

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

## *ANIMAL SERVICES FY2019/20 ANIMAL BENEFIT FUND PRESENTATION*



OCTOBER 7, 2020

# The Animal Benefit Fund (ABF)

The ABF was established by the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors in 1988 as a way to accept donations from compassionate individuals who want to help our shelter animals. All funds are used to enhance the care and well-being of animals in our shelters and to enhance programs of humane welfare and education for the residents of Contra Costa County. In FY 19/20, ABF funds were allocated to a range of projects and focused on four primary funding areas:

- **Canine Enrichment (General Program)**
- **Medical Assistance (Panda's Gift)**
- **Spay & Neuter Assistance**
- **Pet Retention**



## 2020 Animal Benefit Fund Report

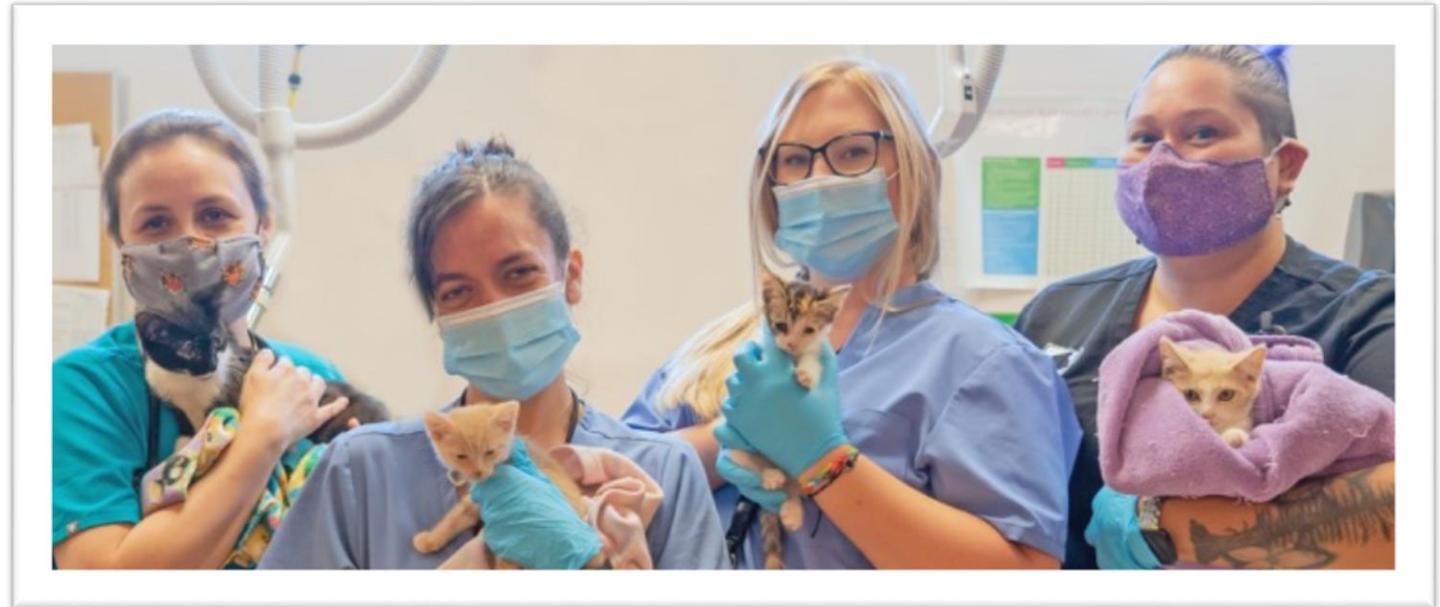


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# Panda's Gift (Medical Assistance)

The Panda's Gift Program was created to provide medical services to animals in need that have conditions beyond CCAS' ability to treat.

In FY 19/20, Panda Funds were utilized to help treat numerous pets and a variety of medical conditions, including heart surgery, orthopedic procedures and dental work.

