



BAY AREA PET ADOPTIONS NEWS

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Holiday Safety for Your Pets

This can be The Most Wonderful Time of the Year for you and your pet if you take a few precautions and avoid a trip to the emergency vet.

FOOD

Bones: cooked bones can be brittle and cause GI problems.
Dried Fruits: Raisins (and grapes) are toxic to your pup and cause damage their kidneys. Any store bought dried fruit can contains preservatives which can also cause illness.

High Fat Food: Ham, gravy and turkey skin are yummy, but they can make your pet sick. Beyond an upset stomach or diarrhea, pets can develop life threatening pancreatitis.

Onions: Stay away from all types of onions as they are toxic to dogs and can make them seriously anemic.

Alcohol: You wouldn't intentionally offer your pet alcohol, but some pups like it! Too much can cause disorientation and serious illness, so watch where you put your adult beverage when your dog is around.

Sweets: Chocolate is toxic as is anything sweetened with xylitol. Stick to a little peanut butter or a piece of carrot.

SEASONAL PLANTS AND DECORATIONS

Christmas Tree: Anchor your Christmas tree so that it doesn't fall over and injure your pet. Some cats love to climb them! Avoid leaving the tree water exposed as stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria.

Holly and Mistletoe: Both plants when eaten can cause serious GI problems and possible heart issues.

Avoid Tinsel: Cats love it, but playing with it can lead to swallowing which can cause an obstructed digestive tract. Avoid leaving loose ribbon, tinsel or thread around your cat.

Watch Candles: Cats can burn themselves on lit candles. Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Place your candles in an appropriate holder and on a stable surface.

Ornaments, wires and batteries: Broken ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and GI tract, batteries can cause serious internal burns if ingested, and electrical wires can give a potentially lethal shock.

As we prepare for the holidays, make sure your pet has a safe quiet place to hide, such as a spare room if the party and fireworks are threatening. (Make sure your cats and dogs are micro-chipped before the holiday in case they inadvertently escape.) *Wishing you and your pet a safe and happy New Year!!*

Featured Fur Friends

Bama is a handsome black lab mix found wandering along the road. He is full of energy and loves to run, play with toys, and romp in the water. Saturday social park is the highlight of his week.



Don't let all his energy fool you though, after a good romp he becomes the quintessential couch potato. This beautiful boy really enjoys a soft bed and chew toys. Bama is looking for a home with someone who loves to go for long walks or runs. He could have been called "Superpup" as he can leap 6 foot fences in a single bound and should not be left unattended in a backyard.



Tic Tac is a large, handsome Ginger with brilliant green eyes. Don't be fooled by his macho appearance – he is a mellow guy who loves to cuddle. Scratching his back while he sits on your lap will get you a lot of hugs and

kisses! If you're seeking a laid-back kitty, Tic Tac will be your perfect companion. He is unafraid of commitment and promises many wonderful years together!

Did You Know...

Medical treatment, veterinary care, micro-chipping, vaccinations, neutering and food for one puppy or kitten for three months, costs us about \$400. This doesn't include kenneling, maintenance, utilities, taxes, staff duties and other expenses.

Our annual operating expenses are very high. Without the reliable financial support of our friends, we could not afford to care for the hundreds of kittens, puppies and adult dogs and cats we take in each year.

In the year ahead, please remember that we count on your help every day.

Dillon: Once Lost, Now Found 🐾

Meet **Dillon**, a Jack Russell terrier mix turned in to the Dickinson shelter. Fortunately, Dillon was microchipped and his records indicate that he was adopted from our shelter. While



you may know that we are a no kill shelter, you may not know that we maintain a commitment to all our pets throughout their lives. If an adopter cannot keep one of our pets, we ask that our pet be returned to our shelter. We don't know what happened to Dillon or why he was wandering the streets of Dickinson, but we do know that he is back with

us where he will be nurtured and cared for until a new home is found. Unfortunately, Dillon was in dire need of medical treatment: in addition to many black teeth, he had a fatty tumor on his back side, a low red blood cell count, and scabs covering his back and sides which we believe were the result of a flea allergy. The estimated cost of Dillon's medical expense is \$500-\$600. Dillon is about 10 years old, sweet as sugar, and looking for someone to adopt and love him for the rest of his life. He wants you to know that he loves to sit in laps! If you would like to help cover the cost of Dillon's treatment or the medical treatment of any of our pets, please note his name on your check.

*Until one has loved an animal,
a part of one's soul remains
unawakened. ~Anatole France*

Happy Tails

It's been 6 months now, and **Phoebe** is very at home and settled here. She comes when she is called, and understands her favorite word "treat". She also likes to follow me around. I sometimes call her "zen kitty" because she likes to just sit with her eyes closed for minutes like she's meditating. My mom says while I'm gone, she stares out the window beside the front entrance until I come back. I love her so much, thank you guys!



