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# CEO's Message

At the San Francisco SPCA, we've always believed in the power of partnership. No single organization alone—no matter how dedicated—can solve the challenges facing animals and the people who love them. It takes a community united by compassion and a shared vision to create real, lasting change.

In this issue of *Our Animals*, you'll see that spirit of collaboration in action. Learn about California Adopt-a-Pet Day, a collaborative effort with partners across the state that shows what's possible when we unite to help animals in need.

You'll also meet Aiko Anderson, our Adoption Intake Supervisor, who plays a key role in working with our partner shelters and welcoming animals into our care. Get to know Boba Fetch, an Australian Cattle Dog mix who spent eight months in our shelter before finding a home with one of our volunteers. And see how the generous family behind the Baker Family Cat Wing created a welcoming space where every cat can feel at home while they wait for one of their own.

At the SF SPCA, our greatest strength lies in standing shoulder to shoulder with the people and organizations who make this work possible. Our deepest thanks to our partners, volunteers, donors, and you—our community—for believing in this mission and making it your own.

Thank you for being there with us, for our animals.

Jennifer Scarlett, DVM  
CEO

# The Origin and Impact of California Adopt-a-Pet Day



“I have this idea,” said Dr. Jennifer Scarlett, CEO of the San Francisco SPCA, leaning forward at the edge of her desk in the spring of 2024. “What if we held a statewide adoption day—one day, across all of California—where shelters offered free adoptions?”

This idea marked the beginning of what would become California Adopt-a-Pet Day. A statewide event that unites shelters, rescues, and communities under one shared goal: to find homes for thousands of shelter animals across California.

After that initial meeting, we gathered our co-hosts: CalAnimals and the ASPCA. CalAnimals, a statewide organization representing more than 300 animal welfare groups, joined as a lead partner, bringing its expansive network of shelters and rescues into the fold. The ASPCA provided a team of experts, project-management support, and generous funding to help shelters across California waive adoption fees and participate in the event.

In a matter of weeks, an idea once scribbled on a meeting agenda grew into a full-scale movement.

## Providing solutions to a growing problem

As we planned the 2024 event, our goal wasn't just about putting on an adoption event. It was about solving a real and growing problem: more animals are entering California shelters than are being adopted.

The root causes are complex. In many communities, basic veterinary services, like spay/neuter surgeries, are simply out of reach. Without widespread spay/neuter, animal populations grow unchecked, and local shelters—especially those in under-resourced areas—quickly fill up.

Shelter overcrowding has become one of the most pressing challenges facing animal welfare organizations today.

This crisis isn't just about space. It's also about staffing, funding, and providing the critical services needed to care for companion animals. Many shelters want to do more, but with limited veterinary teams, reduced budgets, and long waitlists for care, they're left with heartbreaking choices.

It's important to understand that these shelters aren't failing. They're facing the downstream effects of a national veterinary shortage that's hitting California hard, especially in rural and under-resourced regions.

As the SF SPCA, CalAnimals, and the ASPCA planned the 2024 event, we focused on a two-pronged approach to address this issue: direct relief and systemic change. California Adopt-a-Pet Day offers an immediate, tangible impact on animals and their communities. Behind the scenes, we work to change the landscape through policy and legislation. By uniting animal advocates and lawmakers, these efforts address the root causes of overcrowding and create long-term progress.



## Celebrating the joy of shelter animals

California Adopt-a-Pet Day was also designed to be something joyful—an opportunity to spotlight the human-animal bond while also making adoption more accessible.

“Choosing adoption is a powerful action that helps both animals and people—in California and nationwide,” said Matt Bershadker, President and CEO of the ASPCA. Studies confirm what pet lovers have long known: animals bring tremendous value to our lives. According to a 2025 study, *The Value of Pets: The Quantifiable Impact of Pets on Life Satisfaction*, pet ownership can be valued at up to £70,000 (or nearly \$95,000) a year in terms of the personal well-being and happiness it brings people.

To highlight the joy of pets, California Adopt-a-Pet Day set out to open the door to pet ownership for people who might otherwise think it's out of reach.

One of the biggest barriers? Cost.

Adoption fees can be a hurdle for many potential adopters. That's why the ASPCA stepped in with critical funding for California Adopt-a-Pet Day, making it possible for a wide range of organizations to waive adoption fees, from municipal shelters with strict fee policies to the smallest rural shelters. For many organizations, this was the only way they could offer free adoptions.