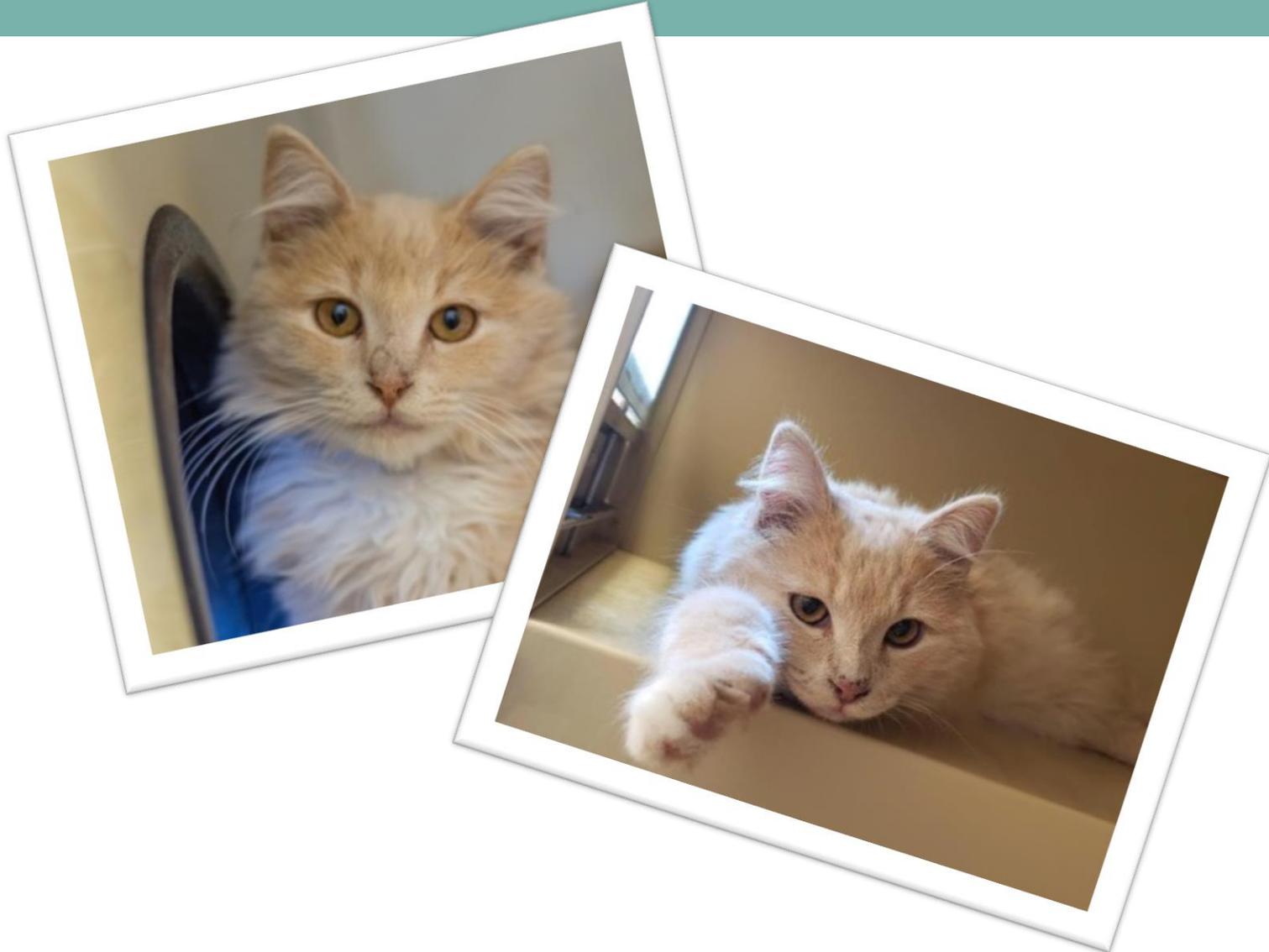


CCAS also worked closely with volunteers and nonprofit groups to expand fundraising efforts to benefit sick and injured animals at CCAS, which has allowed us to help even more pets with advanced medical needs than we were previously capable of managing.

