CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

ANIMAL BENEFIT FUND PRESENTATION

FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022



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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 21/22, ABF funds were allocated to a range of projects and focused on three primary funding areas:

- **Medical Assistance Program**
- **Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program**
- **Shelter Intervention Program**



Medical Assistance Program

The Panda's Gift Program was created to provide medical services to animals in need that have conditions beyond CCAS' ability to treat. In partnership with East Bay SPCA, CCAS applied $10,000 in Medical Assistance funding to help pets with advanced medical needs beyond our shelter's ability to treat.



In FY 21/22, Medical Assistance funds were utilized to help treat numerous pets and a variety of medical conditions, including orthopedic injuries, enucleations, and amputations, among others.

Medical Assistance Program

Joe-Joe came to CCAS in March of 2022 with a severely fractured pelvis. He needed surgery to repair his pelvis and to prevent chronic pain. Thanks to the Medical Assistance Fund and a local veterinary hospital, Joe-Joe was able to get the advanced surgery he needed. He was then transferred to a local rescue group to recover.
Since then, Joe-Joe has been adopted and is living his best life in the Monterey Bay area!



Medical Assistance Program



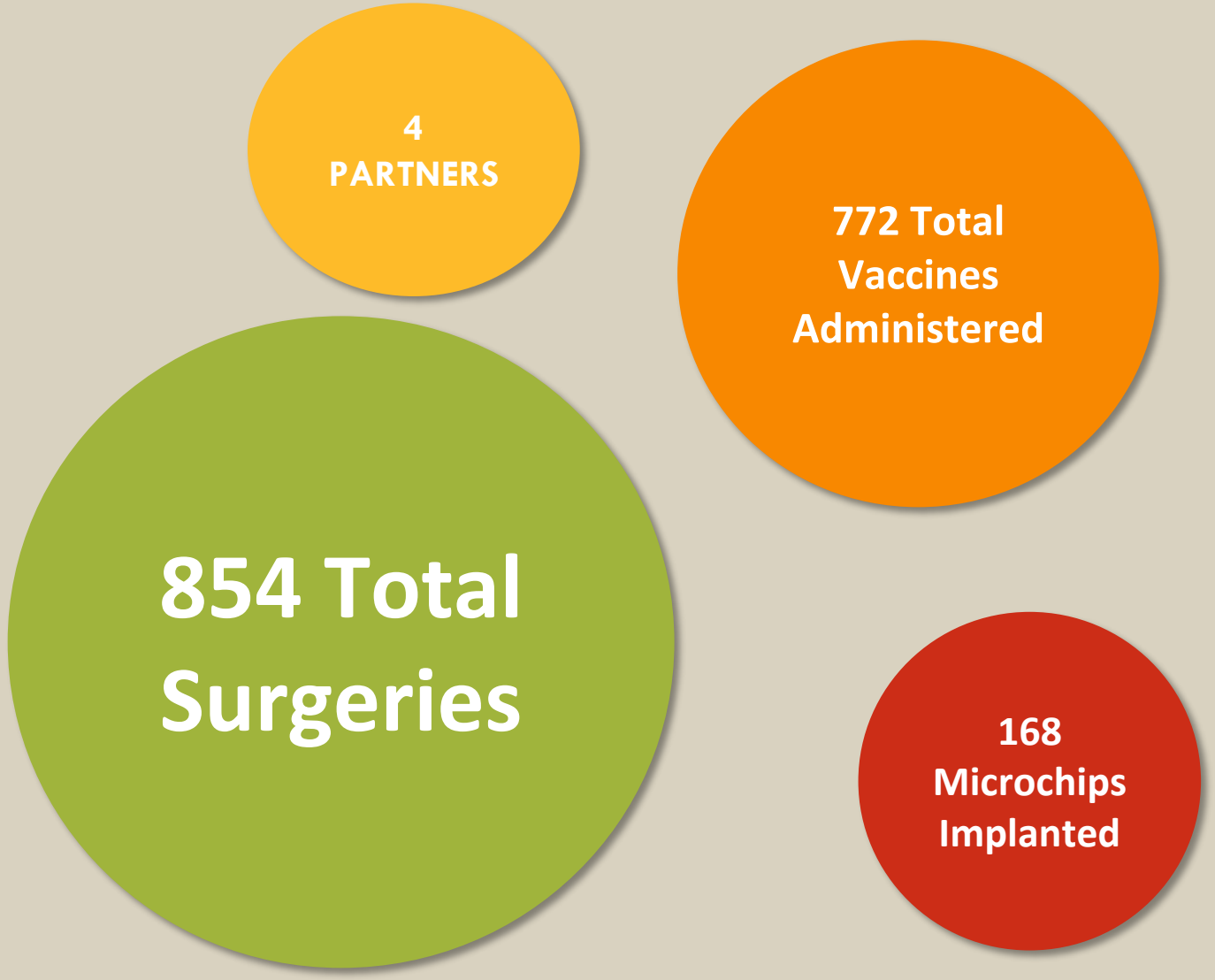
The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program was created to increase opportunities for low-cos spay and neuter services in Contra Costa County.

