



BAY AREA PET ADOPTIONS NEWS

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Greetings and Happy Holidays to our Family of Partners,

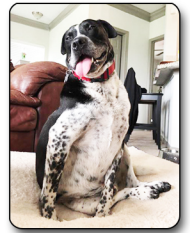
Saying this has been quite a year would be an understatement to say the least! But for every challenge in 2020, Bay Area Pet Adoptions is celebrating so many more positives. Join us in counting our blessings and looking forward to wonderful things to come in 2021:

- The shelter has continued operating during the pandemic by implementing health checks and safety precautions to prevent transmission of COVID-19 to staff and visitors.
- We applied for and received several grants this year, notably from: The Petfinder Foundation, the Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charity Foundation, American Humane: Feed the Hungry Grant, Best Friends: Rachel Ray Save Them All Covid-19 grant, the Mary Jane Carvel Foundation, and Houston PetSet.



- Lead Kennel Technician Derek Johnson celebrated his 10-year anniversary with BAPA. Derek is a huge asset to the shelter and a loving caretaker to the dogs. Congratulations!!
- BAPA had a busy year fund raising to help keep the shelter open. Thank you for your generous support and participation in our on-line fundraiser The Dog Days of Summer Basket Raffle, and thank you to the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club for hosting the Barktoberfest Basket Raffle.

• **HAPPY TAILS!** Some of our longest-term BAPA residents found homes: Georgia found her purrfect home after 1,425 days and K9 Alumni Finn went home after 1,929 days.

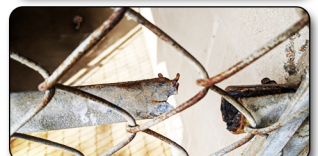
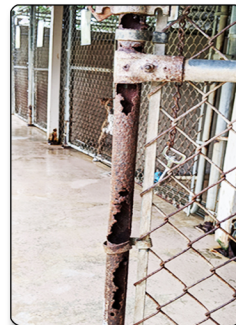


• Two new air conditioning units were installed: the Cattery and Small Dog Kennels are now cool and comfortable.



• 2020 gave BAPA the opportunity to refocus, and create a completely restructured K9 program. The new program focuses on current best practices including new policies & procedures, new training requirements focused on safety and positive training methods with a key focus on improved consistency in canine handling, and ensuring all canine volunteers have the same knowledge moving forward. We will also roll out a brand new K9 behavior program in 2021, a dog-specific program for those pups who have a few challenging “quirks”. Stay tuned for more details!

• Coming in early 2021, watch for your invitation to partner with us in our desperately needed shelter repair capital campaign. Our very old kennels have kept our animals safe but are now deteriorating in the Galveston Bay salt air, and roughly 50% are no longer usable. By making all available kennels safe, we can greatly increase the number of homeless dogs and cats we can rescue. Join us in making Bay Area Pet Adoptions a **“SAFE PLACE FOR PAWS!”**



More than anything, we want to thank all of you, our family of partners. We depend upon you as an enduring source of support in our mission of saving lives. Thank you for allowing Bay Area Pet Adoptions to continue to provide a safe place for paws while they wait for their forever homes.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors, Staff and of the Pets at Bay Area Pet Adoptions



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