The effectiveness of free adoptions has sparked debate among animal lovers. However, research consistently shows that waiving fees doesn't lead to poor outcomes, and it often results in more animals finding loving, permanent homes.

A 2006 study published in the *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science* found that cats adopted for free were just as cherished—and just as likely to remain in their new homes—as those adopted for a fee. Not only that, but waiving fees during the adoption events that were studied led to a 50% increase in cat adoptions.

Further research in 2011 by Maddie's Fund found that 95% of dogs and 93% of cats adopted during a waived-fee event were still with their families six to twelve months later—results that exceeded national retention averages.

More recently, Best Friends Animal Society found that with a thoughtful, conversation-based adoption process in place, shelters can ensure the safety and well-being of animals without relying on adoption fees to filter applicants. As they've learned, people with harmful intentions typically avoid adoptions altogether when there's a record-keeping process in place.

The takeaway? A person's ability to pay an adoption fee doesn't predict their ability to provide love, safety, or a stable home.



## Spreading the word

With the vision for California Adopt-a-Pet Day in place, we now needed to bring the conversation to a bigger stage to inspire statewide action.

That meant engaging with state leaders who could help amplify the event and raise awareness about the broader issues facing California's shelters. In May 2024, that message reached the floor of the California State Senate.

During Animal Advocacy Day, advocates were able to speak for the thousands of animals waiting in shelters—and the millions more who stand to benefit from policies that expand access to care, support shelters, and build stronger communities for both pets and people.

Soon after, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire introduced a Senate resolution formally recognizing California Adopt-a-Pet Day and honoring the efforts of the SF SPCA, CalAnimals, the ASPCA, and all the shelters and rescues that were participating in the event.

A Senate resolution is a formal statement passed by the Senate to express its collective opinion or support for a specific cause. While it doesn't create new laws, a resolution like this plays a powerful role in drawing attention to important issues. This public recognition gave the event a major boost.

### **The inaugural California Adopt-a-Pet Day**

In less than two months after the initial planning meeting, California Adopt-a-Pet Day became a reality. On June 1, 2024, shelters and rescues across the state opened their doors for a unified day of action.

We set an ambitious target: 2,024 adoptions in one day in honor of the year. On a typical day in California, about 1,100 shelter animals are adopted statewide. The response to California Adopt-a-Pet Day exceeded our highest hopes. By the end of the day, 3,609 animals had found homes.

But the success of the inaugural California Adopt-a-Pet Day wasn't just in the numbers. It was in the stories shared by shelters, the smiling faces of new pet parents, and the overwhelming sense of community that rippled across California.

Buoyed by this momentum, we immediately started planning next year's event.

### **'It's a sign!' to adopt from your local shelter**

As we turned our focus to California Adopt-a-Pet Day 2025, our team and partners knew we had to dig deeper—not just into logistics, but into how the public perceives shelters and shelter animals. In a state filled with wonderful animals waiting for homes, why are so many potential adopters still looking elsewhere?

