



BAY AREA PET ADOPTIONS NEWS

SUMMER 2015

Hurricane Season

The 2015 Hurricane Season has arrived! And while we review our emergency checklists for our family, we don't want to forget the 4 legged members of our household. Our pets also need to be protected in an emergency. These are some tips that will help you prepare for you and your pet's safety during a storm:

- Map out your evacuation route if necessary and arrange for safe shelter to ride out the hurricane. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND.** If it is not safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets. **DETERMINE WHERE YOU WILL BRING YOUR PETS AHEAD OF TIME IF YOU EVACUATE.** Check on pet-friendly hotels, Red Cross shelters, or family who are willing to care for you and your pet.
- Prepare a hurricane supply kit for yourself and for your pet including:
 - At least 5 gallons of water per person/animal (should last 5 days)
 - 3-5 days of food (pop-top canned/dried)
 - Prescription medications
 - First aid kit and instructions
 - Battery-operated radio with extra batteries
 - Flashlights with extra batteries
 - Extra blankets/towels
 - Liquid soap
 - Kitty litter or paper toweling/disposable litter trays
 - Disposable pet waste bags
 - Extra collars/leashes
 - Carriers for cats/dogs
 - Bedding
- Be sure that your pet is micro-chipped before an emergency. Micro-chipping substantially increases the likelihood of a pet returning home if lost. Low-cost micro-chipping is available at many pet stores. Please check with your vet or BAPA if you have questions about micro-chipping your pet.
- Bring your pets current vaccination records with you. In the event that you need to board an animal, you will need that information.

Here's to a quiet 2015 hurricane season!

Featured Fur Friends

It's Kitten Season Again! As you know, spring brings lots of rain, beautiful flowers and the onset of warm weather. It also heralds the beginning of "Kitten Season", that time between March and November when most kittens are born. BAPA has rescued 18 this year and has dedicated a room as their nursery where they can hang out, play, and socialize. Many of these kittens will become available for adoption in early July. All will have received their core vaccines, flea treatment, wormings, FIV/FELV testing, and will have been spayed/neutered. We hope you will consider adopting one of these furry balls of fluff. In the meantime, please consider helping us defray the cost of these rescues by donating supplies, making a donation, or funding a sponsorship. The cost to sponsor a kitten is \$45 for 3 months or \$80 for 6 months. And don't forget, we have many adult cats looking for homes as well!



Topper: is a five month old wire haired terrier mix who was thrown from a vehicle onto the freeway resulting in nerve damage which paralyzed his left front limb. Unfortunately, despite our rehabilitation efforts, treatments were unsuccessful and the limb needs to be amputated. The cost of the surgery will be approx \$525. Topper is a special dog with a sunny disposition and an absolute love of life. He doesn't let his disability get in his way. Topper will be available for adoption once he has recovered from the surgery. We would like to provide our special thanks to Jane Burdsall, a volunteer who has fostered Topper since intake and who has provided him with physical therapy three times a day. If you would like to help fund Topper's medical treatment, or the treatment of medical expenses for our other pets, please send a donation or donate on line noting that funds are for medical treatment.

Dog Dynasty Update

Dog Dynasty Update: Last December we rescued nine dogs from a Sante Fe Shelter that had to close its doors. Five of these rescues have been adopted and are living the dream with their new owners. The remaining four are still waiting for a forever home. Please consider adopting one of these special pets:

Goldie: I am a three year old golden lab mix. I love to play in the yard. Pick the sport: running, tug or war, swimming, or fetch. I'm in! Though I'm not crazy about other female dogs, I'm pretty good with the fellas, especially the big guys! I've really come out my shell this last six months. I'm learning to leash walk, sit, stay and perform other basic commands. I would be great in an active home.



Otis: I am a two year old beagle mix with a sunny disposition. I enjoy people and other dogs. I love to run and play. I am also learning basic commands, but still need training. Next to playtime, my favorite past time is curling up in someone's lap! I am a great guy and my happy smile will steal your heart!

Timber: I am a three year old shepherd mix and yes, I'm a big guy. My handlers call me "Mr. T" as I am solid and strong, but have a heart of gold. I love to fetch tennis balls and value them more than any treat! Romping in the water is a lot of fun too. Not bragging, but I'm a quick learner, and have been working on basic commands and leash walking. Given my strength, the ideal forever family would be empty nesters who love big dogs. I would prefer to be the only pet and am too powerful for children.



