

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

## *ANIMAL SERVICES FY2020/2021 ANIMAL BENEFIT FUND PRESENTATION*



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# 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 20/21, ABF funds were allocated to a range of projects and focused on three primary funding areas:

- Medical Assistance (Panda's Gift)
- Spay & Neuter Assistance
- Pet Retention

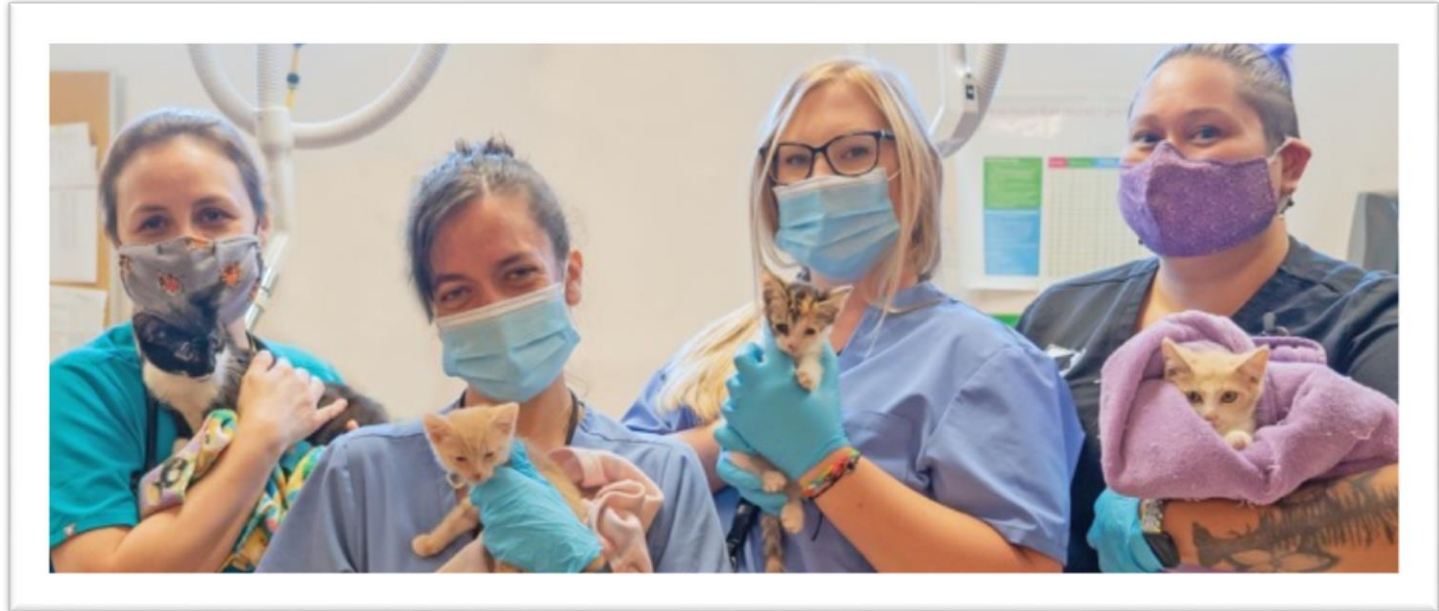


# Panda's Gift (Medical Assistance)

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 20/21, Panda Funds were utilized to help treat numerous pets and a variety of medical conditions, including orthopedic injuries, severe skin conditions and mass biopsies and removals.

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's Gift (Medical Assistance)

**“May” was surrendered to the shelter due to a serious injury to her leg and her owner was not able to provide the needed surgical care.**

**CCAS veterinarians were able to diagnose May with a cranial cruciate ligament tear. We also found that she had several concerning small masses on her belly.**

**Utilizing funding from the Panda's Gift Fund, CCAS was able to partner with a local surgeon in Contra Costa County to get her the specialized surgery she needed to stabilize her knee and remove the masses on her belly.**

*One of our longest shelter residents, May was adopted into her forever home after receiving the medical care she needed thanks to the Panda's Gift Fund.*



# Panda's Gift (Medical Assistance)

**“Hiccup” was a cat that came to CCAS and was found to have a very unusual skin problem on his belly.**

**With the help of the Animal Benefit Fund, we were able to send biopsies out to the dermatopathology department at UC Davis to enable us to create an appropriate treatment plan.**

**Hiccup was pulled by CCAS rescue partner, Super Furiends, who continued Hiccup's care and adopted him into his forever home!**



*Hiccup's looking good after getting the care he needed.*

# 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, Paw Fund, Cat Support Network 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)*



# Spay & Neuter Assistance

In FY 20/21, CCAS partner Fix Our Ferals utilized ABF funding to provide free and low-cost spay and neuter services to 58 community cats, 76 pet cats, and 7 pet dogs. Every animal also received vaccines, microchips, and flea medication, if needed, to ensure they can live their happiest and healthiest lives.

Fix Our Ferals also used ABF funding to treat three cats for Scabies, 13 cats for tapeworms, and one dog with a mass removal.

Instead of the misguided but common refrain of “You shouldn’t have an animal if you can’t afford it!” Fix Our Ferals prefers to say, “Let us help you afford your animal.” With support from Contra Costa Animal Services and the Animal Benefit Fund, Fix Our Ferals is able to realize that vision to help the animals and families of Contra Costa County receive the veterinary care they deserve.

