



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

ANIMAL BENEFIT FUND PRESENTATION FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023



OCTOBER 2, 2023

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 22/23, 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 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 \$21,000 in Medical Assistance funding to help pets with advanced medical needs beyond our shelter's ability to treat.

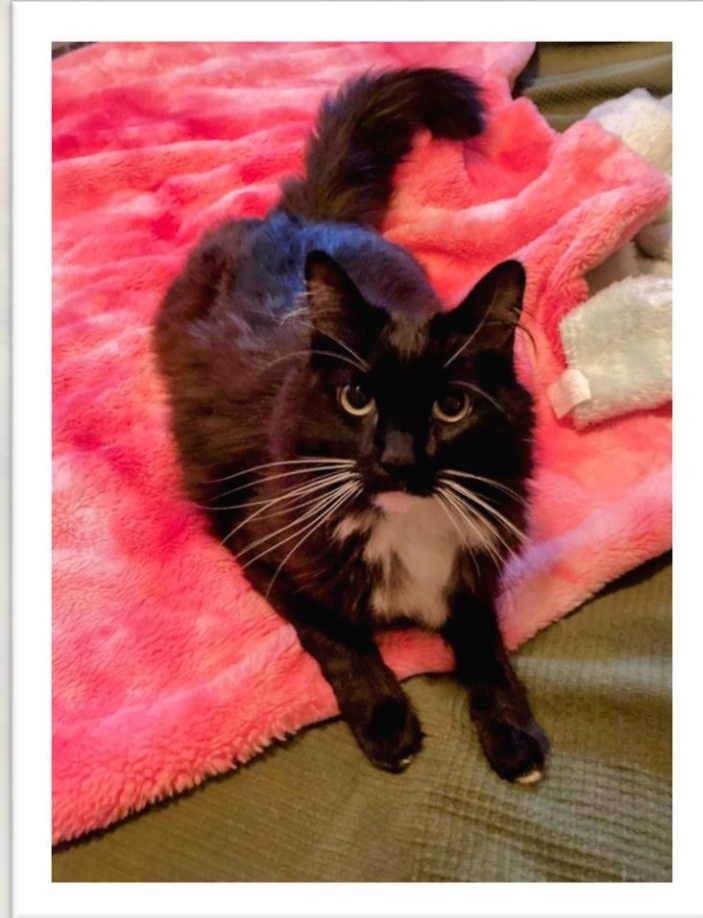


The Medical Assistance Fund allows CCAS to help animals with a variety of conditions, like this kitten who was treated for severe eye trauma.

Medical Assistance Program

Total Available \$21,000

- ❑ East Bay SPCA \$8,000
- ❑ Friends of Contra Costa Animal Services \$6,000
- ❑ Animal Fix Clinic (formally FOF) \$4,000
- ❑ Jelly's Place \$3,000

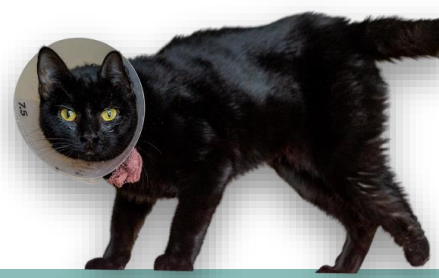


Animal Fix Clinic treated Cooper with a Perineal Urethrostomy (PU) surgery to allow for proper urination.

