



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

ANIMAL BENEFIT FUND PRESENTATION

FISCAL YEAR 2024/25



The Animal Benefit Fund (ABF)

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The ***Animal Benefit Fund (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 24/25, 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

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The ***Medical Assistance Program*** was created to provide medical assistance and emergency veterinary care for animals that are in the County shelter's care.

CCAS applied \$40,000 in Medical Assistance funding to help pets with advanced medical needs beyond our shelter's ability to treat.



The Medical Assistance Fund allows CCAS to help animals with a variety of medical conditions.

Medical Assistance Program

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Total Funds Available \$40,000

Animal Fix Clinic (\$20,000)

- Surpassed annual goal by thirteen (13) animals and supported fifty-three (53) total animals

Cat Support Network (\$10,000)

- Surpassed annual goal by seventeen (17) animals and supported thirty-seven (37) total animals

Friends of Contra Costa Animal Services (\$10,000)

- Surpassed annual goal by two (2) animals and supported fifteen (15) total animals



Animal Fix Clinic treated "Angel" with eye surgery, which was a low-cost procedure for his owner.



"Toby" was left at a local veterinary facility and had extensive eye issues, including necessary cyst removal. The Cat Support Network funded his surgeries and care.

Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program

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In FY 24/25, the ***Spay/Neuter and Wellness Program*** helped Contra Costa County residents receive low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for pets and community cats. In addition to spay and neuter surgeries, animals were also provided vaccines and microchips, if needed.

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**Partners
Participated**

(Increase of 1
organization
from FY 23/24)

**913 Total
Surgeries
Provided**

**Over 1,500
Vaccines and
Microchips
Administered**

Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program

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Total Funds Available \$100,000

Animal Coalition Group (\$20,000)

- 153 animals served

Animal Fix Clinic (\$20,000)

- 149 animals served

Cat Support Network (\$17,000)

- 274 animal served

House Rabbit Society (\$15,000)

- 72 animals served

Joybound People and Pets (\$10,000)

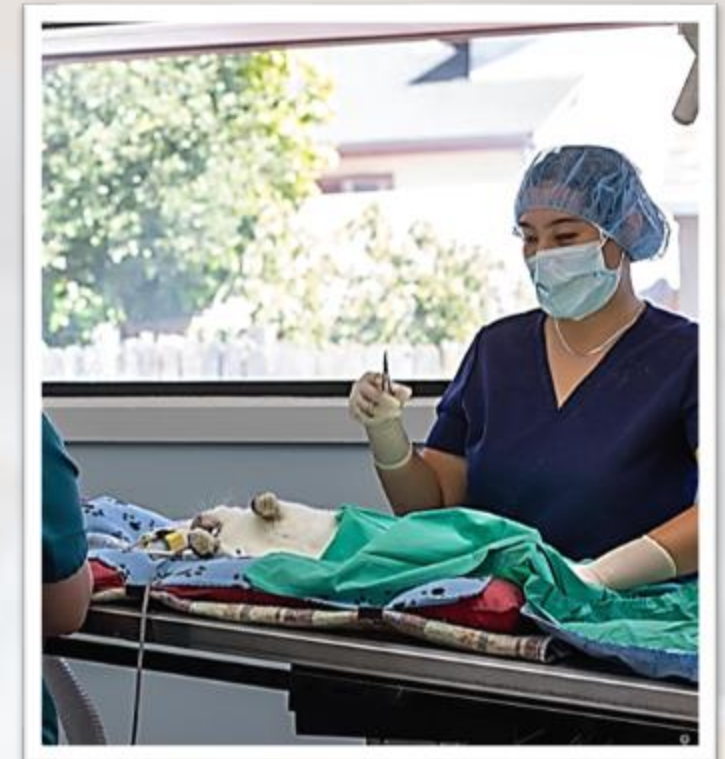
- 41 animals served

Pawsitively S.A.F.E (\$18,000)

- 224 animals served



Joybound People and Pets hosted three (3) mobile spay and neuter clinics, including one at the CCAS campus.



The House Rabbit Society altered seventy-two (72) rabbits through ABF funding.

Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program



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ABF funds were utilized to support low-cost spay and neuter surgeries across the County through local clinics, Trap- Neuter-Return (TNR) programs, and mobile spay/neuter events.



Pawsitively S.A.F.E. assisted with the care and eventual spay and neuter of kittens found in East County, thanks to relationships with local veterinarians to establish affordable spay and neuter rates.

Spaying and neutering rabbits helps reduce unwanted litters and surrenders to CCAS, while also connecting families with services, guidance, and support for specialized rabbit care.



Shelter Intervention Program

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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 through the CCAS Pet Assistance Program.

