



BAY AREA PET ADOPTION NEWS

WINTER 2016

Greetings & Holiday Wishes To All of Our Wonderful Friends And Supporters

Greetings and warmest wishes during this Holiday Season to all of our wonderful friends and supporters. As we spend time with our families and loved ones, I hope we can all spend a moment reflecting on our accomplishments this past year and welcome the possibilities of the New Year to come. While the last year has been full of many challenges, a new roof for the Big Dog Kennel, many A/C repairs, and economic woes for our area, here at Bay Area Pet Adoptions we prefer to look to all of our many successes, the sweet lives saved, and the happy adoptions made. We have been able to put together countless successful fundraisers including our best ever Woofstock and topping the year with a phenomenal Barktoberfest. Yes, we have had an amazing year, and we owe it to you, our faithful supporters. Without your dedication, Bay Area Pet Adoptions would not be able to embrace the future.

Running a shelter is very difficult, running a no-kill shelter is something akin to herding cats; you know what the plan is and you understand the concept, but getting funding to line up with need causes just a bit of scrambling to occur. That said, we love every minute and look forward to doing more!

With the New Year, 2017 we will mark the 50th Anniversary of Bay Area Pet Adoptions/SPCA. Many of you may remember us under the name The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Galveston County, which we were granted by the State of Texas on April 27, 1967. While we still proudly hold this name, we have elected to DBA, or do business as, Bay Area SPCA and

currently as Bay Area Pet Adoptions/SPCA. We are proud of our history, and hope to do even more work toward ending animal homelessness and creating a no-kill nation.

We invite you to join us in this celebratory year! We have many things planned and cannot wait to get started! Please check in with us on Facebook and our soon to be updated website. We here at Bay Area Pet Adoptions want to wish all of you and yours the most wonderful Holidays ever. We are thankful for you all, and we know we can accomplish great things together in the coming year.

Kittens and Cats Everywhere!

This has been the year of the cat - or should we say - kitten. Many litters have been raised and adopted. As we head into the holiday season, the remaining members of our latest litter are praying for forever homes. Brie, and her four kittens, are orange and white tabbies with beautiful faces, striking personalities, and tons of affection to share. Cuteness abounds in our kitten room and we promise that this young momma cat, and her three month old kittens, will charm their way into your heart.



MEET CHEWIE

Chewie is a 10 year old dachshund/chihuahua mix that was turned into the shelter when his owner could no longer take care of him or his 7 and 9 year old companions, Darby and Zipper. Luckily, Darby and Zipper have found forever homes, but Chewie is still waiting for that special family. This fellow is in ship shape condition. He just had a couple of fatty tumors removed and his teeth cleaned. Now he is down right handsome and ready to show his new pearly whites as he basks in your affection. Chewie is a happy and very chill little dude. He is easy on the leash, gets along with other dogs and enjoys a nice stroll in beautiful weather. He loves to stand on his hind legs and beg for treats. This is one easy, breezy boy and will make a wonderful new family member to your home. If you are looking for a mature pup to keep you company and keep a smile on your face, look no further. Chewie is ready to fill your life with joy!



Chewie

PEPPER'S STORY

About four months ago, Pepper, a five year old schnauzer, became one of our shelter pets. We quickly began to notice odd behaviors. She would stand still for long periods while showing weakness in her back end, she incessantly licked the inside of her water bowl but barely drank any water, and she repeatedly butted her head against a gate. Our path was clear. This pup needed medical attention. We took her to a veterinarian where medical tests were performed. The preliminary diagnosis was "portosystemic shunt". The blood vessel that carries blood from her intestines to the liver was passing around, rather than through the liver. She was being poisoned by the ammonia building up in her system. A low protein dog food was recommended along with milk thistle, but she needed help from a specialist. The specialist conducted additional tests and confirmed the diagnosis. This is a chronic condition that can be treated with surgery when a dog is young, but at five years of age, diet and daily meds are the only protocol. We saw an immediate change in Pepper's behavior with the change in diet and that grew exponentially with the addition of meds. We watched this girl change from a zombie to a happy go lucky dog that ran and played. She was proud to show us her athletic skills and equally happy to sit in our lap and grunt her thanks for the helping her feel better. Our efforts have been rewarded. This week Pepper was adopted by a loving family who understood her needs and was willing to give her the life she deserves.



Pepper

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.

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\$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

A Thank You Note

In the day-to-day running of an animal shelter, we have the pleasure of getting to say thank you to many people for their kindness and generosity to our cause. They make it their cause when they help out, and we welcome them into our family when they do so. We are lucky to know these folks and thank them in person whenever possible.

Sometimes, we are not so fortunate. Sometimes someone, out of pure philanthropy, gives a gift that they cannot receive a direct thank you for. The untimely passing of Mr. Dan Brightwell created such a gift. Mr. Brightwell named us as a beneficiary to his estate, and we wish we could say thank you in person.

Dan Brightwell loved all animals and specifically his own three dogs, Snowy, Juno & Snoops and his cat, Tom Tom. Mr. Brightwell wanted his legacy to be one of continuing to help animals in need. He asked that in lieu of flowers, people make donations to the animal shelter of their choice and he specifically named Bay Area Pet Adoptions/SPCA as one of his beneficiaries. Mr. Brightwell cannot be personally thanked, but we wish he could know how very much this gift means to us, and that we feel grateful to be remembered and we will continue our work in his memory.

We are grateful to you Mr. Brightwell, you will never know how much this bequest means to the homeless animals we work with, and that we are blessed by your caring and generosity.

Will you be my family?





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Barktoberfest 2016

Barktoberfest 2016 was one of the most successful fund raisers in the history of Bay Area Pet Adoptions raising \$27,800 for our shelter. We hope you had an opportunity to spend some time enjoying all of the many activities. The wonderful citizens of Clear Lake Shores and the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club truly out did themselves and organized an event to remember. We thank them as well as all the vendors, exhibitors, silent auction contributors, and members of the community who attended in support of our mission.



Happy Tails



Madison



Mork



Mglo



Leroy



Tanya



Charlie



Chanel



Ruby



Daisy