



BAY AREA PET ADOPTIONS NEWS

FALL 2018

HARVEY REMEMBERED

As we share our latest efforts to save lives and find forever homes for the pets at Bay Area Pet Adoptions, we can't help but think back a year ago to the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. We count our blessings that rising water levels never breached our buildings. We also give thanks to all who fostered our pets through the storm, especially those who faced flooding of their own homes. We are thankful they, our pets, and their pets found their way to safety.

We know many of you as well have dealt with the challenges of flooded homes or businesses and that some of you are not done. Please know the staff, volunteers, cats and dogs at Bay Area Pet Adoptions are thinking of you.

There was a silver lining to Harvey – it created a tremendous sense of community. People risked their own lives to save others. After the storm, the most frequent question asked was, "What can I do to help." While we never want to see the likes of a Hurricane Harvey again, we hope that sense of community lives on forever.

Kittens, Kittens Everywhere!

As always, love was in the air this spring. It goes without saying that the free roaming cats in our area couldn't help but celebrate. As you might expect that led to a prolific kitten season. Each year we do our best to save as many of these kittens as possible. This year we have rescued over 45 and they have truly graced our cattery. These little ones have provided us with many challenges and lots of entertainment.

Our first kittens were delivered by Aura, a one year old calico, that gave birth to 6 gorgeous kits (Cocoa Puff, Cookie Crisp, Kix, Pebbles, Honey Bunches, and Cheerio) just 10 days after arriving at the shelter. Fortunately, one of our fabulous volunteers offered to foster her through the birth and ensuing weeks until these little ones opened their eyes. Three of Aura's kittens have been adopted, but - Cocoa Puff, Cookie Crisp, and Kix -are still available and would love to share your life!

Aura's kittens were just the beginning, within a few weeks we were inundated with tiny future mousers. It was our good fortune that another volunteer graciously offer to foster a second litter in need of extra care.

As adoptions occurred, others were rescued. At one point 25 kittens were racing around our kitten room with unabashed joy. While many are already living the dream in their new forever home, there are plenty still looking for a life time lap in which to cuddle. Please come meet these furry balls of fluff and all the cats we have roaming around the cattery. Surely one will steal your heart. Don't miss out – they are not posted to Facebook and our Web page until they have been spayed/neutered and many have applications by then!



You Make This Possible!

Thanks to your support, we continue to treat animals with heartworms, mange and other medical issues and give them a chance to find their forever homes. The stories of a couple of these special pets are shared below:



Sparky, is a one year old pug/beagle mix that came to the shelter in April. He had been rescued by Galveston Animal Control with an imbedded collar. This little fellow had been seen running free for over two months, but kept alluding the officers. Knowing he needed help, for the collar was imbedded 3/4ths of the way around his neck, they diligently pursued him and finally caught him. They arranged surgery for the collar's removal and when we heard about his situation, we brought him to the shelter to recover. His story didn't end there, for he was heartworm positive. After the incision healed, he underwent heartworm treatment. The resilience of this little guy was amazing. Through all of his challenges he was cheerful and loving. Though a bit shy upon first meeting people, he quickly opened up his heart to their warmth. He was adopted by a great family, but their cat was very hostile toward him, so they brought him back for his own safety. Sparky patiently waited for the right home, sharing his love with the staff and volunteers. We are happy to share that Sparky found a forever home with plenty of kids, a cat (who is just fine with having a dog in the family), and lots of love!



When **Tippy** came to the shelter she was a young puppy and things were not good. She was hairless and covered in scabs. Poor Tippy had one of the worst cases of mange the shelter staff had ever seen. It was hard to tell if she was a chihuahua or a hairless terrier. She loves to tell her shelter story so here is the rest of her story in her words: "No hiding the truth, I was ugly. The staff was pretty awesome and cheered me up telling me I would be a beauty one day. Day after day I looked in the mirror, but still no hair. Then one day I noticed peach fuzz covering my skin. The shelter staff said it was super soft and loved to rub it. Week after week I patiently waited for it to grow and now I have a full coat. Best of all, as my coat grew that horrible itching went away and I began to enjoy life. Now that I feel better, I am a very playful gal. I approach everything I do with enthusiasm. Life was meant to be enjoyed and I want to enjoy every minute of the day. Whether it is racing around, playing with other dogs, or just being adventuresome, I'm in. Best of all, I'm quite partial to people and guess what...a wonderful thing happened just before this newsletter went to press - I was adopted!!!!"



PetSmart Volunteers - Wanted!