During FY 24/25, Shelter Intervention Program funding was able to help County residents keep 874 pets out of the shelter and in safe, loving homes.



Joybound People and Pets assisted "Romeo's" family when he developed a worsening skin infection. Despite facing unexpected financial challenges, they were determined to help their beloved "teddy bear." With ABF funding, Romeo received the necessary medications to heal and remain with his loving family

兔子属于室内，是家庭的一份子

宠物兔是室内宠物，应与人共同生活。兔兔喜欢待在室内，因为它们需要温暖和安全感。由于它们是温顺的动物，因此对儿童和老人非常友好。兔兔需要干净的环境，为了兔兔的健康和快乐，请保持兔兔的生活环境干净整洁。兔兔喜欢待在室内，这样可以避免它们被车撞或被其他动物伤害。兔兔是人类的好朋友，请善待它们。

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House Rabbit Society

The House Rabbit Society used funding to translate resource materials into the five (5) most common languages in Contra Costa County: English, Spanish, Tagalog, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Pictured is a Chinese resource on the dangers of keeping rabbits outdoors.

Shelter Intervention Program

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Total Funds Available \$200,000

East Bay SPCA (\$50,000)

- 51 animals served

House Rabbit Society (\$36,000)

- 357 animals served

Jelly's Place (\$10,000)

- 55 animals served

Joybound People and Pets (\$74,000)

- 185 animals served

Pawsitively S.A.F.E. (\$30,000)

- 226 animals served



The House Rabbit Society supported 85 families at their monthly pantry events.



Pawsitively S.A.F.E helped "Max" and his owner address an eye issue he had been struggling with for months. After being diagnosed with glaucoma, he underwent surgery to remove the affected eye, bringing him comfort and a pain-free life.



Joybound People and Pets supported "Marty's" owner with transportation and funding to care for his urinary illness.

Shelter Intervention Program

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After an accident led to a leg amputation, Joybound People and Pets stepped in to support "Kokoro." Her owner says this resilient "tripod kitty" is now loving life and continues to bring joy every day.



Pawsitively S.A.F.E. provides vital support to unhoused pet owners in East County, including this dog whose owner has been receiving help for the past three years.



The House Rabbit Society hosts a monthly food and supply pantry, offering families resources and advice to support proper rabbit care.

Community Challenges

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- **Rapid Use of Funds:** Some organizations' fund allocations were fully expended within the first half of the contract period, reflecting strong community demand and limited available resources.
- **Client Scheduling Barriers:** Difficulty coordinating veterinary appointments due to client cancellations or no-shows required frequent rescheduling and backfilling of appointment slots.
- **Limited Veterinary Access:** A shortage of low-cost veterinary services and appointment availability continues to limit access to timely care.
- **Rising Service Demand:** Increased need for shelter intervention services among high-risk populations, including unhoused and low-income community members.
- **Staffing Instability:** Turnover within veterinary clinics and grantee organizations has affected program efficiency and continuity of service delivery.

Next Steps

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Joybound People and Pets mobile spay and neuter clinic check-in.

- **Target High-Need Communities**
Focus outreach and resources on Contra Costa County areas with high animal intake rates through expanded spay/neuter and shelter intervention programs.
- **Leverage Community Partnerships**
Explore opportunities to align and combine resources with local organizations to maximize impact for families and their pets.
- **Grow Program Funding**
Increase financial support for the Animal Benefit Fund through strategic marketing efforts and partnerships with nonprofit and community supporters.

What Our Partners Say



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"We were able to help many dogs and cats receive their outside medical care and all the animals we helped have been adopted or rescued."

-Debbie Rodriguez, Friends of Contra Costa County Animal Services

"We continue our TNR efforts at public spaces, businesses and residential areas as part of our ongoing commitment to humane cat population control. Access to local veterinary appointments, alongside TNR clinics, has had a tremendous impact—enabling us to spay and neuter more animals than ever before; and to use local veterinarians in between clinics. It is especially critical to have funding for local veterinarians and is where ABF funding is also making a huge impact, particularly in outlying areas like East County. These efforts not only reduce animal suffering but also help alleviate the burden on local shelters."

-Julie Rasmussen, Pawsitively Saving Animals From Euthanasia

"We are seeing more clients unable to afford spay/neuter so these monies help to ensure that the cats and dogs of Contra Costa County are being spay/neutered."

-Erin Kerley, Animal Fix Clinic

"The spay/neuter clinic and ABF funding allows us to invite and train new and upcoming veterinary professionals on safe rabbit spay/neuter and anesthesia protocols."