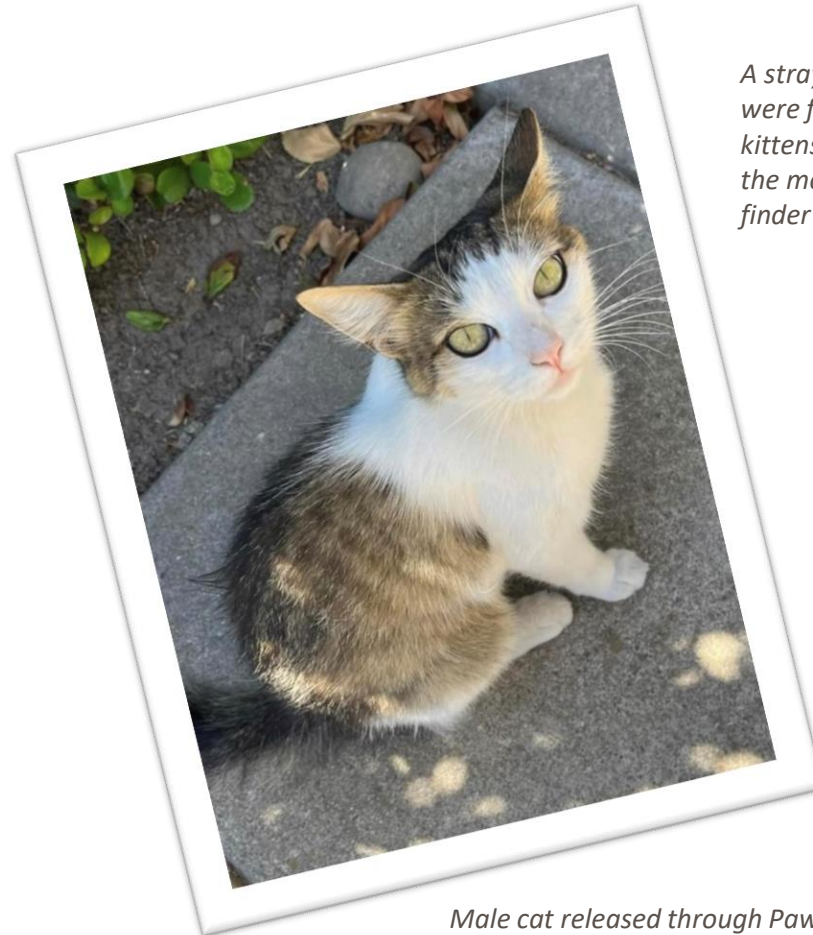


Cooper now lives a comfortable and healthy life.

Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program



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.



Male cat released through Pawsitively S.A.F.E. after neuter, vaccination, and surgery recovery.

A stray female and her kittens were found in a garage. The kittens were sent to foster and the mother was adopted by their finder through Pawsitively S.A.F.E.



Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program

Total Available \$155,000

- ❑ Cat Support Network \$13,000
- ❑ Animal Fix Clinic (formally FOF) \$65,000
- ❑ Pawfund \$37,000
- ❑ Pawsitively S.A.F.E. \$40,000



Pawsitively S.A.F.E. trapped a "Trap and Release" Community Cat to be altered and vaccinated.



Pawfund helped support an encampment with their animal population, including these kittens.

Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program

In FY 22/23, the Spay/Neuter and Wellness Program helped over 900 residents of Contra Costa County 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

Over 1000
Vaccines
Administered

940 Total
Surgeries
Provided

Over 500
Microchips
Administered

Spay/Neuter & Wellness Program

Pawsitively S.A.F.E. utilized Spay & Neuter Assistance funding in FY 22/23 to spay and neuter 382 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.



Pawsitively S.A.F.E. rescued kittens from extreme heat conditions who were assessed, altered, and put up for adoption.

Pawfund helped support encampment animals with spay and neuter services, like for this friendly terrier.



Shelter Intervention Program

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 22/23, Shelter Intervention Program funding was able to help County residents keep 319 pets out of the shelter and in safe, loving homes.



Pawfund assisted community members with education on available resources (flea prevention, dewormer, vaccines), support, and animal care direction.

Pawfund volunteers assisted with an encampment eviction and worked with four (4) owners with litters totaling thirty-two (32) puppies.