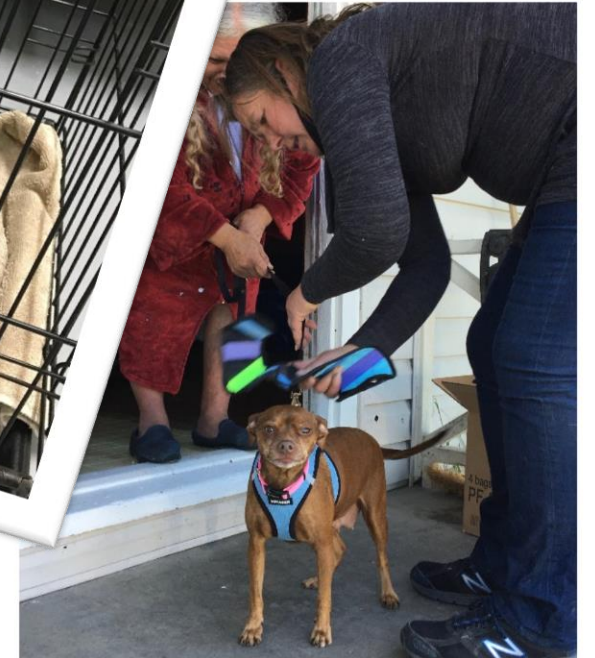


*Jack the cat and Bendy the dog, two recipients of Fix Our Ferals' assistance program.*

# Spay & Neuter Assistance

**During fiscal year 2020-2021, PAW Fund utilized ABF Spay & Neuter Assistance funds to spay and neuter more than 300 pets belonging to the most in need residents in Contra Costa County through free or low-cost spay and neuter clinics.**

**Most of the pets helped belong to homeless, low income and fixed income pet owners - including veterans, seniors, and the disabled - as well as many families for whom the burden of having too many animals became overwhelming.**



*Girl Girl is a chihuahua who had given birth every year for four years in Aitchison Village in Richmond. PAW FUND was able to help the owners get this cute girl spayed, vaccinated and microchipped to ensure that she is healthy and no longer able to breed. PAW FUND was also able to successfully find loving homes for all of the puppies in her latest litter*



# Spay & Neuter Assistance

**In FY 20/21, Pawsitively S.A.F.E. utilized ABF funding to spay and neuter over 850 cats and kittens in Contra Costa County!**

**In addition to the spay and neuter assistance they provide, this past year, Pawsitively S.A.F.E. was able to help many communities in Contra Costa County address community cat overpopulation issues, including in homeless encampments, shopping centers and a very interesting case of feral Siamese cats at the Del Taco location in Pittsburg.**

*Thanks to Pawsitively S.A.F.E. and the Animal Benefit fund, these cute kittens have been spayed or neutered and vaccinated.*



# Pet Retention

**The CCAS 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 20/21, 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.**



# Pet Retention

**“Daisy” came to our shelter as a young kitten. She had a birth defect to her hind leg that caused part of her leg to be missing. After adoption, as she grew, it was determined by the owner’s vet that the limb needed to be fully amputated due to discomfort.**

**The owner reluctantly submitted a surrender request to the CCAS Pet Retention Program, as she was unable to pay for the procedure at her own vet. Through our Pet Retention Program, and in partnership with the East Bay SPCA’s Humane Advocacy Program, Daisy was able to receive the surgery she needed and remains happily in her home with her family.**



*Daisy then and now*



# Pet Retention

**“Pablo” is a dog that had a broken front leg which was not immediately treated. The owners wanted to keep him, but they did not have the funds to get him examined or treated. Pablo’s leg required an amputation, which can often be a costly procedure. They contacted the CCAS Pet Retention Program in hopes of receiving assistance to ensure Pablo would get the care he needed and be able to stay in their home.**

**The CCAS Pet Retention Program, in partnership with East Bay SPCA’s Humane Advocacy Program, was able to ensure Pablo received the care and treatments he needed.**

**Today, Pablo remains in his home with his family, where he enjoys endless snuggles and companionship.**



# What Our Partners Say

*“We committed long ago not to turn away any cat or dog we have the ability to treat, regardless of the owner’s ability to pay. Instead of the misguided but sadly common refrain of ‘You shouldn’t have an animal if you can’t afford it!’ we say, ‘Let us help you afford your animal.’ Thanks to Contra Costa Animal Services, we’re glad to help both the animals and families of Contra Costa receive the veterinary care they deserve.”*

*- Dr. Jean Goh, Fix Our Ferals*

*“We very much appreciate the subsidy assistance from Contra Costa County. The cost of our spay and neuter program, with the administration and outreach costs, as well as the veterinary costs is the largest program expenditure for PAW Fund. The subsidy truly enables us to focus on the tremendous impacts and outcomes we see and takes just a bit of pressure off.”*

*- Jill Posener, PAW Fund Executive Director*

*“We are grateful that the Animal Benefit Fund has provided significant resources toward our efforts.”*

*- Pawsitively S.A.F.E. Executive Director, Julie Rasmussen*

# 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