# Panda Fund (Medical Assistance)

**Buffy was a kitten who came to CCAS with a loud heart murmur, which was identified on his initial examination. With the aid of Panda Funds, we were able to secure Buffy a cardiac ultrasound at a specialty clinic in the Bay Area.**

**They found that Buffy had a congenital heart defect known as a patent ductus arteriosus (PDA). This condition is correctable but would require major surgery at UC Davis. Thanks to the Panda Fund, and additional fundraising efforts from donors at UC Davis, Buffy was able to receive the surgery to correct his heart defect and now is happy in a forever home!**



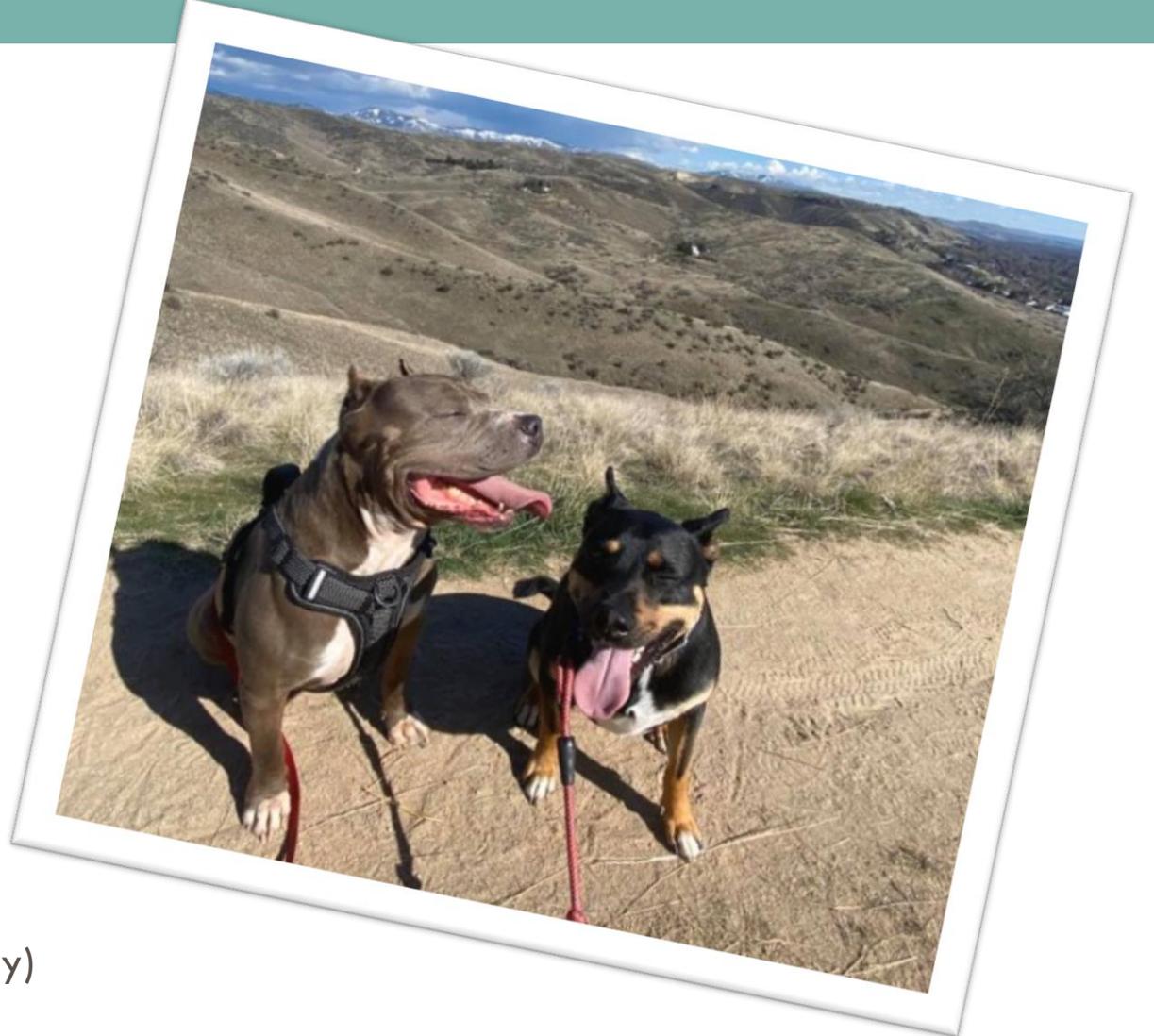
# Panda Fund (Medical Assistance)