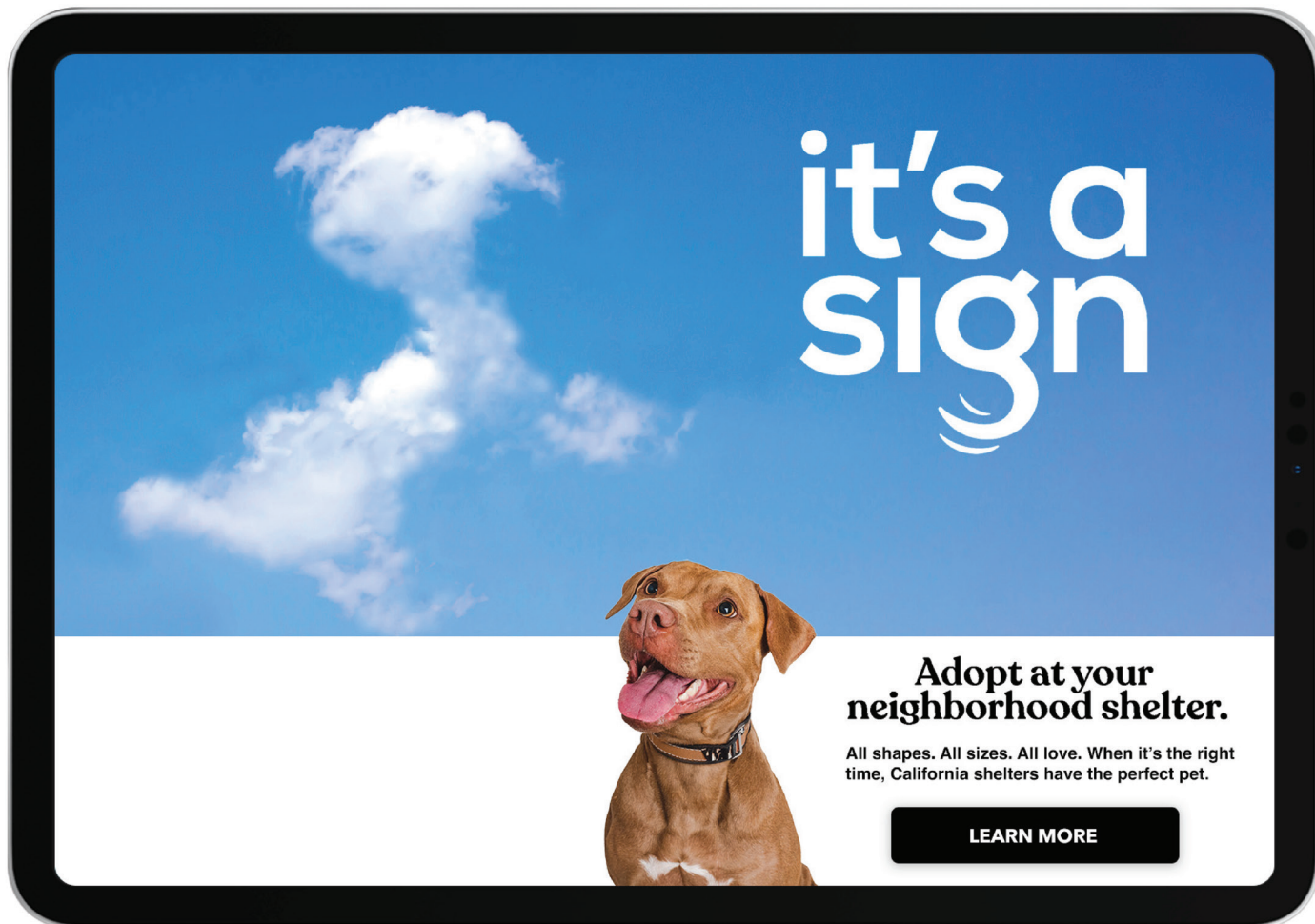
To answer that question, CalAnimals launched a statewide research initiative, partially funded by the SF SPCA, to better understand how Californians view shelters and shelter pets. The results found that only about 30% of pet acquisitions in California currently come from shelters or rescues, and that many potential adopters said they

were hesitant to visit a shelter. Why? Because they feared that visiting a shelter would make them feel sad.

This focus on sadness doesn't reflect the love, care, and lifesaving work happening in shelters every day. California Adopt-a-Pet Day was created to counter that narrative and replace sadness with joy. It's a chance to show the public what shelters are really about: second chances and unconditional love.



The data also shows that we don't need to change everyone's mind to make a big difference. If we increased shelter adoptions by just four percentage points—bumping the adoption rate up from 30% to 34%—we could place every adoptable pet in California in a loving home.



*CalAnimals' 'It's a sign!' ad campaign addresses market research by highlighting the joy and love that shelter pets bring to people.*

“If we want to reduce shelter overcrowding, we need to increase the number of people choosing adoption as their first option. There’s an incredible opportunity to shift pet-acquisition trends and, in doing so, give thousands more animals the chance to thrive in loving homes. It’s about creating enthusiasm, removing barriers, and showing Californians that shelters are truly the very best place to find an amazing pet,” said Jill Tucker, CEO of CalAnimals.

That insight now drives CalAnimals’ statewide campaign. With its simple, uplifting message—“It’s a sign!”—the campaign invites Californians to visit their local shelters and find the pets they’ve been looking for.

