



BAY AREA PET ADOPTIONS NEWS

DECEMBER 2014

Year In Review

Thanks to you, we can report that, as 2014 draws to a close, Bay Area Pet Adoptions is on better footing than a year ago. Your generous response to the Save Our Shelter (SOS) appeal, increased volunteer commitments, staff assuming extra duties and careful cost-cutting have helped us keep our cattery and kennel open as a last-chance shelter for homeless animals.

But our situation is still perilous, even as the need we work to meet gets greater every day. As you read this, a shelter in Santa Fe is closing. The lives of the 100 dogs housed there are in jeopardy. We hope to help, but have the means to save only a few, at most.

We think with gladness of the hundreds of rescued animals that have blessed us. And we think with sadness of the three million cats and dogs that were put down this year, for lack of rescue re-sources to meet the great demand. Our goal every day is to reduce that number in any way we can.

The one and only way we can save more at-risk dogs and cats is through your help. We often have facility space for more animals, but lack the means to support them. Each animal we save costs about \$7 a day to support, when all costs are factored. An empty kennel or cattery spot is our greatest heartbreak. With enough resources, each empty space can save the life of another cat or dog.

Eat out...and help out!

For the 3rd Thursday of each month, for the next year, the *Chili's restaurant in Clear Lake Shores* will donate 10% of sales to the Bay Area Pet Adoptions. This is a very generous commitment. Please print the announcement flyer from the BAPA Web page; you'll need to bring it with you to the restaurant.

Featured Fur Friends

Vinny is a sweet, lovable black and white chihuahua mix. He is friendly, outgoing and loves to be around people. And can you say smart? An A student in our training classes. If you are looking for a dog with



potential, put your money on this little guy. But Vinny isn't just smart, he's affectionate, too. He loves to sit in your lap, even when being groomed. Now that cold weather is here, he is excited about walks but they can't replace his #1 favorite activity: riding in cars. Let him jump into the seat and he'll be ready to go. He has excellent car manners and knows to sit calmly. If you are looking for a guy to cruise with, he is your man.



Dane: Every BAPA employee and volunteer has a long list of "I can't believe" stories. That is, they can't believe a dog or cat they've come to love has not been chosen for adoption. Dane is one such cat.

He's a handsome, gentle giant best known to us for his playfulness, his affectionate nature, and his desire to be around people and other animals. His marbled buff coat is beautiful and unusual, equaled only by his sweet and gentle personality. We don't know why no one has taken him home, but we know that whoever does will be very lucky to have him.

Until one has loved an animal a part of one's soul remains un-
awakened.

~Anatole France

Happy Tails

Sam is a chihuahua mix rescued from Galveston County in March. Though handsome and sweet, he was nervous around people he didn't know. Because he was shy, Sam did not make the best first impression. This was sad because once Sam bonded with you, your lap was his throne. Other chihuahua mixes were more outgoing and were adopted while he remained with us at the shelter. Then his life changed. During November a special lady came to the shelter looking for a "small and sweet" dog. Once she met Sam, she knew he was the one. Sam quickly overcame his shyness and they have completely bonded. She wrote: "Sam is doing great! He's the light of my life. We are so happy together. He really is such a special little boy. He eats well, loves to play and takes lots of naps in my lap. He's the perfect companion. Thank you all for making it possible. I love this little guy so much. Thank you!"



Pets are humanizing. They remind us we have an obligation and responsibility to preserve and nurture and care for all life.
-James Cromwell



Trisket: This pretty, petite tabby was found one night abandoned in a parking lot. Missing her right hind leg, her survival chances on her own were dim. As a "special needs" cat, her chances for adoption were equally small. But BAPA gave her the shelter and attention she needed, allowing her affectionate, playful personality to shine. She was adopted in July, and her lucky owner writes of her: "what an amazing thing, that a cat can inspire people! That's what she does every day. She's sweet, smart, with a big, brave heart. She is a constant joy in our home."

