



BAY AREA PET ADOPTION NEWS

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HARVEY THE HORRIBLE

On Wednesday morning as Harvey approached the Texas Coast, we decided to evacuate the shelter. Our 2017 plan was new – place the pets in foster care. Time was short, but we were blessed to have an amazing team of volunteers, friends, and staff. By Friday afternoon, all our pets were in foster homes. As you all know, rainfall from Harvey was far greater than expected. While our evacuation was a success, five of



our foster families (fostering eight of our pets), had to evacuate their homes – some requiring water rescue. We are happy to report that all made it to safety with their pets and ours.

The shelter received only minimal damage from the floods. The office, cattery, and two dog kennels remained dry. The water debris in front of the office door tells us how lucky we were, it was an inch from the threshold. While we had cleaning up to do around the

property, we were thankful that the main buildings were unscathed. The shelter reopened for operations on September 2nd.

Once open, our efforts were focused on helping Harvey rescues. We brought more than 40 rescues to the shelter over the ensuing weeks. Many of them have already found forever homes, some are still waiting. Our first rescues were a mother and three pups with contagious mange. Others along the way had heartworms, ringworm, and one had a hematoma. Here are a few of our remaining Harvey rescues.



Ricardo Moreno, Jr. Builds Agility Course for Eagle Scout Project



The dogs are howling with delight thanks to the efforts of Ricardo Moreno, Jr., members of Troop 9310, and other scouts who helped build a fabulous agility course for our dogs! Ricardo began planning his Eagle Scout project nearly two years ago. In early November his plan came to fruition! The project began with construction of a fenced area large enough to hold the equipment. The course includes an A-frame, seesaw, dog walk, tire jump, weave polls, open and closed tunnels, numerous winged hurdles, and a table. To say it is a success is an understatement. Our dogs and volunteers love using the course. Several volunteers are experienced in agility and are sharing their expertise with others. As for the dogs, they love learning to use the equipment and head toward the course whenever we take them to the field. **OUR THANKS TO RICARDO** and all who helped make his dream a reality. You are our hero!

Thank You For Helping Us Save More Heartworm Positive Dogs

Thanks to your support, we have been able to treat more than fifteen heartworm positive dogs this year. The stories of six of these special pets are shared below.



Evee is a two year old lab/terrier mix. This spunky mid-sized girl would have won the prize for Miss Personality if she'd gone to school. She is absolutely charming, loves squeaky toys, and never met a human or dog she didn't like. This tomboy can make your heart melt when she flashes her gorgeous, mascara

lined eyes at you. Her forever family adopted her in July and she is reveling in her new life!

Minni has the sweetest temperament and quickly won the hearts of everyone at the shelter. She is an easy, breezy, snuggle bug. When you scratch her behind the head, she closes her eyes like she's in heaven! This girl is good on leash and likes other small dogs! Though initially overlooked, this soft snuggler finally found her forever home after recovering from her treatment.



Pierre is a 2 year old Terra-poo who ROCKS a Mohawk that has to make you smile. He loves kids, being brushed, playing with toys and cuddling up in a welcoming lap. This devilishly handsome, quiet, mellow guy loves giving and receiving attention. Happily, he was adopted shortly after completing his treatment.



Foxy Lady is an 8 year old yorkie mix that was definitely in need of a new do. Some say she looked like her paw had gotten stuck in an electric socket! Though this gal looked like life had not been kind, her eyes told another story - one of hope for a future full of love. Lucky for her, she caught the heart of a very special lady and the deal was

sealed. Once Foxy Lady recovered from her heartworm treatment, she began living the dream. Her new name is Harley and... she got that new do.

Dodger is a one-year-old border collie mix and one of the first Harvey rescues to find shelter with us. He is a happy guy with all the personality traits you expect from his breed. He is an alert, high energy dog that is hardworking, intelligent, and a quick learner. He is good with other dogs, but just as happy to be an only dog. He likes attention and will show his appreciation with kisses. Dodger has just completed his treatment and is ready to find his forever home.



With Your Help We Can Save More Heartworm Positive Dogs



Special Senior Pup Seeks Love and Adoption

Mocha, an 8 year old chocolate lab mix, was our first Harvey rescue. She, and her three pups, had been turned into GARC as strays shortly after the storm. All four had sarcoptic mange and Mocha was heartworm positive. Our first step was to treat the contagious mange, then spay, and finally treat the heartworms. The pups were also treated for mange and are living the dream in their new forever homes. Mocha recently completed her heartworm treatment and is ready for a forever home of her own. This darling is active for her age, plays with stuffed animals, adores belly rubs, is very affectionate, and gives kisses. If you are interested in an older dog that still has lots of life, come visit Mocha! Upper Left – Mocha today, lower left – one month ago, right – early September.



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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

Kitten Corner



Everyone loves kittens, and so do we. This year we have saved more than 50 kittens from 10 litters. Immediately after Harvey we received a litter of 8 tabbies: a female and seven males. We couldn't resist calling them Snow White and the seven dwarfs. Snow White, Bashful, Dopey, Grumpy, and Sleepy are still looking for their forever homes. All five of these beauties are American Shorthairs. They are a playful bunch with lots of personality. American Shorthairs are descendent of the Mayflower, which means these little ones are related to the original settlers!

We currently have fifteen kittens less than 5 months old and ten more that are under nine months. Pictured are our most recent additions – The Holiday Kittens. These feline heart breakers will be spayed/neutered within the next few weeks and available for adoption in early December. Come visit these young charmers and see if one doesn't steal your heart.

Our special thanks to the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club for their outstanding effort in sponsoring Barktoberfest. They raised \$28,156 to help the shelter save more lives! Our thoughts and prayers remain with those on the island flooded by Harvey.



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Monthly Paw Partners Needed!

Monthly Paw Partners make a difference year round. Your donation helps fund the basic needs of our pets. Per ASPCA estimates, the average annual cost to care for a small dog or cat exceeds \$1,000 (\$85/month), and the cost for larger dogs is several hundred more. At the shelter, our costs include:

- Food
- Vaccines
- Spay/Neuter surgery
- Monthly medicine: heartworm pills and flea prevention
- Medical: heartworm treatment, surgeries, etc.
- Utilities to heat and cool the kennels
- Litter
- Maintenance of play yards – mowing, pools, and fencing
- Staffing to ensure basic care for these precious pets

Please consider becoming a monthly Paw Partner today. Sign up and select your level of support by going to: <http://www.bayareapetadoptions.org/donate.html>. Of course, monthly checks are an option as well. Thank you for caring!

Happy Tail – Hobby

Hobby is a seven-year-old boxer mix that we sheltered for thirteen months. He is an active boy, but was over exuberant when people walked by his kennel. He jumped up and down and barked nonstop in an effort to garner attention. Sadly, his actions were a turn off and visitors



quickly walked by his kennel. It was so sad to see as this boy is loving, affectionate, and awesome on leash. All he wanted was to become part of a family. Then Hobby had a miracle week. He was featured on DogTV's

The Adoption Show, and he found his forever home. Now he has a family, gets walks, and receives all the loving he craves. He is frequently seen laying on the couch with his new best buddy. We have received lots of pics of Hobby, but we like this one the best. Thank you, Emily Hunter, for giving Hobby a home and sharing the photos.

