



# BAY AREA PET ADOPTIONS NEWS

## DECEMBER 2018

### A Critical Second Chance

In late October, Galveston County Animal Resource Center (GCARC) rescued Bonnie and Clyde. They had been staked outside with no food or water and left to die. As you can see from their pics, these poor dogs were emaciated and near death. We brought them to the shelter where we began feeding them every two hours as they were unable to digest large quantities of food or water. In addition to being emaciated, Bonnie had mange and she was heartworm positive. After many weeks they have achieved a healthy weight. Bonnie is clear of mange and has started her heartworm treatment. Both of these dogs have good temperaments though Bonnie would be best as an only pet. Clyde is available for adoption now and Bonnie will be available mid December just in time to spend Christmas in her new home. Is that yours? We hope you will consider providing them with the loving, safe, and secure environment they so richly deserve.



Bonnie



### Pawsitively Puppies

Meet the ten adorable puppies residing at the shelter. There are two sets: the Rock Stars and the Christmas Pups. The Rock Stars were left crated in a ditch when they were four-five weeks old. We don't know their breed, but several have scruffy fur around their noses and they will grow up to be medium/large dogs. The Christmas Pups and their mother came from GCARC. Mom is Joy, and the puppies are Jingle Jangle, Jolly, and Tiny Tim. With the exception of Tiny Tim, these pups make you think of snow! White, fluffy, blue eyes and ready to fill your day with fun and lots of love. Mom is clearly a terrier mix, but dad is an unknown. The pups are all different sizes and we aren't sure that they were all her pups, but they sure are cute! If you are looking for a bundle of joy to fill your life, come meet the Rock Stars and Christmas pups! Hopefully one of them will melt your heart! All will be ready for adoption sometime in December. Left: Joy, Jolly, Tiny Tim, Jangle and Jingle. Right: Joplin, Bowie, Mercury, Prince, Hendrix, and Janis.



### Volunteers & Supporters

Bay Area Pet Adoptions would like to thank all of our many dedicated volunteers and supporters who consistently go above and beyond, to ensure the shelter can provide the best possible care to the homeless pets at our shelter. You give of your yourselves in so many ways and always respond to our pleas for desperately needed supplies or other assistance. Whether it is pet socialization, PetSmart duty, donations of good and services, monetary gifts, or other generous acts of kindness, you help change the life of every pet we shelter. We succeed because you care about animals! Thank you so much for helping our cause.



# Senior Center



Cats come in all shapes, sizes, and personalities; and some just have “catitude”, like June Bug. This nine year old calico was adopted after Harvey, but her owners have had a change of life so she is back with us. Her fur is silky soft and there is no doubt that she likes her food! June Bug enjoys attention in small doses and is a very independent girl. Unfortunately, she is not crazy about having other cats around and her Christmas wish list has only one thing on it - a new home. If you're a cat lover that can give this gal some space of her own, she'd love to have her Christmas wish come true!

Wowza must have gotten her name because of her eyes – one's blue and one's black. They will wow ya!. She's a people kind of dog and would love a home where someone is around most of the day. She has been trained on leash and would love to stroll with you through the neighborhood. This gorgeous gal looks darn good for a six year old. Are you looking for a pup that will be totally devoted to you? Come meet Wowza! She's very quiet when around people and loves to be inside. Adorable, loving, great on leash, and ready to make your dream come true - how can you resist?



## We continue our efforts to help heartworm positive dogs...



Hercules is a delightful, happy dog who, ironically, is not at all big; just large on personality. He bounces with excitement to see you, when going somewhere, or when treats are offered; but settles down in your lap or beside you for a cuddle with conversational snorts, gurgles and a crinkled brow. He's attentive and observant just hanging out near by - the perfect companion. Hercules is easy going and makes friends quickly - two and four legged. The way to his heart is through a back scratch, especially near his tail. As you scratch, he becomes mush and quickly accepts all the attention you offer. This devilishly engaging boy is still available and will make an awesome family pet.

We aren't sure if Mac is part Huskey, Samoyed, Shepherd or some other wonderful breed, but he is a fantastic dog. This boy is drop dead gorgeous, has personality plus, gives kisses, and talks to you. He adores people and is a fairly active boy who did not enjoy staying low key during his treatment. He likes to play with toys and enjoys romping with the other big dogs. Mac was adopted about a month after completing treatment. No doubt he will keep his new family smiling all day long!



We think this easy going five-six year old, Pedro, is a Gordon Setter mix. His calm demeanor lets you know that he is zen, and he just seems to know how to appreciate life. You can't help but notice those big, expressive eyes for they draw you in. Completely affectionate and ready to accept all the attention you will share, Pedro is the perfect big dog and we are happy to share that he has found his forever home.

## Words of Thanks

***As 2018 comes to a close, we give a hearty “thank you” to some very special people and businesses that have recently supported our shelter.***

**Snooze, an AM Eatery**, located in Webster, chose Bay Area Pet Adoptions to be a Community Partner. During their soft opening they helped us raise over \$4000!

