



BAY AREA PET ADOPTION NEWS

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FOSTERS WANTED!

As Hurricane Harvey approached we made the decision to evacuate our pets to foster care, a first for the shelter. That effort was a huge success and we learned an enormous lesson – We need to take advantage of fostering programs. Our foster needs differ from many rescue groups as we have a wonderful shelter where our pets are able to socialize with other cats and dogs as well as staff and volunteers. We offer them training, love, and plenty of opportunity to interact with potential adopters. However, our pets would benefit from a foster experience and we are establishing the following foster programs:

- **Long Term Shelter Pet Care** – A few of our pets have been at the shelter for several years. They have special needs, but are adoptable and could thrive in the right environment.
- **Heartworm Positive Dogs** - After we treat dogs for heartworms, they must remain quiet for many weeks. A low key foster environment would provide the perfect situation for recovery and would ensure that these dogs are monitored during hours when we are closed.
- **Wednesday Play Days** – We are closed Wednesdays which makes it a perfect day to give our cats and dogs a break from the shelter. Fosters could pick up their pet between 3:30 and 5:00PM on Tuesday and return them Thursday morning between 8:30 and 11:00AM.
- **Shelter From a Storm** – Harvey proved that fostering was the perfect means to evacuate our pets during a storm. The shelter is subject to storm surge and must be evacuated whenever there is the potential for a serious storm to strike the Houston area.

If you would be interested in fostering under any of these programs, please contact Jeanie Gonzalez at 832-212-6181 or via e-mail at jeanie@bayareapetadoptions.org. We and our pets would appreciate your help!

FELINE FINDS - GREAT CATS LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES



Meet **Cinder**, an eight year old coal black cat with fur as soft as velvet. This green eyed beauty is front declawed and has flourished since coming to the shelter. She is very affectionate and absolutely loves having her chin scratched. She has a playful side and adores playing with feather wands, they bring out the black panther side of her personality. She is also a self-confessed catnip addict! If declawed is high on your list of wants, come check out this beauty. You won't be sorry!

My name is **Reeses**, and I'm sweet as a peanut butter cup! I'm a stunning diluted calico with a more than unique fur pattern. My coat is soft and smooth with orange spread throughout it. And don't forget my eyes, they are pools of aqua green that will make you melt like candy! I'm an absolute cuddle bug and loves to be held. So, if you're looking for a cuddler come see me! Reeses may be my name, but cuddling is my game!



Can you believe getting stuck with a name like "**Harvey**" after all the devastation of last fall? Don't let that name fool you. I am a sweet, mellow, domestic short hair with a soft, thick easily groomed coat. Looking for friendly? That's me! Do you want a cat with whom you can communicate? That's me! I am very talkative. We can share all kinds of gossip! On top of that, I enjoy a good cuddle and like to have my round "tom cat" cheeks squeezed! Please come visit me. I promise to be a great addition to your family and an even better companion.

Thank You For Helping Us Save More Heartworm Positive Dogs

Thanks to your support, we continue to treat heartworm positive dogs and give them a chance to have a forever home with special families like yours. The stories of seven of these special pets are shared below:



CASHEW caught the eye of his forever family shortly after arriving. This little guy is goofy sweet, loves to be in your lap, gives kisses, and has the cutest curls. He became our first test case on placing dogs in foster care during their heartworm treatment. The family was able to keep an eye on him through that difficult time. It was also the perfect chance for them to bond with him. When adoption day came, Cashew and his forever family had big smiles!

GINGER, a young German Shepherd, also came to us from another shelter. She was very shy and incredibly loving. Shortly after starting heartworm treatment, a couple came to the shelter looking for a dog to complete their family. The dog was to be a Christmas present from Santa for their three girls. Ginger seemed like the perfect fit, and as the story goes, Santa left her at our shelter for the girls to meet. It was love at first sight and Ginger became our second heartworm foster. It was a special day when she was declared healthy and ready for adoption!



WINTER is a quiet, unassuming gal with a wonderful temperament that wants nothing more than a lap and someone with whom to cuddle. While undergoing treatment she was very subdued and overlooked by the many adopters who visited the shelter. Fortunately, her forever person happened by the shelter a week after she completed treatment and couldn't resist her expressive blue eyes and sweet disposition. Her dream of lifelong hugs is now a reality.



THOR is a two year old Doberman Pinscher that was also saved from another shelter. Like Ginger, he arrived a bit shy and significantly underweight. Lucky for us, Thor loved milk bones and they became part of his regular diet. While waiting for treatment Thor's forever family learned of his situation and knew they had to adopt him. He went home in late January and his new family has been helping him gain a few pounds!