Finn: I am a four year old blue heeler mix. Like Timber, I am big and solid. I love to play with toys and can empty a toy box in record time. My forever home needs to be with someone who is experienced with dogs and can help me with my training. I am learning basic commands, but I need a strong handler. I would prefer to be an only pet and am too strong for children.



An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language.

~Martin Buber

Our thanks to MSR Houston's Race4Charity

MSR Houston raised \$12,000 for us at their annual Race4Charity on April 4th. Our hearts were in our throats as we raced around the track and we were speechless when presented with the net proceeds from the day. Our heads are still spinning.



We Offer Low Cost Services

Microchips - \$25

Canine Heartworm Test \$25

Canine DAPPv, Bordetella or CIV \$15

Feline FeLV/FIV/HWT Test \$25

Feline FVRCP or FeLV \$15

Other services offered include De-worming, Ear Cleaning, Flea Bath, Nail Trim, Frontline & Cremations. Please call ahead to make sure a Vet Tech is on duty.

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to feel needed and appreciated, lower your stress levels, experience a sense of satisfaction, or just increase your happiness? Volunteering can offer you all of these benefits. Add the opportunity to cuddle a cat or dog and you are guaranteed to experience a "helper's high". Other benefits include meeting new people with similar interests, helping shelter animals become more adoptable, and becoming part of a team. We have a very limited staff supporting daily shelter activities and rely on volunteers to socialize and train our pets. Please consider volunteering today. Applications can be downloaded from our website.

To Shave or Not to Shave?

Those long, hot summer days have arrived and for many this means no school, time to play in the pool or on the beach, or a chance to soak in the sun. Fortunately we have summer wardrobes to help us stay cool in this hot weather. But what about our pets? Many owners of long haired cats and dogs have them shaved to help with the heat. Is this the best strategy to help your pet stay cool?

Maybe not. Your pet has many layers of fur designed to keep it cool in the summer and warm in the winter. These layers function like the insulation in our houses. Shaving your pet eliminates the natural protection they have to the summer heat and can leave them more susceptible to skin cancer.

So what can you do? Consider getting your dog a "summer trim". This is best performed by a groomer. Alternately, extra brushing and bathing will help ensure a lighter coat with the best air circulation. If your dog needs sun screen, be sure to use one that is canine friendly. Zinc oxide can be toxic if dogs lick and swallow it.

No matter what, please remember to provide plenty of shade and water when your pet is outside and walk your dog early in the morning or late in the day. Midday temperatures are at their peak and pavement temperatures are even higher!

DAILY NEEDS

CAT & DOG FOOD - Any Type

GIFT CARDS - Walmart, Gas, PetSmart, Amazon, etc

LAUNDRY DETERGENT - Liquid

BLEACH

CAT LITTER - Non-Clumping

FABULOSO CLEANER - Purple

DAWN DISH DETERGENT - Blue

PAPER TOWELS

BayAreaPetAdoptions.org Please visit our website for the latest information and to give.

Donation Form

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Email: _____

We will never share your email without your consent.

Please include your email for updates on our great adoptable animals and our organization.

By allowing us to use your email, we save money by not having to pay for printing and postal supplies. Thank you!

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other \$ _____

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

Why You Should Adopt From Our NO-KILL Shelter

Yes, the dogs and cats in our adoption program are safe with us since we are a no-kill shelter that does not euthanize for space, but they still lack the most important thing to them - a permanent home.

Every adoption is not just a celebration for that animal, but also for the animal that will be saved when it takes their place in our shelter. If we have a cat or dog for an extended period of time, space we could use to save another life is not available. When you adopt from us you are taking part in saving the life of the animal you adopt and the life of the next animal we take into our adoption program and no-kill shelter.

All of the dogs and cats available for adoption have been:

1. Examined by a licensed veterinarian
2. Fully vaccinated and are free of disease
3. Spayed or Neutered
4. Microchipped
5. Administered monthly heartworm and flea prevention
6. Socialized and interacted with daily by staff and volunteers



Remember that an adoption from us means we save another life and give that animal medical care and socialization skills that are not available at the kill shelters.

Adopt a healthy, well-cared for animal from us. Donate to us, your donation will be used to save more animals and give them a second chance.