### **Setting animals and shelters up for success**

Behind every joyful adoption on California Adopt-a-Pet Day is a team of people working behind the scenes to ensure each animal is ready for their next chapter. At the SF SPCA, preparation starts with access to veterinary

care. In California, state law requires that all animals adopted from shelters and rescues be spayed or neutered and microchipped, and California Adopt-a-Pet Day is no exception. Preventative care like this helps reduce the financial burden on pet guardians. It also plays a critical role in keeping animals out of shelters by preventing unplanned litters, avoidable illnesses, and untreated conditions.

“Animal welfare is a team sport,” said Aiko Anderson, Adoption Intake Supervisor at the SF SPCA. “Across our network of rescues and shelters in California, we regularly share best practices, coordinate animal transfers to improve adoption chances, and collaborate on medical and transport resources.”

One of the most powerful ways the SF SPCA contributes to this team effort is by providing spay/neuter surgeries for shelters that lack veterinary capacity. These surgeries are among the most effective tools we have to prevent overcrowding, reduce euthanasia, and create long-term,



sustainable outcomes for animals. In many under-resourced communities, access to surgical care remains a serious barrier.

That's where collaboration makes all the difference.

In the weeks leading up to California Adopt-a-Pet Day, we focused our spay/neuter efforts on helping animals get adoption-ready. In San Francisco, we continued partnering with San Francisco Animal Care and Control to provide surgeries for their shelter animals. Across the Central Valley, we supported shelters like Kings County Animal Services, Tulare County Animal Services, and Fresno Humane through surgical teams and clinic partnerships, ensuring more pets were prepared for adoption in time for the big day.

By stepping in with spay/neuter support, the SF SPCA helps our partner shelters avoid surgical backlogs and allocate their limited resources to daily care, adoptions, and lifesaving work within their communities. It's a shared mission—one rooted in compassion, coordination, and the belief that every adoptable pet deserves a chance to go home healthy and ready for a fresh start.

### **Tapping into star power**

Building on the momentum of our inaugural event, we set out to make California Adopt-a-Pet Day 2025 even bigger—and to do that, we needed the whole state to hear about it.

To ensure shelters of all sizes could participate successfully, our team and co-hosts provided comprehensive marketing support, including an event overview, promotional tools and guidance, and ready-to-use social media content to remove logistical barriers and make it easy for any shelter that wanted to participate to join the statewide effort.

On the legislative front, we were once again honored to receive unanimous support from the California Senate

in the form of a second resolution formally recognizing California Adopt-a-Pet Day and applauding the collaborative efforts behind it.

The enthusiastic, bipartisan support underscored something we've long believed: animal welfare crosses the political aisle. No matter your background or beliefs, the desire to see pets in loving homes is universal.

This year, California Adopt-a-Pet Day also got a major boost from some very familiar faces. Actor and animal lover Rob Lowe served as an official ambassador for the event and promoted it on social media alongside Daisy, one of his five beloved dogs.

Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom also lent their voices to the cause. Proud pet parents themselves, they shared their support in a heartfelt video message featuring two adoptable puppies—reminding Californians that adopting a shelter animal doesn't just change one life, it can transform two.

Senator Dave Cortese, a longtime ally of Shelter PALS, the SF SPCA's advocacy arm, also rallied support. In the week leading up to California Adopt-a-Pet Day, Senator Cortese organized a social media campaign featuring legislators





Adoption is a joyful, accessible, and deeply meaningful way to make a difference.





and their families posing with their pets. This simple show of solidarity helped spread the word and encouraged thousands of Californians to visit their local shelters.

Every share, every post, and every public show of support helped more people see that adoption is a joyful, accessible, and deeply meaningful way to make a difference.

### **A record-breaking day in San Francisco and across California**

At the SF SPCA, the energy on June 7, 2025, was electric. Long before doors opened to the public, adopters were already lining up around the block—many of them eager to meet a very specific crowd: kittens. Before the day was over, all 91 of our available kittens had found loving homes.

By midmorning, our adoption center was bustling with excited adopters. The scene was inspiring: people of all ages, races, and walks of life—families, couples, longtime pet lovers, and first-time adopters—gathered to find their new best friends.

One family, beaming beside their newly adopted puppy Bibi, shared, “We got the email about the free adoption day. It was the perfect day to come and see if we could find our forever dog. We chose her because she was the first one to catch our eye.”