Amos is one of the pups we rescued from Dog Dynasty. His new family shared this happy tail: "We are so happy to have **ACE**

(used to be Amos) in our family. I don't know how we ever made it without him! He has learned to sit, lay, and stay and he'll even do it without a treat. He's working on "roll over" now. He loves to play in his backyard or at the dog park with his doggie friends. He's sleeping all night (in our beds of course). Thanks for helping us complete our family!"



Special Thank You's!

We extend our special thanks to **Roger Gage Sr.** who answered our plea for transportation to evacuate our dogs in a hurricane. Roger refurbished and donated a commercial van to the shelter complete with a Bay Area Pet Adoption sign. Thanks to Roger our dogs can now be quickly moved to safety.



Roger Gage (rt) with Shelter Manager Theresa Viola & Board Members, Eddie Selden, Jeanie Gonzalez & Annie Lamont

Barktoberfest: Despite high winds in the morning, the fundraiser was a howling success, raising more than **\$23,395** for the shelter. **This was our most successful event ever!** Best of all, the **Clear Lake Shores Civic Club** has committed to sponsoring the event again next year!

Raise the Roof Fund Raiser: We have raised **\$12,327** which was matched by our anonymous donor for a total **\$22,327**. While we have received the full benefit of that matching, we remain well short of the \$30,000 goal set to cover the cost to replace the roof for the dog kennels & other capital expenses.

Animal Alliance Boot Kickers Charitable Bingo Fund: We want to extend a huge "thank you" to Animal Alliance of Galveston County, The Boot Kickers Charitable Bingo Fund, The Board of Directors at Animal Alliance and Sherilyn Linton for allowing us use of the Bingo Fund in order to pay for many spays and neuters. This frees up money to rescue more animals. Our sincerest gratitude for making our work possible through their generosity.

Our thanks to **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers** in League City for selecting BAPA as their charity this year. More than 25 members of their staff spent a morning helping with maintenance at the shelter. The restaurant then raised \$1,000 for us during their pre-opening week and will donate the net proceeds from the sale of their "Buddy" elf plush toys which are on sale during the holiday season at their restaurant.

A special thanks to **Jason Vasconi of Transform My Dog** who volunteers his time to train our dogs on basic commands, our staff and volunteers on how to maximize their quality of life at the shelter, and our adopted pets and their families by providing free group lessons. We, and our dogs, appreciate your efforts.

Finally, our thanks to **all of the Volunteers who donate their time and energy** to enrich the lives of the cats and dogs at the shelter. Your commitment helps us give these special animals the opportunity to be adopted by the forever family of their dreams. A big high five to all of you!

Donation Form

Please help keep our shelter open.



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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.

The Value of Matching Donations Double the Difference

Did you know that many employers sponsor matching gift programs and may double or even triple donations made by their employees. This year one of our donors received a double match from their employer and his spouse received a single match from her employer. As a result, their donation was worth four times its value. Please check with your Human Resources Department to see if your company has a matching program. We know it takes extra time and effort to apply for matching funds and want you to know that it does make a difference and will help us save more lives. Here are just a few of the local companies that have matching programs: ExxonMobil, Shell, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, BP Amoco, Valero, Halliburton, Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of America, Dow Chemical, Microsoft, and Centerpoint Energy. You may need to information below to apply for matching funds: Our Tax ID: 23-7011759
Address: 3000 Avenue R, San Leon, TX 77539
e-mail contact: info@bayareapetadoptions.org

Giving Grid

Have you ever noticed how many kittens and puppies come into this world each spring? Unfortunately, many stray cats and dogs have not been spayed or neutered. The result is predictable. More stray cats and dogs join the animal population. Many of these animals die before reaching maturity and others are euthanized at shelters as populations explode. Help us save more of these tiny creatures from that outcome.

<http://www.givinggrid.com/bayareapetadoptions/Facebook/>



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THANK YOU!! Let's Save More Lives!*

Ways to DONATE for FREE!

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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,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well and preparing for the coming Holiday Season. We here at Bay Area Pet Adoptions are happy that as we wrap up 2015 we can count our blessings and report to you that we are well on our way to a new roof for the big dog kennel! We have been running a "Raise the Roof" campaign for the past 90 days; we have vowed to continue this drive until all of the funds are in place. This dedicated campaign assures we are protecting our animals and not drawing from our regular operating expenses.

We are also proud to report that we have increased the number of lives we were able to save this year. We are currently close to 240 adoptions for 2015 and we hope to report many more to you before the end of the year. This increase in adoptions is only possible with your continued faithful support of our shelter. When you give your resources, whether they be time or money, you are saving lives. You are working with us in a partnership of caring. Many Christmas wishes are coming true for our cats and dogs because of your belief in our mission.

The Board of Directors, the staff of the shelter and all of the animals in our care wish you and yours the warmest of Holiday wishes!

Thank you, ~Annie Lamont, President