**Sunny was a young pit bull in our care who was noted as having severe neck pain and not being able to walk.**

**With the aid of Panda Funds and local fundraising efforts, Sunny was able to go to UC Davis where he was diagnosed with a bulging disc and received the surgery to relieve the pressure on his spinal column.**

**After recovery, Sunny was transferred to a rescue organization and was ultimately adopted by his new family!**

(Sunny, on the right, enjoying a hike with his new buddy)



# Spay & Neuter Assistance

**The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program was created to increase opportunities for low-cost spay and neuter services in Contra Costa County.**

**Working with our collaborative partners Fix Our Ferals, Contra Costa Humane Society, Paw Fund and Pawsitively SAFE, ABF funds were utilized to support low-cost spay and neuter surgeries across the County through local clinics, Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) programs, and mobile spay/neuter events.**

*(Photos: Abandoned kittens from Oakley that were rescued, altered and vaccinated by Pawsitively Safe)*

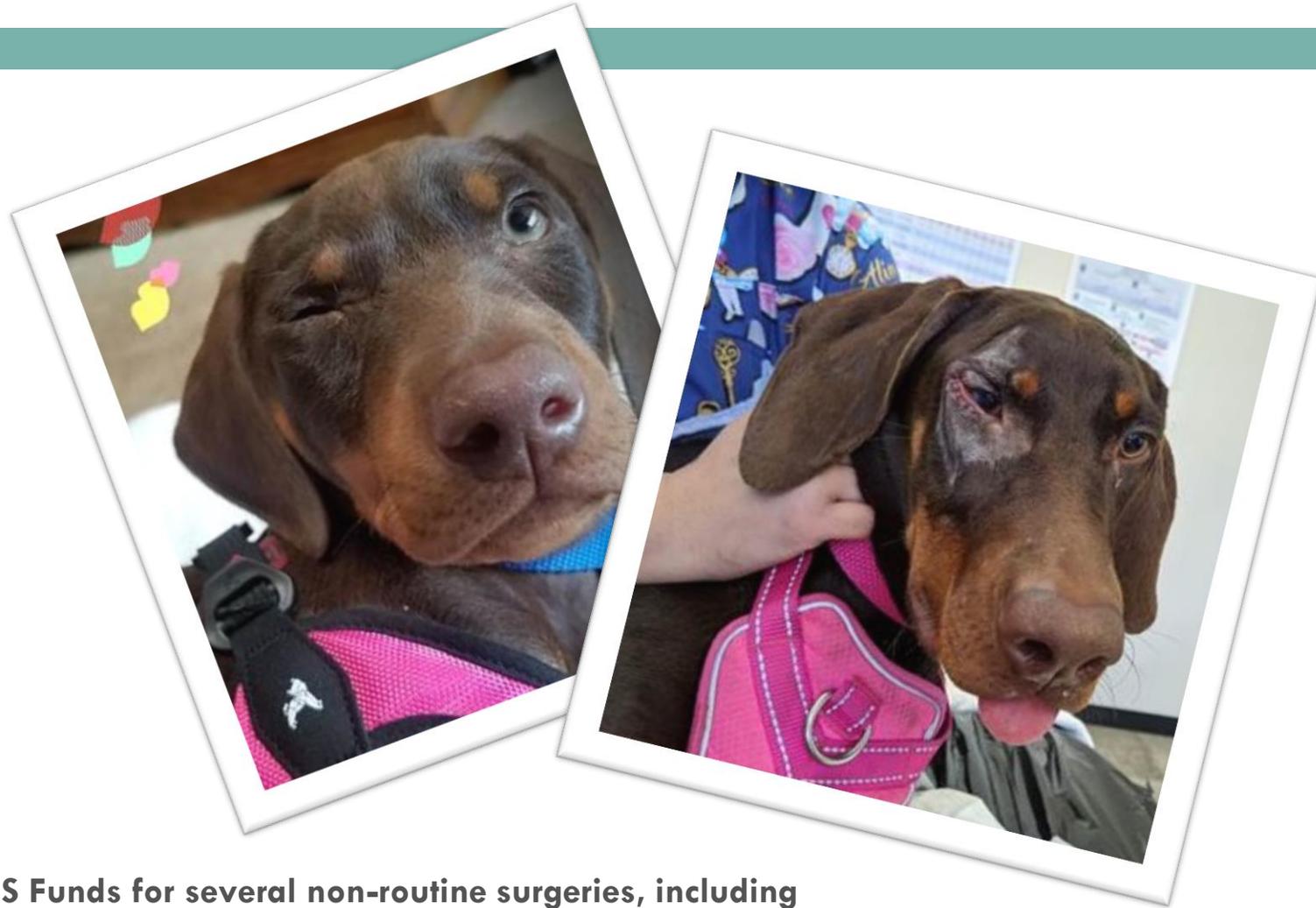


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In FY 19/20, CCAS partner Fix our Ferals used ABF funds to provide subsidized spay/neuter for low income residents of Contra Costa County, helping 963 patients in total.