-Amber Kalmbach, House Rabbit Society

"Funds have been used to provide supplies and medical care to community-owned pets in order to prevent shelter surrenders. Typically, pet owners reach out requesting urgent or routine vet care, such as vaccination, spaying surgeries, or care for acute illnesses or injuries. Supplies such as pet food, leashes, crates, and flea treatment are also given to allow pets to remain in their homes."

-Cris Stahl, Jelly's Place

"CCAS Medical Assistance monies has made such monumental impact on being able to not only assist the cats in our care but to be able to sustain and continue to help more cats coming into our care. Being a small rescue, when exponential costs are needed for one cat it puts a massive strain on our capabilities to care for the many other cats in our program. We are forever grateful for the partnership we have with CCAS."

-Jessica Shortridge, Cat Support Network

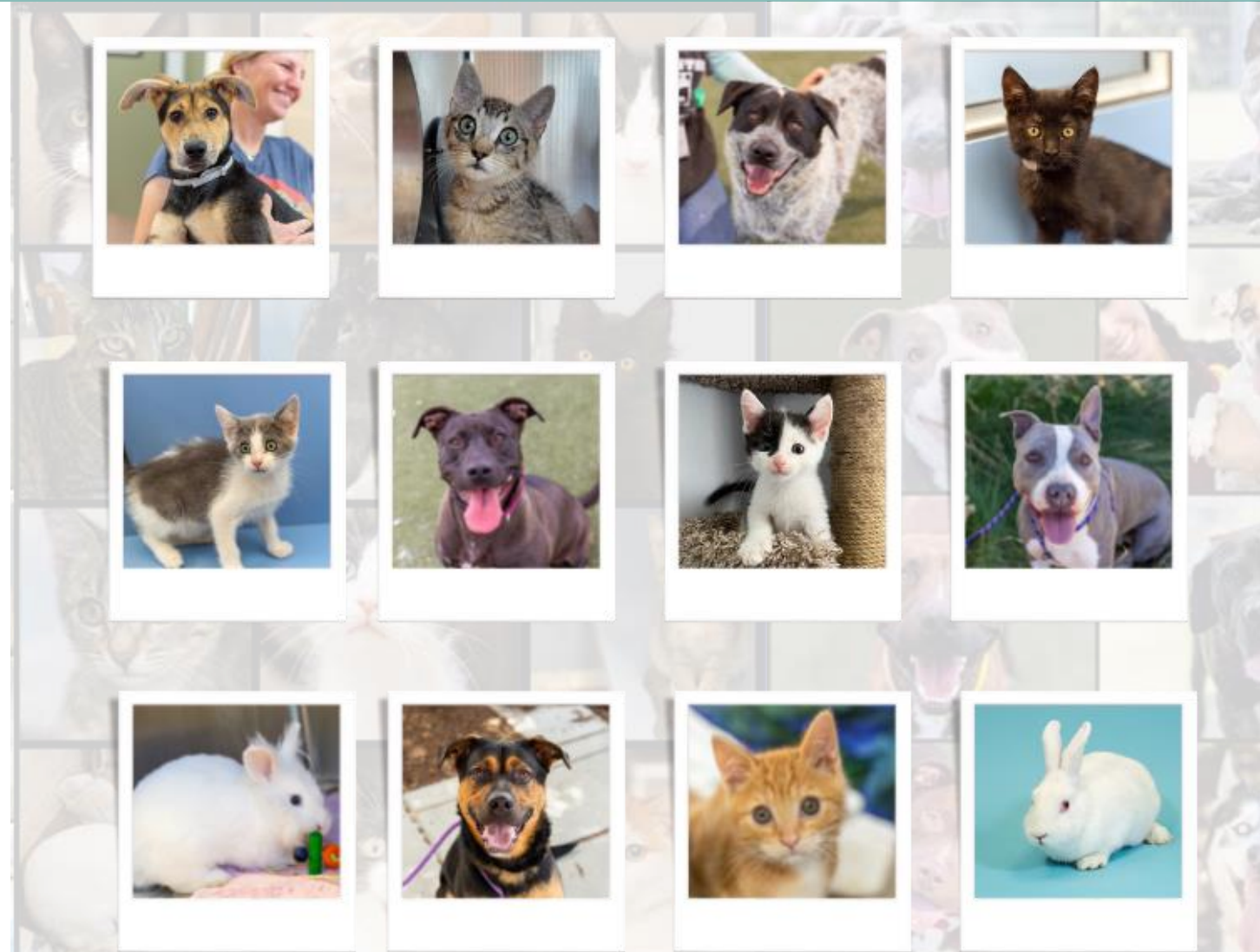
Thank You To Our Donors!

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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