Working with our collaborative partners Animal Fix Clinic, 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.



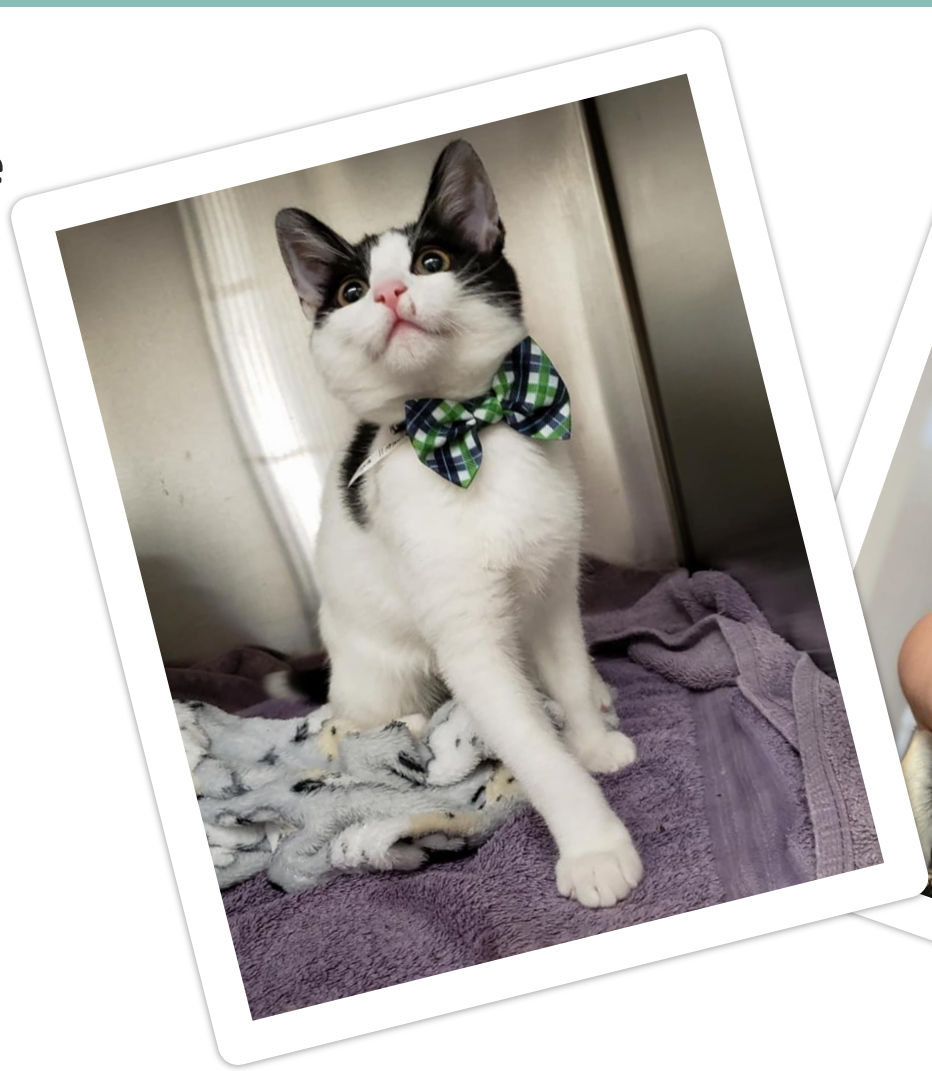
Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program

In FY 21/22, the Spay & Neuter Assistance fund helped over 800 residents of Contra Costa County receive low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for pets and community cats. In addition to spay and neuter surgeries, animals were also provided vaccines and microchips, if they were needed.



Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program

In FY 21/22, Animal Fix Clinic utilized Spay & Neuter Assistance funding to provide free and low-cost spay and neuter services to 165 pets and community cats. Every animal also received vaccines, microchips, and flea medication, if needed, to ensure they can live their happiest and healthiest lives.





Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program

Pawsitively S.A.F.E. utilized Spay & Neuter Assistance funding in FY 21/22 to spay and neuter 272 cats and kittens in Contra Costa County!

In addition to the spay and neuter assistance they provide, Pawsitively S.A.F.E. administered over 400 vaccines to cats in Contra Costa County and helped local communities address community cat overpopulation through services and education.



Shelter Intervention

The Shelter Intervention Fund 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 fund is administered though the CCAS Pet Support Program.

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 21/22, Pet Support funding was able to help County residents keep pets out of the shelter and in safe, loving homes.

The real measure of the Pet Support 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.