Of the 963, 700 were free roaming community cats brought to the clinic through their TNR program. Each of the 700 cats received FVRCP and Rabies vaccines, ear tip, were implanted with a Microchip, and given a medication for parasite control. The other 263 pets were owned dogs and cats for routine spay/neuter, microchips and vaccines if needed.

Fix Our Ferals also used a small portion of CCAS Funds for several non-routine surgeries, including Nala (pictured here in before and after photos), a sweet Doberman pup who received an entropion surgery to fix his eye while he was in for his neuter surgery.



# Spay & Neuter Assistance

CCAS partner, Paw Fund, utilized ABF funds in FY 19/20 to support their monthly low-cost pop up clinics in West County.

Paw Fund's clinics help bring these important services directly to the communities where they're most needed, with many of the services being provided for free.



# Pet Retention

The CCAS/ARF Pet Retention Program was created to assist Contra Costa County residents who want to keep their pets out of the shelter and at home where they belong.

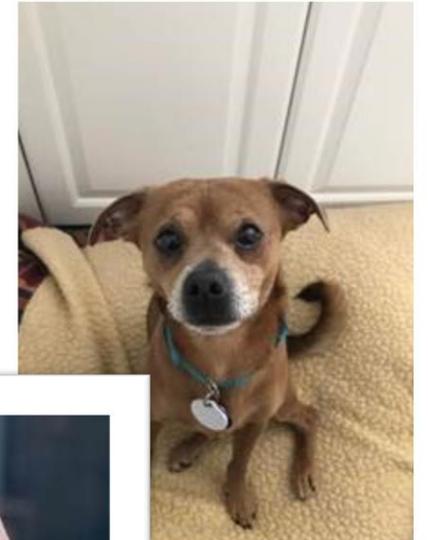
The program focuses on providing resources and assistance, such as free or low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, temporary boarding and much more, to County residents who are at risk of surrendering their pet. During FY 19/20, the Pet Retention Program was able to help County residents keep pets out of the shelter and in safe, loving homes.

The real measure of the Pet Retention Program's success can be found in the stories, photos and thank you cards we receive from people whom we've helped keep their pet in their family.