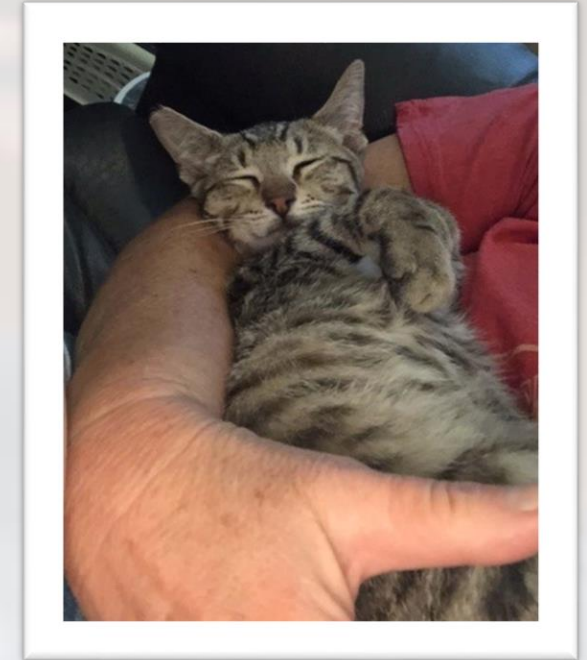
Shelter Intervention Program

Total Available \$21,000

- EBSPCA \$10,000
- Jelly's Place \$6,000
- Pawfund \$5,000



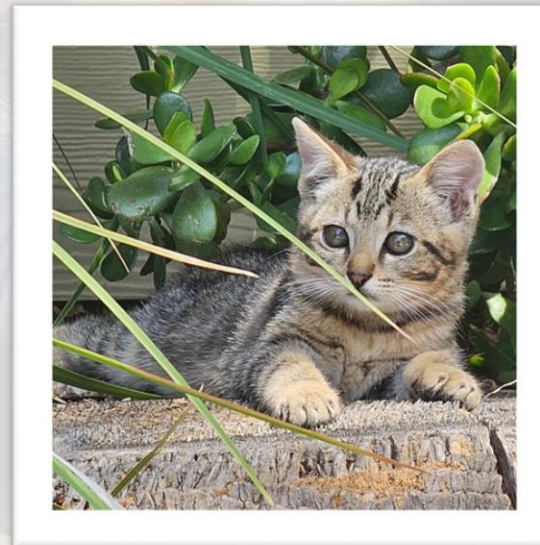
Pawfund puppies from an encampment that received dewormer and vaccinations.



Pawsitively S.A.F.E. kitten put into foster post-trapping and altering.



Pawfund assists Hazel with her lifelong need for pain and anti-inflammatory medications for severe hip dysplasia and IVDD. Pawfund is working with the Wishbone Foundation to get her a wheelchair.

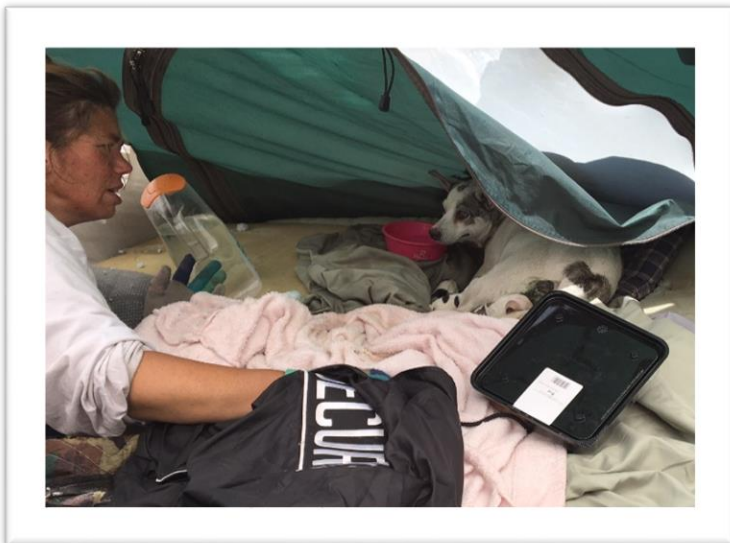


Pawsitively S.A.F.E. kitten pre-trapping.

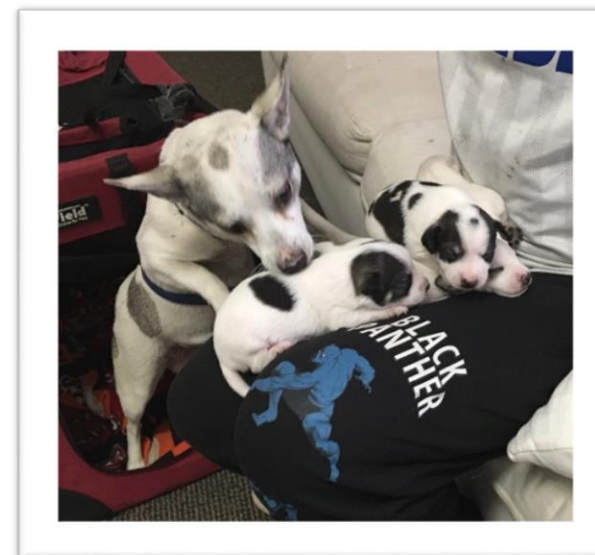
Shelter Intervention



- ❑ **Jelly's Place** goal was to serve 55 families, by end of year assisted 34
- ❑ **East Bay SPCA** goal was to assist 30 families, by end of year helped 28
- ❑ **Paw Fund** goal was to assist 234 animals, and exceeded their goal by helping 257



Rebel gave birth on a hot day, when an encampment was closed. Pawfund supported her and her owner through the process.