By the end of the day, 140 animals had been adopted from the SF SPCA—an all-time, single-day record for our organization and an 80% increase over last year’s event. Each adoption was a reminder of why California Adopt-a-Pet Day matters: behind every door is an animal waiting to bring joy, comfort, and love to a new home.

The true beauty of this event is in the quiet moments that follow the excitement of adoption. As one SF SPCA adopter shared after meeting a terrier-pit bull mix named Parker: “I’m so excited for the everyday things—all the walks and the park visits. All of that.”

Zooming out, the impact statewide was even more remarkable.

5,000 animals were adopted this year on June 7. Just as important, 46% of those adopters had never adopted from a shelter or rescue before. At Fresno Animal Center, that number climbed even higher, where 64% of adopters were first-time adopters. These numbers point to one of the most exciting takeaways from this year’s event: California Adopt-a-Pet Day is spreading the word that some of the best pets in the world are waiting at your local shelter.

California Adopt-a-Pet Day gave Fresno Humane Animal Services a much-needed boost, according to its Shelter Manager, Maria Garcia. With 15 adoptions—more than

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# Making a Difference: From Intake to Impact

**AIKO ANDERSON**  
Adoption Intake Supervisor

## How long have you worked at the SF SPCA?

I started in October 2020 as an Animal Care Associate before being promoted to Animal Care Supervisor (cat-focused), Intake Associate, and, now, Intake Supervisor.

## Do you have pets?

I have one dog, Ayame, whom I adopted in April 2024. I conducted her surrender and adopted her when she was available. I also have an iguana named Princess, who was rescued in 2018 after she was found running in a parking lot in Humboldt County, and a red-tailed boa named Moose (also adopted in 2018), who is a very chill guy.

## What one word embodies the SF SPCA for you?

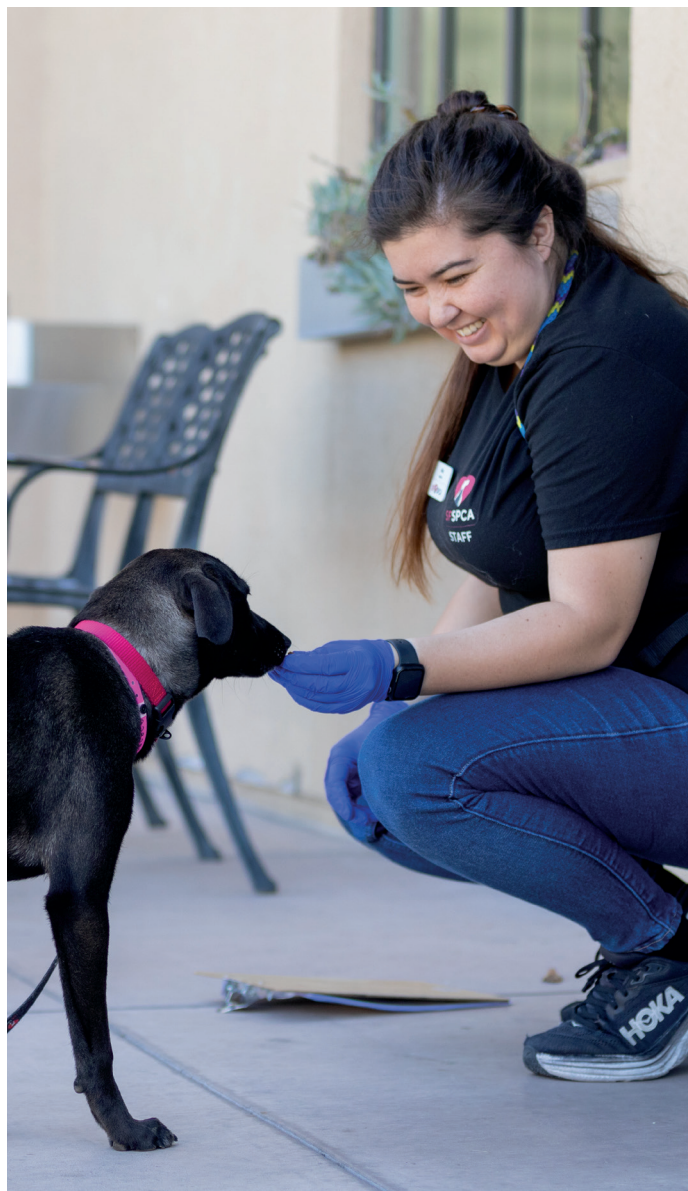
Strength.