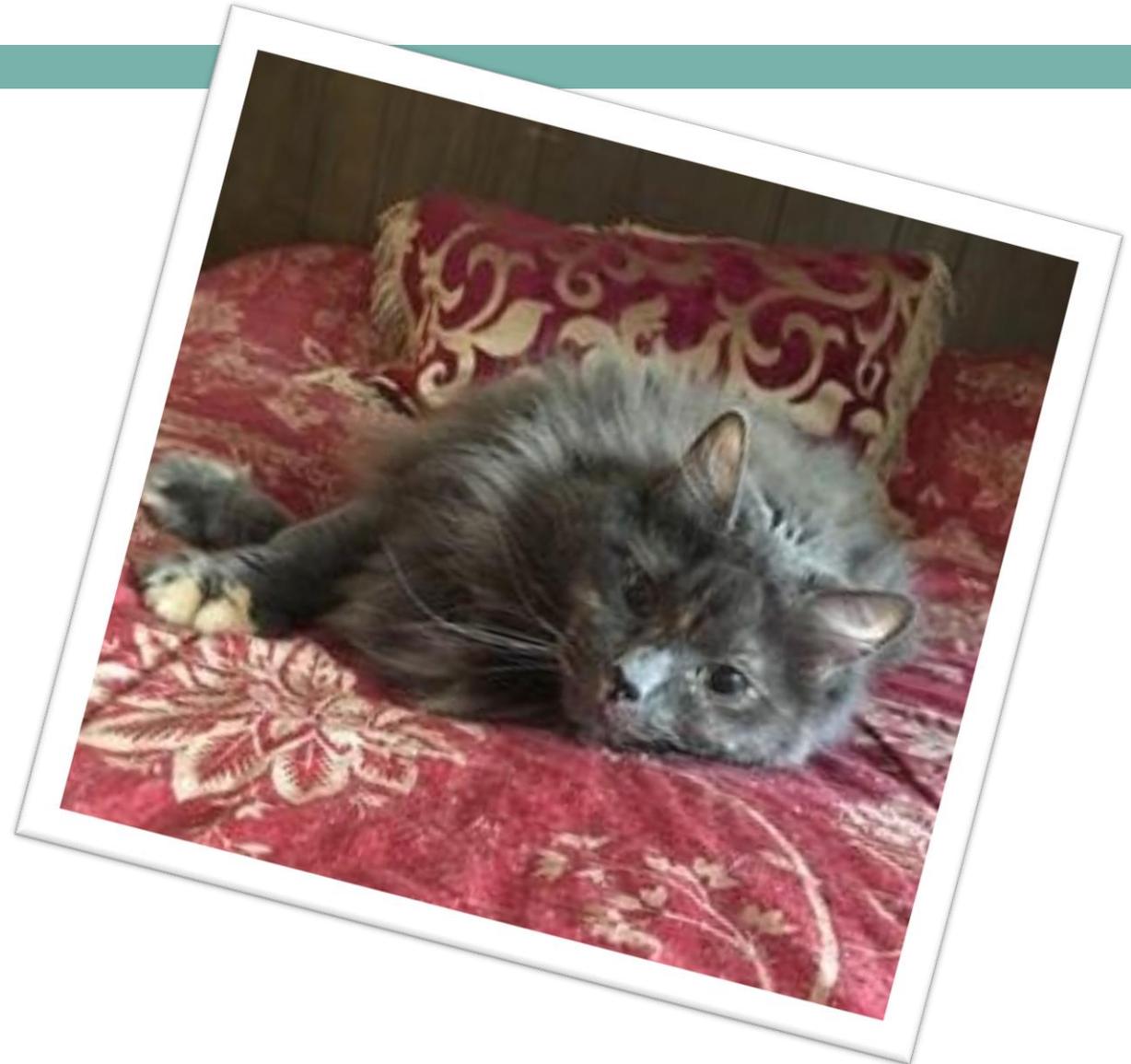
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In November of 2019, CCAS was contacted by an Oakley resident who found herself overwhelmed with over 30 dogs in her home. She had originally had only two dogs, but both were unaltered and because she could not afford the cost of spay/neuter surgeries, those two dogs became over 30 dogs. Upon learning about her situation, the Pet Retention Team sprung into action. Over the course of four months, the team worked with the owner to develop a plan to bring her population down, spay, neuter and vaccinate all of the dogs, and assisted her with rehoming the dogs she was unable to keep. As a result, every single dog was adopted into a forever home by CCAS or one of our rescue partners who assisted the Pet Retention Team in managing this case.