Pawfund checked up on Rebel and her puppies.

Shelter Intervention

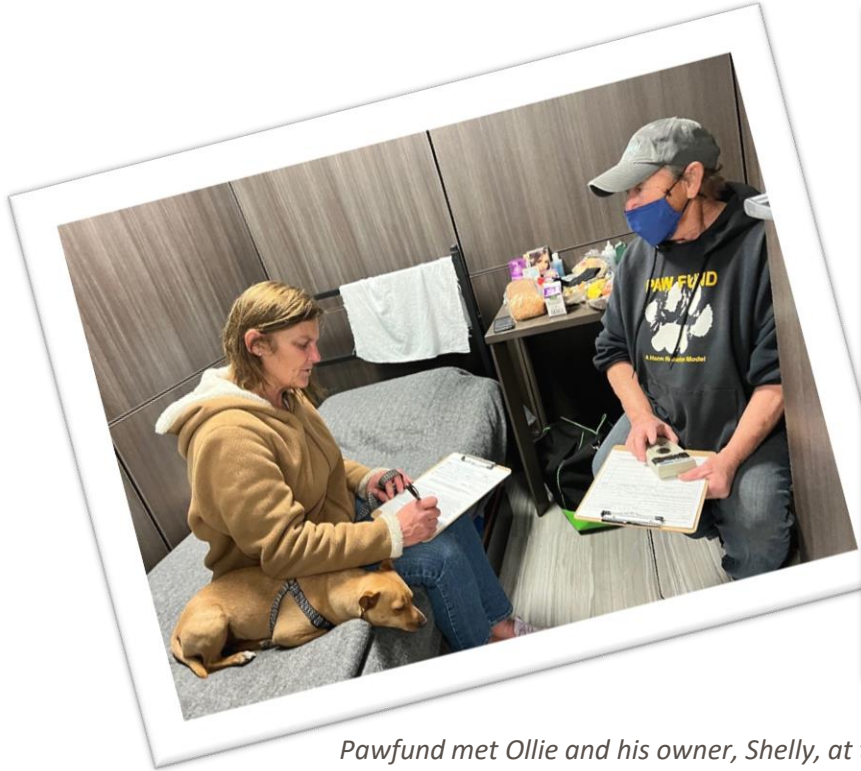


Pawfund met Luna two years ago when she previously gave birth to a litter and when one of her puppies had emergency care support for amputating their leg.



Luna has since been spayed and vaccinated and continues to receive support through Pawfund.

Shelter Intervention



Pawfund met Ollie and his owner, Shelly, at the Brookside shelter where they first vaccinated him. A year later, Shelly asked for help in getting him neutered so Pawfund set up his appointment.



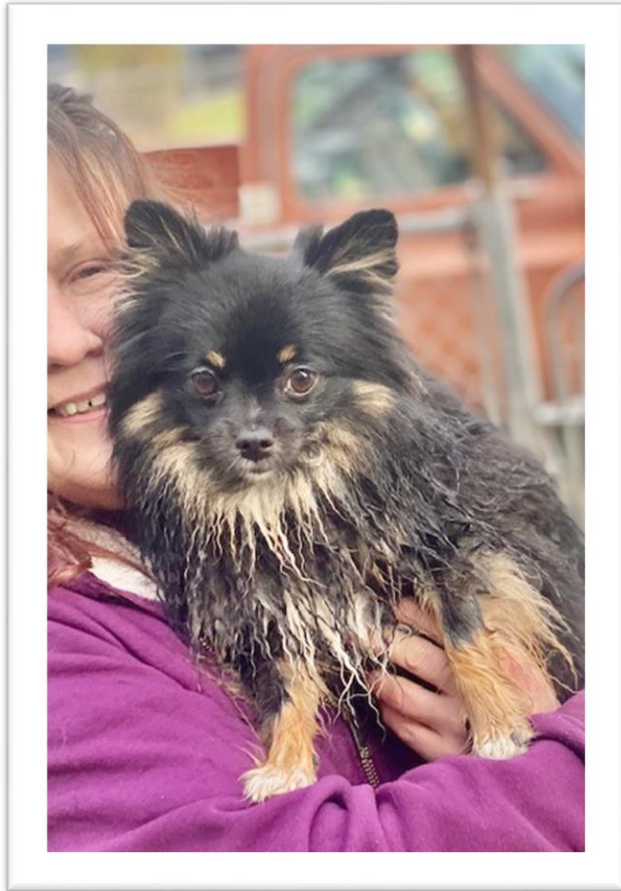
Shelly recently received permanent housing but did not have the funds for updating Ollie's vaccines. Pawfund met up with Shelly at a Burger King for lunch and vaccines for sweet Ollie.