## What led you to a career in animal welfare at the SF SPCA?

I've always wanted to work with animals. Growing up, I volunteered at the San Francisco Zoo, helping with animal care and education. Before the pandemic, I was doing positive-reinforcement training with puppies but had to pause during the shutdown. Afterward, I knew I wanted to continue working with animals using R+ (positive-reinforcement) methods, so I applied to the SF SPCA.

## What's a typical day like for you at the SF SPCA?

My day usually starts with checking in with my team and reviewing the schedule for animal transfers. My team and I are in constant communication with at least two to three partners at a time to discuss candidates for transfer and



*Aiko Anderson helps ensure each dog and cat receives timely care and a second chance upon arrival at the SF SPCA.*

the flow of operations. Throughout the day, I also respond to urgent calls and messages. These might involve hospital surrenders, walk-in returns, or animals found or abandoned. The most rewarding part of my day is driving to partner shelters to personally transport animals to their second chance at the SF SPCA.

## What impact have you seen from working together with our partner shelters or rescues?

Working with our partner shelters brings hope—and that's one of the most powerful impacts we can have. Hope for the best outcome for animals is why so many of us in animal welfare have chosen this as our career and life's work. One of my favorite moments is being able to say yes to an animal that

a partner is rooting for—whether it’s a dog who’s helped other dogs gain confidence or a wobbly kitten who climbs people for attention. With each yes, their chances of finding forever homes grow.

### Why do you think partnerships are important in animal welfare today?

Partnerships are necessary for sheltering to work. Private rescues and shelters like the SF SPCA get our animals through partnerships and help lift the weight off municipal shelters. Partnerships aren’t just animal transfers; they share knowledge and resources so that we can get more animals into their forever homes and help our community keep animals in their homes.

### What else do you want people to know about the SF SPCA?

The SF SPCA is in such a unique position because we are fortunate to have an amazing community of donors and supporters, which allows us to help support our partner shelters. We strive to use the support generously given to make the biggest impact possible on animals’ lives through transfers, donated supplies, and medical support. 🐾



*At the SF SPCA shelter, Aiko Anderson reviews transport paperwork and medical records for newly arrived animals.*



## Donate Your Vehicle to the SF SPCA

Got a car you’re not using? Donating your vehicle to the SF SPCA is easy, free, and may be tax-deductible.

Whether it’s a car, truck, or even a boat, funds from the sale of your car support lifesaving care for pets in need.



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# Family, Felines, and the Future

## THE BAKER FAMILY'S GIFT OF COMPASSION

When you step into the Baker Family Cat Wing at the San Francisco SPCA Adoption Center, it's hard not to feel the joy in the air—curious cats climbing San Francisco-themed structures, wide-eyed children peeking into condos, and families falling in love. That sense of warmth and hope is no accident. It reflects the heart of the family behind the space, the Bakers: Leslie and Brian and their daughter, Addison.

Longtime animal lovers, the Bakers' connection to the SF SPCA began more than a decade ago with volunteer work socializing cats and a shared desire to do more. "We've always been a cat family," says Leslie. "There's just nothing wrong with kittens—they're perfect."



*The Baker Family Cat Wing at the SF SPCA helps hundreds of kittens find homes each year.*

Their first major gift supported our Shelters Preventing Outbreaks of Ringworm through Education (SPORE) Program, which helps detect and treat ringworm in shelter environments. Over time, their involvement deepened, and



*Addison Baker shadows SF SPCA CEO Dr. Jennifer Scarlett during a Vet-for-a-Day experience.*

Leslie joined the SF SPCA Board of Directors in 2016. Today, she serves as Vice Chair, lending her leadership and insight to expand access to veterinary care and protect animals throughout California.

At the heart of the Bakers' philanthropy is a desire to inspire the next generation—starting with their daughter, Addison.

At just eight years old, Addison has already helped friends adopt from the shelter, donated her own hard-earned money, and recruited her friends to join her at our annual Holiday Windows and Family Day events. She dreams of growing up to be a veterinarian like her hero, Dr. Jennifer Scarlett.