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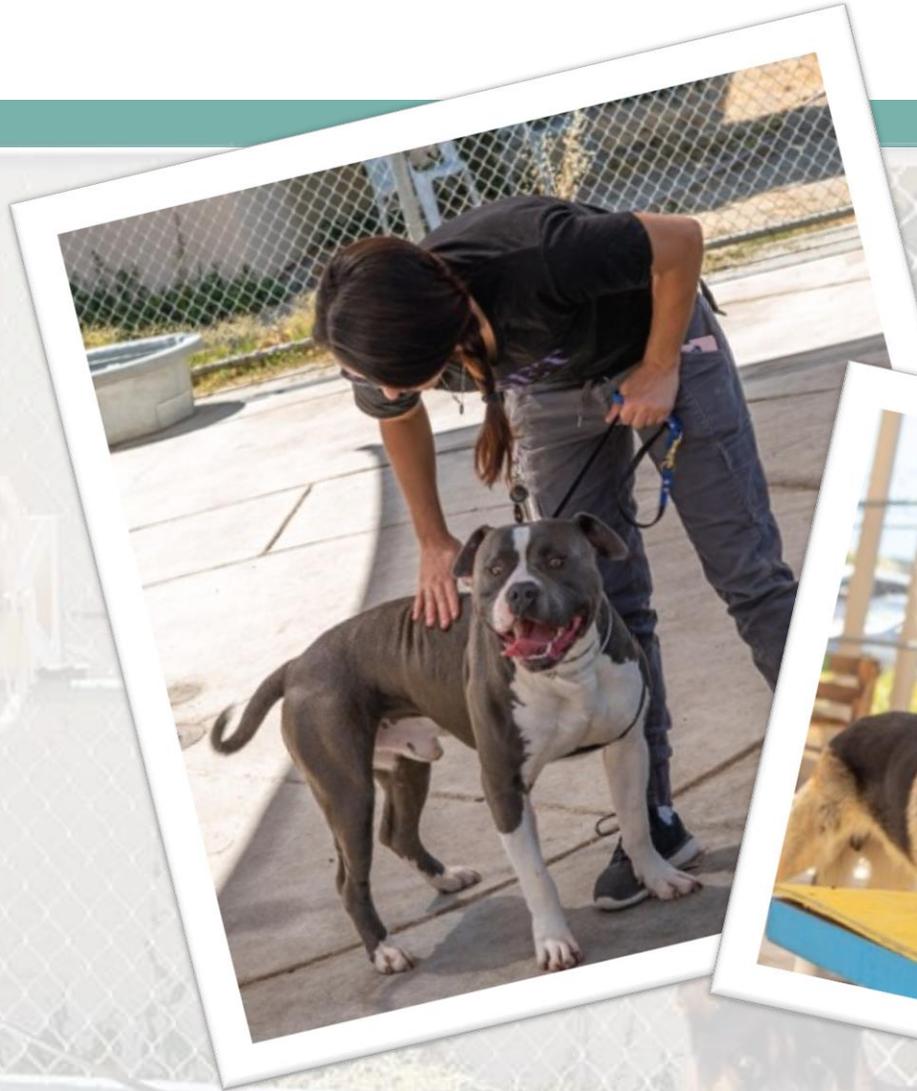
Daisy's owners originally reached out to the Pet Retention team because they were at risk of surrendering her to CCAS due to behavioral issues and because they were having trouble affording cat food. The Pet Retention Team was able to help Daisy's owners keep her in their home by providing monthly food assistance and setting the owners up with behavioral support, which helped Daisy become more tolerant of human behaviors. As a result of the hard work and compassion of the Pet Retention Team and ABF funding, Daisy remains happily in her home where she is thriving.



# Enrichment

**Enrichment and socialization play a crucial role in the success of shelter pets, particularly dogs.**

**Providing a robust enrichment program to alleviate the daily stresses dogs experience while in the shelter is a top priority, and the Shelter Enrichment component of the ABF helps CCAS achieve that goal.**



# Enrichment

**From in-kennel enrichment, walks and activities, to trainings, evaluations and timid dog management, the ABF funds utilized for animal enrichment made a significant impact in maintaining or improving the behavior levels of CCAS dogs during their time in our shelters.**



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In March of 2020, during the onset of COVID-19, the CCAS Enrichment Team took the lead on establishing a dog foster program within days of the first Shelter in Place order.

As a result of these quick actions, the majority of CCAS dogs were able to be placed into foster homes, which allowed our reduced staff to provide a high level of care and enrichment to the few animals that were not able to leave the shelter.



Danielle, Nala and Josephine going to foster during COVID-19

# Thank You To Our Donors!

Over the last year, the Animal Benefit Fund has allowed CCAS to put ideas into action, the results of which were highlighted in this presentation.

To our donors, we say, “Thank You” for believing in us and for providing us the tools necessary to impact and touch even more lives.

CCAS is grateful for each and every contribution, funding that has allowed us to save and transform lives in ways we could have never imagined. We simply could not do this without you!



# Questions