Did you know those cats residing at the PetSmart at 646 and Highway 45 are from Bay Area Pet Adoptions? On Saturday and Sunday we also bring three dogs to the store. Our presence at PetSmart is a volunteer effort and we need help! Often we hear people say that they would like to volunteer, but going to a shelter would be too upsetting. This is your chance! Every morning and evening we need a volunteer to cuddle, clean, and feed the cats. It only takes an hour to make a difference for these pets. On the weekends we need handlers for the cats and dogs. More cuddling and a chance to show our pets to the public. Those shifts are 2.5 - 3 hours and lead to many adoptions. Please consider helping. Contact jeanie@bayareapetadoptions.org.



Barktoberfest 2018 October 13

It is once again time for one of our largest fundraisers of the year - Barktoberfest! Please join us at Jarboe Bayou Park, 815 Birch Road, Clear Lake Shores from 11AM-3PM. This pet friendly event includes dog shows, pet competitions, music, a silent auction, vendors, food and more! It is sponsored by the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club and 100% of the proceeds are donated to our shelter!



If you would be interested in helping us make this event a huge success, please consider donating a silent auction item, becoming a sponsor, manning a booth, or helping us with set up and breakdown. Please contact theresa@BayAreaPetAdoptions.org for more info or visit <http://CLSCivicClub.com/Barktoberfest/>. We hope to see everyone there!

Donation Form

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Please return this reply with your donation in the enclosed envelope, knowing that we will continue working hard to care for more animals and find them homes.

Or DONATE ONLINE at www.BayAreaPetAdoptions.org/donate.html

Our Last Harvey Rescue is Adopted - A Happy Tail From Mocha



Mocha and her pups were our first Harvey rescues. All had severe mange and Mocha was further challenged. She was a senior and heartworm positive. Once cured of mange, the pups quickly found wonderful homes. Mocha was successfully treated for heartworms, but there was little interest in the loving girl. All that changed a few weeks ago. After 11 months, Mocha found her forever family and this is her Happy Tail:



I came to visit BAPA on a quick weekend trip from Orlando to see my parents. I used to live in Houston, had been a BAPA volunteer, and had also adopted a few pups from there. Unfortunately my doggie died in March of this year. I felt lost without a dog in my life. I had always followed the BAPA page, so I was keeping my

eye on the dogs. I wanted to see (Serendipity) Dipity as I love white dogs, but then I learned Mocha's story...I knew I had found my dog. She was calm and yet loving, so cute just flopping on her back for loving. She reminded me so much of my dog who died, a big gentle giant and seeking nothing but love. My next challenge was how to get her back to Florida. To my true surprise, I was told that one of the volunteers who had been working with Mocha had volunteered to drive half way...Biloxi, MS!! This was a god send! I wasn't sure about the first night, if she would need to be crated or not, so I told her as I was brushing my teeth...you decide, crate or bed. I turned around from brushing my teeth and she was lying in bed! Smart dog.

I'm so thankful to have her in my life, I love just pattering around and talking to her, she has everything she could ever want, but the thing she has the most is LOVE and safety. She is house broken, she doesn't bark, she is calm and easy, she loves rubbing and even did great with her bath! She is a beautiful chocolate brown and we've received many compliments about how pretty she is. I love my Mocha!!





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As the Worm Turns

We continue our efforts to help heartworm positive dogs.

Rosie, a senior dachshund, stole the hearts of all our volunteers. In addition to being heartworm positive, this gal was in desperate need of dental work. She received treatment for both and once she recovered, she hung out her "Adopt Me" shingle. Her needs were few - a lap in which to lie and lots of love. She offered kisses and love in return. Rosie wanted a forever family that would appreciate her desire to cuddle and kiss, and promised to be a devoted companion. One day a special lady came to the shelter and fell in love with our Rosie. Rosie wants you to know that dreams really do come true.



Bella couldn't believe her prior owners hadn't protect her from heartworms. She had done all the right things. She was sweet, smart, and had learned all the basic commands - after all, she was a quick learner. Lucky for Bella, we were able to treat her for the heartworms. Not long after she recovered her forever family came looking for the perfect pet to complete their home. A few minutes with Bella was all it took. This awesome pup now has a forever home to call her own.



Daily Needs

Cash Donations - Ongoing expenses that require cash payments include:

- Vaccines and other medicines including monthly preventatives for heartworms, ticks and fleas
- Microchips
- Veterinary expenses and surgery costs
- Special diet food needs
- Kennel cleaning products - not available via retail channels
- Utilities
- Maintenance and repairs

Other Daily Needs Include:

- Cat Litter
- Dog Food - Purina One
- Cat Food - Purina One Pro Plan
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Heavy Duty 30 Gallon Garbage Bags
- Fabuloso Cleaner - Purple
- Bleach
- Gift Cards - Walmart, PetSmart, Amazon
- Pump Garden Sprayers for disinfectants
- Greenies Pill Pockets