"Her commitment to and love for animals is so strong," says Leslie. "And seeing her fall in love with the shelter animals here, seeing her learn about giving back—this place has become a special part of our family." That spirit of togetherness inspired the Bakers to make a transformational \$1 million gift, resulting in the Baker Family Cat Wing. For them, it's more than a beautiful space; it's a reflection of their values.

“What makes me proud is the joy that exists in this space and that it feels like a home on the way to a forever home,” says Leslie.

Their hope is that the Baker Family Cat Wing continues to bring people together, offering joy, comfort, and the promise

**“ What makes me proud is the joy that exists in this space and that it feels like a home on the way to a forever home”**

of a better future for every cat. And with Addison already following in her parents’ philanthropic footsteps, it’s clear that the Bakers’ support is a legacy in the making.

Leslie sums up the spirit of philanthropic giving best: “You don’t have to do everything. Just do one little thing. If it’s meaningful to you, it will be meaningful to the animals. If we all do what we can, we can make a huge difference. That’s how change happens.” 🐾



*Leslie and Brian Baker at the dedication of the Baker Family Cat Wing at the SF SPCA Adoption Center.*



## Thank you for making a difference!

On June 7, thousands of pets across California found loving homes during the second annual California Adopt-a-Pet Day. Thanks to supporters like you, shelters across the state were filled with new beginnings.

**Missed California Adopt-a-Pet Day?**  
It’s not too late to find your perfect match. Visit your local shelter today and open your heart to a pet in need.



# Boba Fetch's Journey Home

## INTERGALACTIC GOOD BOY

For eight months, Boba Fetch trotted through the halls of the San Francisco SPCA with his signature goofy grin, irresistible wiggle, and a heart full of hope. The 6-year-old Australian Cattle Dog mix joined us from Madera County Animal Services, one of our California Humane Animal Transfer Team (CHATT) partners. He had a few quirks, plenty of charm, and an out-of-this-world personality that made him an instant favorite.

### Life at the SF SPCA

While at our shelter, Boba loved head scratches, long walks, and showing off his smarts with treat-worthy tricks. Boba's loyal heart and playful spirit won over everyone who spent time with him.

We knew his perfect match was out there, someone who'd find the joy in sharing a home with a dog who could snore louder than a Wookiee. While he waited, Boba received everything he needed to flourish: behavior support, medical care, enrichment activities, and daily doses of love from our dedicated staff and volunteers.

### Becoming a local celebrity

With his expressive eyes and unmistakable charm, Boba became a local celebrity. We featured him frequently on social media, hoping to find his perfect match.

Our community rallied behind him and one young fan even created a hand-drawn flyer to help him get adopted. As Boba's fame grew, so did the number of people rooting for his adoption, both online and on the street.

### Mission accomplished: Boba heads home

Boba's Happy Tail finally arrived when one of our volunteers decided to foster Boba. Despite thinking their ideal pup was small, quiet, and non-shedding, Boba's adopter was won over by his incredible personality and endless affection.

"I never, in a million years, would have predicted that I would adopt a herding dog," shared his adopter. "But here I am, the proud owner of Boba Fetch. I was reading up on Australian Cattle Dogs during our trial adoption period, and the sources all described a dog with an unrelenting work ethic. Then



*Boba Fetch enjoying some much-deserved couch time in his new home.*

I'd look over at Boba and he'd be snoring on the couch."

Now, Boba is enjoying life as a beloved family member. His journey is a testament to the power of patience, the magic of second chances, and the joy that comes when the right human and animal find each other. 🐾

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to start your journey.



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they typically see in a week—the event cleared kennel space, making room for new arrivals and giving long-stay dogs a better chance at adoption. Another exciting takeaway is that 100% of their adopters were new to the shelter, bringing fresh faces and renewed energy into their adoption center.

In Lakeport, California, a rural community north of the Bay Area, California Adopt-a-Pet Day made a life-changing difference at Lake County Animal Care and Control, not just for the animals, but for the entire shelter team. By the end of the day, 27 animals (15 dogs and 12 cats) had been adopted, completely clearing out the shelter's cat kennels and emptying nearly half of its available space. For a small facility with just 34 kennels, the surge in adoptions provided immediate relief and created space for more animals in need. Stories like these demonstrate how a single day of focused effort can bring about lasting change, regardless of the size of the shelter.