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

Holiday Greetings from the Cattery & Kennel Staff



Though our rescues don't know about holidays, we feel especially loving towards them this time of year. Some of our cats and dogs have spent several holiday seasons with us. We hope that, this time next year, they each have a home to call their own.

We have many adult cats who have much to offer their new owners. Of course we also have kittens as young as four months that are looking for homes as well, but if you are looking for a certain type of personality, we can give you details on the older cats personality – which is hard to do with the youngsters. Our senior dogs provide an opportunity to adopt a loving animal with a more relaxed attitude. Our younger ones will provide you with lots of love and energy.

We are always looking for toys and other items to make the shelter seem more like home (comfy beds, laser pointers for the cats - anything you would use with your own pets) are always needed. Volunteering is another way to help. It takes many people to run the shelter to our high standards. If you have time, please stop by or call and ask for the cat or dog volunteer coordinator to get started.

DAILY NEEDS

PRO PLAN & PURINA ONE - Dog & Cat Adult Dry Food
Chicken and Rice

CAT BEDS

ALUMINIUM WATER BUCKETS

LAUNDRY DETERGENT - Liquid

BLEACH

CAT LITTER - Non-Clumping

FABULOSO CLEANER - Purple

TOWELS - All Sizes

PAPER TOWELS

DAWN DISH DETERGENT - Blue

GIFT CARDS - Walmart & PetSmart

Hope and Faith Rewarded



For almost five years, **May and Mallory**, two tortie sisters, lived in the BAPA cattery. Staff loved them, but had almost given up hope that they would find a home: as senior cats needing to stay together, their adoption prospects were low. But then, thanks to our partnership with Petsmart, they caught the eye of a local couple who were looking for a quiet, older cat or two. May and Mallory, and their new humans, are now a happy family. The harsh truth is that had they been at most other shelters, would have been euthanized years ago. But not at Bay Area Pet Adoptions. We never give up on our dogs and cats. We believe this is why you support us so faithfully, and why you never give up on the shelter.



Donation Form

Please help keep our shelter open.



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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

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.

Out & About with Bay Area Pet Adoptions

Increasing public awareness of the shelter is critical to advancing our no-kill mission. During 2014 BAPA participated in several fund-raising and public relations events.

- Woofstock and Barktoberfest were among our most successful ever.
- Woofstock, held annually every April and hosted by Boondoggle's Pub & Chelsea Wine Bar in El Lago was a fun day of Peace, Love and Rescue raising over \$5,000 for the shelter. Contests, a Silent Auction and vendor booths provided something for everyone.
- Barktoberfest held at Jarboe Bayou Park and hosted by the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club raised \$19,500
- The League City Intermediate School student orchestra invited BAPA to attend their fall concert as their featured charity; orchestra teacher Sara Styskel learned of BAPA through speaking with volunteers at Mutts and Meows; students and parents gave generously and enthusiastically of both money and supplies.
- Chick-fil-a in Clear Lake Shores featured the shelter during their "Trunks and Treats" Halloween event, providing valuable exposure to many local individuals and families.



We'd like to thank Clear Lake Shores Civic Club for hosting Barktoberfest. With the help of many generous sponsors, such as Krogers and Del Papa, along with fabulous silent auction items that were donated, they raised \$19,500. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported us.



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

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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/>

Dear Friends,

Our SOS-Save Our Shelter campaign began one year ago, and made 2014 one of our most inspiring years ever. You came together to provide the funding we needed to continue operations and create a hope for the future. We no longer talk about the possibility of closing our doors. Thanks to you, we now talk about how to increase the numbers of lives we can save.

We are grateful to supporters like you who give to animals in need. During the SOS campaign, we were able to save the lives of 181 dogs and cats. We are happy for them, but the demand for our services never ends. We continue to need your help. Your generous support today will ensure we will continue to impact the lives of animals at risk.

During this Holiday Season, please consider making a donation to those pets that do not have a home this year, so that all may have a home in the future.

Thank you again, dear friends.

Annie Lamont
President
Bay Area Pet Adoptions