MUMM and her three puppies were rescued from Texas City late last year. The pups were too young to have heartworms, but Mumm was not so lucky. Dogs undergoing heartworm treatment must be very quiet, so we held off treating Mumm until the pups were old enough to be on their own. Treatment began in early January and this beautiful gal is now heartworm free. Mumm is medium sized, has gorgeous blue eyes, likes people, enjoys being in the play yards, and adores attention. **THIS GAL WAS ADOPTED THE DAY WE WENT TO PRINT!**

REX is a senior who came to us from another shelter. He is a low key kind of guy that enjoys the company of other dogs, but tends to lie down and watch rather than play. In addition to being heartworm positive, he has a significant hearing loss. This boy is super sweet, likes people, and will happily chill by your side. Just look into his eyes and you will see the trust and devotion he will share with a forever family. Rex is about to begin his heartworm treatment and would love to be fostered through his recovery. Of course his greatest desire is to find a forever home and a "foster to adopt" would make him very happy. This sweetheart will make a great pet for someone who appreciates a senior dog!



NILLA BEAN is a three year old gal that is very chill for her age. She is generally good around other small dogs, but would definitely be happy as an only dog. She is new to the shelter and like Rex, about to start her heartworm treatment. She would love to be fostered through her recovery and a foster to adopt situation would be icing on the cake. This gal is super sweet. If you enjoy the foster care experience, Nilla Bean would be the perfect short term addition to your home!

THESE PUPS THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT THEM AND HOPE YOU WILL HELP US SAVE MORE HEARTWORM POSITIVE DOGS.

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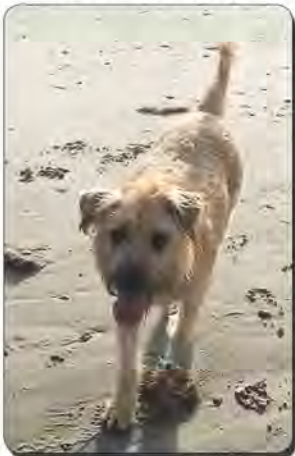
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Happy Tails from Roxanne

It has been almost a year since I adopted Roxanne (Roxy) from you guys and she's definitely changed my life! She loves to cuddle and nap and enjoys a car ride or two every week. She's also started to finally get the hang of toys (somewhat) and loves socializing with her furry friends at the dog park and on the beach! I'm so thankful to you guys.



We Have a New Sign Thank You Leo Sasso!

As the winter rainy season set in, our sign at the corner of 146 and Avenue R came tumbling down. Rotten weather had given way to rotted boards. Thanks to Leo Sasso of Graphics in Motion, 3438 Gulf Freeway, Dickinson we now have a spanking new sign! Leo was challenged by wind and rain; but in March the weather finally cooperated, and our new sign is guiding potential adopters to our shelter. Our dogs are howling with delight and the cats are yowling in harmony. Thank you Leo!



Volunteers Needed

Do you have free time, want to make a difference, and love animals? Our pets need you! Our dogs need socialization, training, and affection. Our cats need socialization, cuddling, and play time. We also need handlers at PetSmart on the weekends. Handlers get to spend time with their favorite animals and talk to people who love pets. It doesn't get any better than that! Please contact jeanie@bayareapetadoptions.org if you would like to become a volunteer. You must be 18 years of age to volunteer. Come see how you can change the life of a cat or dog. Our next Orientations will be held at 11:00 am on May 19th and June 16th at the shelter.



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A Great Day at Woofstock!

Our thanks to Boondoggles and Chelsea Wine Bar for once again sponsoring our Woofstock event which raised \$9,300 for our shelter. It was a great day with lots of pups strutting their stuff including many Bay Area Pet Adoptions alumni. The Easter Bunny came for the day, donned one of the awesome Woofstock t-shirts, and was photographed with



pups and their forever families. Competitions, silent auction, rummage sale, Parade of Adoptable Bay Area Pet Adoptions Dogs, and great vendors completed a perfect day! Our thanks to all who attended and made the event a phenomenal success!



Senior Seeks Loving Home

I'm Sally, a young senior that recently found refuge at Bay Area Pet Adoptions. Many volunteers and staff members think I look a lot like Sandy from Little Orphan Annie. As you can see, I have very expressive eyes that will draw you in and tell of the undying love I want to share with you. I am six - eight years old, super sweet, loving, and seeking a lap in which to chill. I enjoy being outside and now that I'm comfortable, I have started to play with tennis balls in the play yards. Everyone was so surprised when they realized I would chase a ball and retrieve it. In case you wonder, I am fantastic on leash and want nothing more than to please. My needs are few - a caring home will do the trick. If a low key dog with overflowing love sounds like your kind of companion, come meet me! I really want to share your life!

