas.

- Offer small sips of tepid water.
 - Immediately, take to closest veterinary office. Time is of the essence.
- Some complications of heatstroke don't show up until hours or days later. Hopefully, you will never be in this position, but you may be able to save your pet's life or the life of someone else's pet if you know the basics.