Special Thank Yous!

To all our donors: We can't thank you enough for all your help. You are the foundation underpinning our daily activity and we save lives thanks to your support. We would like to share a few extraordinary efforts undertaken on our behalf since our last newsletter:

Our thanks to Gabby Romero, National Winner of the Smart Telecommunicator Award by Smart 911. As part of the award, Smart 911 made a \$1,000 donation to the charity of her choice. We are grateful that she selected Bay Area Pet Adoptions. Also, our congratulations to Gabby on her award. Keep up the good work.

AMOCO Federal Credit Union donated \$3,000 to sponsor our cattery and has been an exceptional partner introducing us to all the wonderful organizations that comprise their community.

Once again **Boondoggles and Chelsea Wine Bar** sponsored **Woofstock (May 16th)**, our annual spring fund raiser. All attendees had a great time eating, drinking and grooving to the music. The pet pools were a big hit and the event raised over \$5,500 for the shelter.

Keller Williams Realty Clear Lake presented us with a grant for \$500, but that was just the beginning. On May 14th more than a dozen realtors volunteered their time to help us with repairs and maintenance. They painted the cattery, hung 5 ceiling fans in our dog kennel, power washed the wood deck, trimmed trees, installed a garbage disposal, performed sundry other tasks, and still found time to cuddle our pets. A special thanks to Dulce Davis who orchestrated the event.

Canine Crew & PetSmart Vols We couldn't do it without you!



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Ways to DONATE for FREE!

Kroger - August is the time to Re-ENROLL your Kroger Plus Card and link it to us as your non-profit charity of choice. Every time you shop with your card, we earn a donation. To link your card, visit www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com. Sign-in to your account or create a Kroger online account so they have your Kroger Plus Card number. Then link your card to us. Bay Area SPCA 82684.

Randalls - will donate to us every time you shop with your Randalls Remarkable Card. Take your card to the Courtesy Booth and have them link it to Bay Area SPCA #2323.

Goodshop.com works with over 5,000+ stores to provide the best deals and coupons. Visit Goodshop.com and choose Bay Area Pet Adoptions as your charity. Install the goodshopto-go button and you do not have to click through from Goodshop to a participating store to earn the donation. The Goodshop button (goodsearch.com/goodto-go) works with your web browser so that when you visit the store on your own, it automatically recognizes you as a member and makes the donation happen!

Goodsearch.com - everytime you search the web through Yahoo powered GoodSearch.com a portion of their advertisers \$\$\$ will be donated to our cause.

AMOCO - Finance your next loan with AMOCO. Tell your loan representative that you would like AMOCO to match 1% of your loan amount and pay it forward to BAPA.

Amazon - shop with Fundinco and we will receive a donation of 3% of your purchase with no cost to you! Just select Bay Area Pet Adoptions as your charity. www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=455

iGive.com - has over 1400 retailers in their network that will GIVE US A DONATION if you purchase through iGive.com. You will need to create an account with them, then select Bay Area Pet Adoptions as your cause.

WoofTrax - download the phone app and earn us money every time you walk a dog! The app is available for iPhone and Android, just select us as your shelter. Start helping us today. <http://www.wooftrax.com/get-the-app/>

Hello Supporters, Volunteers and Adopters,

The first half of 2015 has been busy and full of change. We welcomed our new Executive Director, Theresa Viola-Buck, in January and she hit the ground running, the BAPA way! She comes to us as a Registered Veterinary Technician and with many years of experience running her own company. Theresa has hired a new Assistant Manager, Kristi Wilkerson, also a Registered Veterinary Technician. We are now fully staffed and ready to continue our mission.

Bay Area Pet Adoptions remains the only No Kill shelter in Galveston County. Since our founding in 1967, we have remained committed to the animals and people in our community. Our mission remains to rescue companion animals from kill shelters/animal control facilities and individuals and care for them until permanent, loving homes are found. So far in 2015, we have taken in over 100 dogs and cats in need of rescue, shelter and medical care, and adopted out nearly 90 healthy pets to their forever homes. Thank you for believing in and supporting our mission.

So to you, our supporters, volunteers and adopters, thank you for making all of these positive changes possible. We value each and everyone of you and appreciate all that you do for the animals. *~Annie Lamont, President*