Shelter Intervention



Pablo came to the CCAS Pet Support Program with complications from a broken pelvis after being attacked by another dog. The owner had taken Pablo to the veterinarian after the attack, but the needed amputation surgery was much more than the owner could afford. The owner desperately wanted to keep Pablo but was at risk of surrendering Pablo because they could not afford the surgery.

Utilizing the CCAS Pet Support Program, Pablo was able to receive the amputation surgery provided through Pet Support Program partner East Bay SPCA and remains happily in his loving home today.



What Our Partners Say



"Animals in Contra Costa County, and their owners and caregivers, are lucky to have the Animal Benefit Fund. We have seen more and more people - who all want to do the right thing for their animals - struggle with finances in the post-pandemic economy. The support Animal Fix Clinic receives through the ABF means we can help more of those people help their animals. Seeing the animals return to the community happy and healthy is what motivates us, pandemic or not."

- Dr. Jean Goh, DVM, Animal Fix Clinic Medical Director

"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."

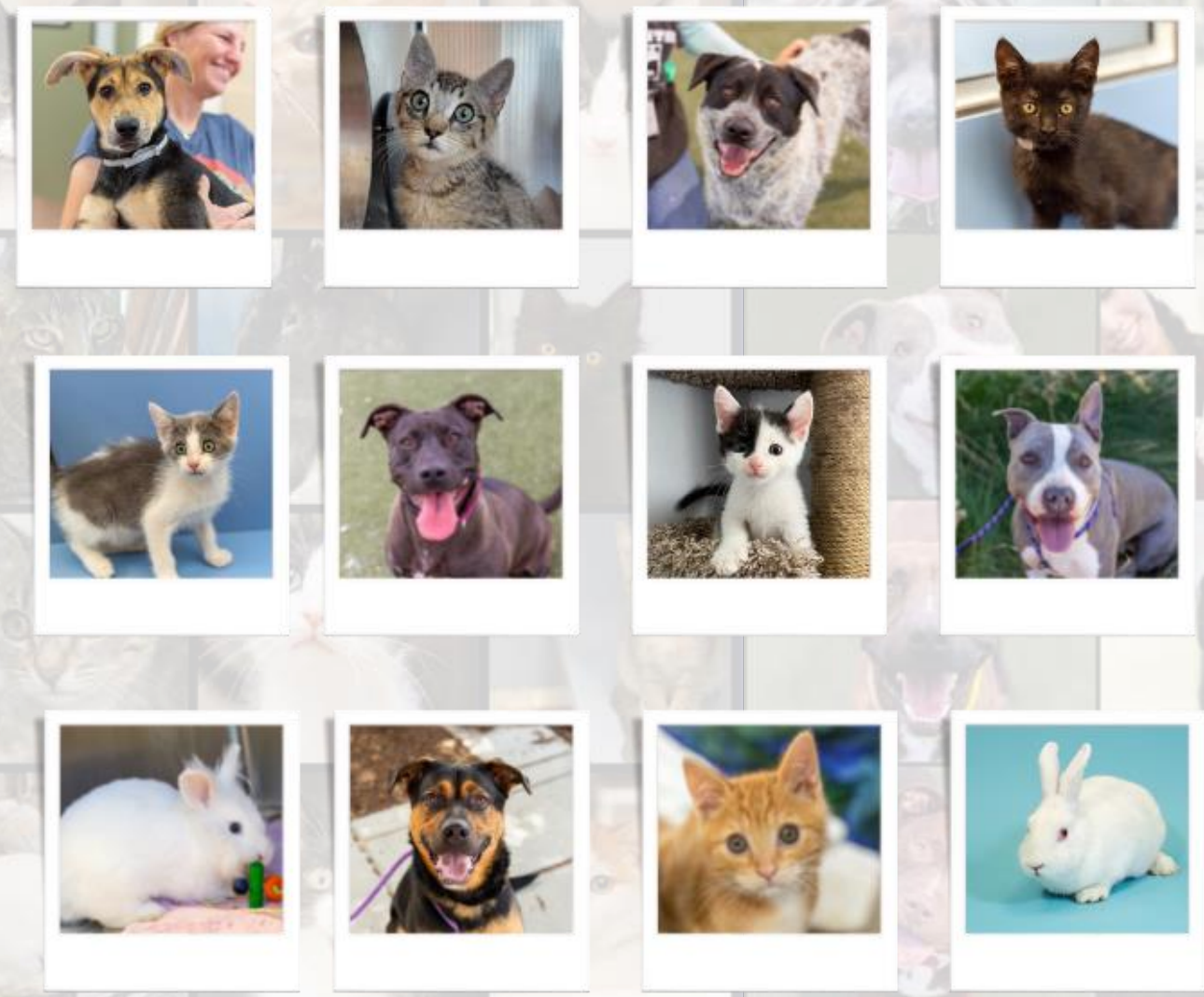
- Pawsitively S.A.F.E. Executive Director, Julie Rasmussen

Thank You To Our Donors!

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