## Looking ahead

California Adopt-a-Pet Day began as a simple idea shared during a regular planning meeting: what if we could create one day to shine a spotlight on shelter animals across the state? A little more than a year later, that idea became a statewide movement. Thousands of adoptions, hundreds of participating shelters, and countless lives changed.

And the best part? You don't need to wait for next year's event to find your new best friend. Shelters across California have amazing animals waiting for loving homes every single day.

If you've been waiting for a sign to adopt, this is it. As CalAnimals' statewide campaign reminds us, "It's a sign!" to visit your local shelter and make room in your life for a pet who will love you forever. 🐾

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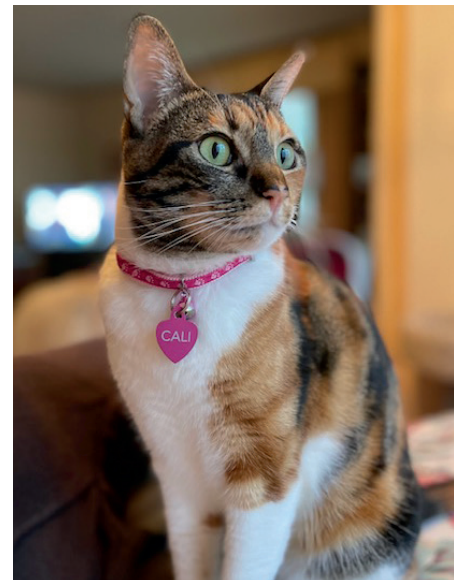
# Celebrating the Human-Animal Bond

Whether through quiet companionship or playful chaos, animals leave lasting pawprints on our hearts. Here, our community shares the pets who make their lives richer every day.

## Marilyn and Cali

*Adopter, Donor, and Legacy Society Member*

After losing my beloved long-haired tuxedo cat Chloe, I wasn't sure I was ready for another cat. But thanks to the SF SPCA team, I found Cali—or rather, she found me. It was love at first sight. Every day, Cali fills my home with joy, gently waking me with her purring, tapping my arm for pets, and inviting me to play hide-and-seek and fetch with hairbands. She reminds me of the simple things: companionship, serenity, entertainment, patience, endearing love, and the art of just chilling. I can't imagine my life without my sweet and inquisitive CaliKat.



## Kathryn, Dave, and Marigold

*Adopters and Donors*

We met Marigold through the SF SPCA, and from the moment we saw her little snaggle-toothed smile, we were completely disarmed. She's shown us the joy of adopting a rescue animal and introduced us to a whole community of people who made it possible for her to find a safe, loving home. Every day with Marigold is a reminder of how compassion ripples outward. She enhances our lives in countless small ways: the way she curls up next to us on the bed, the joy she brings to strangers on the street, and the funny noises she makes when she dreams. She's taught us patience, resilience, and the incredible beauty of second chances.

## Russell and Rambo

### *Adopter and Donor*

I never thought I'd have another pet after losing my beloved dog, Lucky, a Miniature Pinscher. However, life had other plans. In 2010, a close friend encouraged me to visit the SF SPCA, and that's where I met Rambo. He walked right up to me, stuck his nose in my face, and that was it. I knew he was the one. Rambo settled into his new home in minutes, and he's been my precious companion ever since. Now, at about 16 years old, he's a little slower than he was before, but just as full of heart.



## Freska and Jada

### *Adopter and Supporter*

One day, I was asking my late father for a sign that he could hear me, and the thought of adoption instantly touched my heart. The next day at the SF SPCA, I met Jada, a sweet Pitbull who, incredibly, shared my dad's birthday! I knew immediately our connection was meant to be. Jada has been our family's faithful companion since my daughters were in elementary school—now they're in college! This furry bundle of joy has taught us what unconditional love truly means. Her gentle nature has shown everyone she meets that Pitbulls are incredibly sweet with wonderful temperaments. Our family has become passionate Pitbull and bully-breed advocates, thanks to her.

## Nicolas and Pookie

### *Adopter*

Pookie is my best friend. She is such a snuggle bug and the kindest, sweetest cat out there. I've had cats before, but never one as snuggly as her. She has taught me patience because it took her about six months to a full year to fully come out of her shell. Now she is just the happiest, best cat. She has shown me true unconditional love and is the best thing to ever happen to me!





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