Community Challenges



- Funding allocations were exhausted within the first half of the contract period
- Lack of veterinary services
- Increased shelter intervention services demand for high-risk population groups (i.e. homeless and low-socioeconomic communities)
- Lack of program funding impacted owner decisions to surrender their pets
- Increased need for “free” spay and neuter services for homeless residents

Next Steps



Bella and her owner after being spayed and vaccinated by Pawsitively S.A.F.E.

- Develop a program to provide free spay and neuter (S/N) services for homeless residents through community partnerships and CCAS S/N Clinic
- Increase funding for Shelter Intervention programs through community partnerships
- Increase funding for Medical Assistance program services for veterinary and emergency care

What Our Partners Say



"I am EXTREMELY grateful for the continued generosity of the Animal Benefit Fund. ABF helps my organization maintain our affordable and accessible spay/neuter program for Contra Costa County Families and their beloved companions. It enables us to sustain our vital TNR program for the county's community cats. The funds have also been a literal life-saver for our patients as we face increasing demand for non-routine surgical procedures. From the staff of AFC: Thank you!"

- Jean Goh, DVM Medical Director, Animal Fix Clinic

"The utilization of Animal Benefit Funds (ABF) has had a beneficial impact on the community by supporting spaying/neutering and vaccinations of Community Cats. For example, a resident in Brentwood sought assistance for over 25 cats in need of Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) services. PAWSitively Safe played a vital role by assisting with trapping, and collaborating with local veterinarians for spay/neuter, made possible through the use of ABF funds. Furthermore, the group rescued four litters of kittens from this area.

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

"Our program has always been about nurturing the human/animal bond, which is why it isn't unusual, now that PAW Fund has been in existence for over 12 years, that we are there for the first vaccine a pup ever receives, and there as they age, with vaccine boosters, spay and neuter surgeries, microchipping, treatment of minor medical conditions, and referrals for major medical issues to other agencies. And why, it is increasingly common for us to be there at the end of their lives. With them, and their humans."

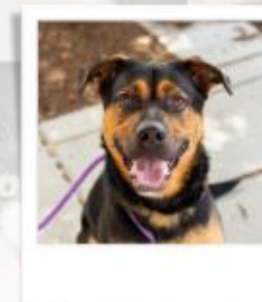
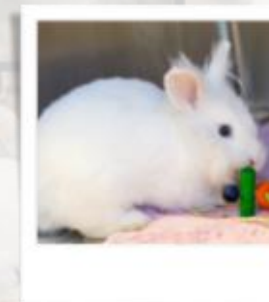
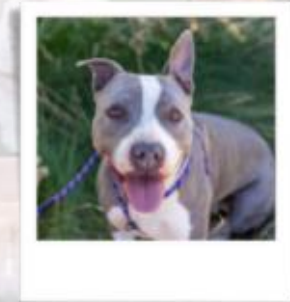
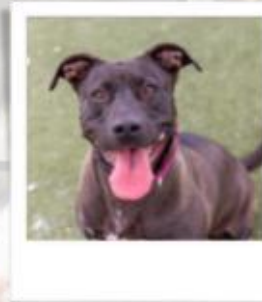
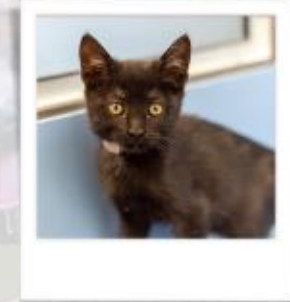
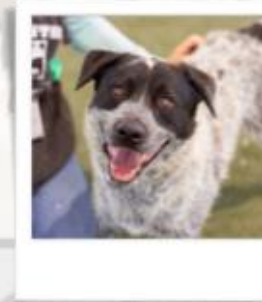
- Jill Posener, Executive Director, Pawfund

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