**Zachary Construction**, made a \$2000 donation enabling an Eagle Scout Troup to make a BAPA dream come true! They will raise our front dog play yard fences from 4' to 6'.

**Dr. Roger Terrel, DVM** who continues to provide ongoing care for our pets and **Dr. Bruce Austin, DVM** who generously donates his time every week to neuter our pets thus hastening their chances of finding a forever home.

**Rhonda Tipton** who generously shares her incredible talent for photographing animals with us. Her photos are stunning and make all our pups look like Hollywood stars!

Some of our pups attended **The Blessing of the Pets at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**. Rev. Vivian Orndorff from Holy Trinity also came to the shelter to bless those unable to attend the services.

**Boldhouse**, located in Seabrook, hosted an evening silent auction event, complete with tasty appetizers and wine. Such a lovely, relaxing evening.



# 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](http://www.BayAreaPetAdoptions.org/donate.html)

## Why We Need Cash Donations

Cash donations are critical to our efforts to maintaining a healthy environment for the pets we save. Here are some of the largest expenses we incur: 1) Medical costs such as vaccines, monthly heartworm prevention, heartworm treatment, tick and flea medication, deworming, and other treatments necessary for our pets' health; 2) Veterinary expenses for surgeries and other treatment our pets may require; 3) Food including special dietary needs; 4) Kennel sanitizing products not available through retail channels; 5) Utilities so our pets are housed in a humanitarian condition year round; 6) Maintenance and repair of our grounds, buildings and play yards; and 6)

## Helena's Happy Tale: You Can't Buy Love, But You Can Rescue It – The Gift of Adoption



Helena came to our shelter over 5 years ago. She was not social with staff, volunteers, visitors, or other cats though she showed a modicum of improvement as time passed. Many days she would not come out of her kennel. One day a family came in and asked to meet our longest running shelter cat. We introduced them to Helena and explained her issues. "No problem" was the response, they would work with her as long as it took for her to become comfortable in her new home. Upon arriving at their house, Helena was given her own room, away from the other pets.



How amazed we were to receive this update just 24 hours later: "Helena is HAPPY AS COULD BE!! She is sitting and walking on the big window sill in her "domain" which is my office right now... watching the rain and activity out there. She's jumping on the shelves and my chair and just living her best life! She seems to love the quiet, her soft bed and scratch post. The second I or my friends enter the room she runs up for a head scratch so excited for the 1 on 1 interaction with just her and no other cats. You sit down and she walks around you and rubs her back on you and purrs. She's eating fine and loving the treats. I'm so proud of this compete 180 she has made so insanely fast."



Our thanks to all our adopters who change the lives of the pets we save by giving them a home. Like Helena, many of our rescues display completely different personalities once they have a home and family to call their own. That home provides them with a sense of security and love enabling them to relax and be at peace. The need to stand out no longer exists.





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## Advice from Dear Tabby

Dear Tabby,

This will be my first Christmas with my cat, Carl, and I've heard frightening stories about a cat's fascination with Christmas trees. I understand cats try to climb the trees, destroy ornaments, and chew on wiring. All this not only sounds destructive to my home and decorations, but also potentially dangerous to my cat. My question to you Tabby, is it possible to have a nice Christmas tree and a cat at the same time?

Signed, Worried About My Winter Wonderland.

Dear Worried,

Yes, you can absolutely have a wonderful Christmas tree experience and a safe, happy cat. Here are some of my Tabby approved pointers to assure peace this season:

- Bring the tree into the room, undecorated, and allow your cat to get used to the tree. Wait two to three days to decorate and always place fragile ornaments at the top and sturdier ones toward the bottom. Make sure all ornaments are secured to the branches, consider wrapping the hangers around the branch.
- Try placing orange peels under your tree, cats hate the smell and will avoid the area. You can also mix a little Citronella oil in a spray bottle and spritz your tree, again, cats hate the smell and you can enjoy the fresh, citrus

fragrance. Remember to spray cords and light strings.

- Never use tinsel, ribbons, or artificial snow. All of these can be toxic to your cat if swallowed.
- Make sure your cat has his favorite toys and a scratching post nearby to distract them from the tree.

If all precautions fail, consider a tree like the one pictured here, guaranteed to bring Christmas joy to your home and safety to your cat.



## BARKTOBERFEST was a Howling Success!

Oh what a day it was! Beautiful weather, great music, incredible food and libations, tremendous vendors, League City K-9 demonstrations, a parade of adoptable dogs, contests, a silent auction, and wonderful supporters who came to enjoy the day, many with their canine companions, including some four legged alumni. A special thanks to all our friends at the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club who organized this great event and raised just over \$25,000 to benefit the shelter!! HOW PAW-SOME WAS THAT? It was truly one of the best ever.

