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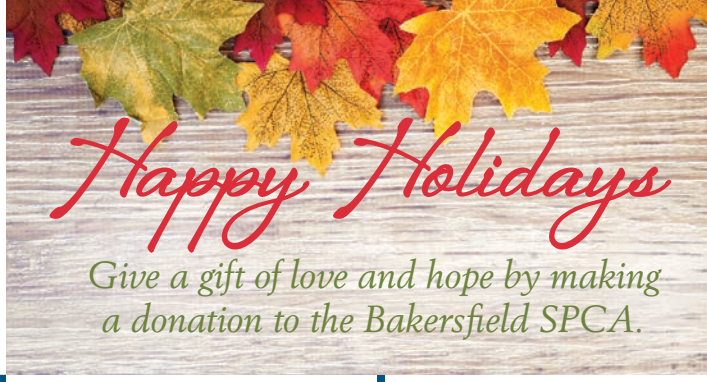

Director's Message

Exciting improvements for local animals

Greetings Friends,

Another year has almost flown by, and I thought it would be a great opportunity to simply give thanks to you all. Without this community's support, the SPCA would not have grown as much as we have. Every Donor, Volunteer, Board Member and Animal Lover help us in every possible way through time, talent and treasure. I hope you will enjoy the great adoption stories in this issue.

Because of your support to the SPCA, animals that pass through our doors are given time, attention, love and affection. Some need more time than others, and that is just fine. The most important thing is making sure their new homes fit their quirks or issues and they are loved forever. Special medical cases are also given extra attention to help them heal, so they can be adopted. Kids get to enjoy Summer Day Camp here; an incredible experience to teach our young ones how to help all animals.

At the City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center we have been able to increase the live release rate to 71.72%. We have been able to increase our medical efforts, rescue reach, TNR programs for cats, foster outreach and fun programs like Doggy Ditch Day—all in an effort to save more lives.

Think back just six years ago, when 70% of animals never made it out alive. We have more work to do, but it is a pivotal turnaround for these helpless animals.

Because of your support to the Bakersfield SPCA, we are hoping to engage more of our community by innovating some fun and exciting events that help us reach more residents.

Lastly, because of your unwavering support to the Bakersfield SPCA, animals finally have a louder voice — it may still be just a low growl — but full on raucous barks and meows are just on the horizon.

Thank you, for all you do!

Peace, Love and Blessings,

Julie Johnson

Julie Johnson, Bakersfield SPCA Executive Director

Chloe's Adoption Story

Chloe came to the shelter in September 2017 and was here about two months until she was adopted. Chloe was returned to the shelter in July 2018 and remained here for about 15 months. She was getting over looked because of her age. All of us at the SPCA loved her like our own, but we felt sorry for her, the way she looked at us every day. On Aug. 31, 2019, finally a forever family came in and adopted her!

ADOPT TODAY!

The Adoption Center is open
Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FEES
Dogs – $100
Cats – $60
Includes shots, ID microchipping and new leash!

BANE
at SPCA since November 2018

I would love to be part of your family.

Hello: From the Board President

It has been my honor to be a part of this great organization for over 20 years (actually 25), but who is counting. I have seen many changes occur over that time, in animal sheltering, in veterinary medicine and in the world's outlook on those companion animals without homes. Positive, wonderful, amazing changes.

I am proud to be a part of this organization that has strived to be on the forefront of humane animal care, since 1949 to do what is best for the animal (not necessarily the person); to provide good healthy nutrition, a warm (or cool) safe environment, a kind word, soft pet, playful toy; to do all this to the best of our ability… with an incredible hard working staff and amazing volunteers.

Once again, I find myself at the front of this organization. I am honored to serve again in this capacity. I have always been interested in this area, from my senior paper in my final year of vet school on early spay/neuter in shelter situations to being called to the Bakersfield SPCA in 1993 (my second year of practice) to treat and manage a feline respiratory infection outbreak.

But it is not only my interests that are important, but those of the other board members, volunteers, staff and, yes, the community. We cannot do what we do without community support. And while monetary support has always been provided, is always needed and is GREATLY APPRECIATED, I would like to ask for another kind of support.

The Bakersfield SPCA has several committees that need your help. Our standing committees are fundraising, education and facilities. Depending on the committee and your level of commitment, most require one meeting a month, just a little bit of your time. If you are not sure about being a part of planning but like the action, we need you also.

- **The Fundraising Committee** is just that … planning, organizing and manning fundraising events, from Furry Paws and Foggy Nights in February, to the Pawtiques & Treasures Sale in October and everything in between.
- **The Education Committee** is involved in both community education and internal education. Whether you are comfortable in front of people and love to interact or shy (that's me) and like to stay behind the scenes, there is a place for you on the Education Committee. It is our community outreach committee.
- **The Facilities Committee** works to oversee the maintenance and upkeep of the facility — not the day to day, but long term planning and new ideas.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact us at 661-323-8353.

I look forward to a busy, active and productive year with your help.

Thank you,
Rose Rakow, DVM
2019-2020 SPCA Board President

BE A VOLUNTEER:

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ALABAMA
at SPCA since June 2019

PUMPKIN
at SPCA since June 2019

I would love to add some fun to your home.

Furry Paws And Foggy Nights

THE BAKERSFIELD SPCA PRESENTS A NIGHT OF FINE DINING, MUSIC, SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS, PLUS EXCITING RAFFLES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020
6–10 P.M.
PETROLEUM CLUB
5060 CALIFORNIA AVE., BAKERSFIELD

$100 PER PERSON
$750 PER TABLE OF EIGHT

TICKETS: (661) 323-8353 EXT 2

PASO
at SPCA since May 2019

FRED
at SPCA since August 2019

DUTCHESS
at SPCA since June 2019

Introducing Rayaldo AKA Ray Ray

Ray Ray was a wonderful success story for the Bakersfield SPCA. Ray was brought into the Shelter as an owner surrender in February 2019. The health staff instantly fell in love with this 6-year-old big sweet boy weighing 17 lbs! Unfortunately upon intake he tested positive for feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV).

The staff was determined to find this sweet boy the right, forever home regardless. After six months of fun at the Shelter, learning how to high five, spin on command and some other enrichment tricks, Ray found his forever family!

Ray Ray is now loving life catching mice and spending his days sleeping on the couch. His new owners tell us he is a very happy, healthy cat and they are so thankful they found him to adopt. Thank you Randy Smith for the love you have given this special boy.

Holiday Survival Guide for Pets & Their People

Keep these meds locked away

- Pseudoephedrine
- Dextromethorphan
- NSAIDs
- Ibuprofen
- Antibiotics
- Cough drops
- Eye drops

Plants that can cause illness

- Poinsettia
- Christmas cactus
- Holly

Goodies that are baddies for pets

- Wrapped gifts containing food
- Snow globes
- Holiday food such as chocolate, uncooked poultry, bread dough, fruitcake & alcohol
- Salt in ice melt, homemade play dough and salt-dough ornaments

The Big 5 Holiday Dangers

in order of call volume reported by the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center

#1 Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate
#2 Tree preservatives
#3 Poinsettias
#4 Medications
#5 Alcohol

ADOPT TODAY!

SAMMY
at SPCA since
April 2019

TAZ
at SPCA since June 2019

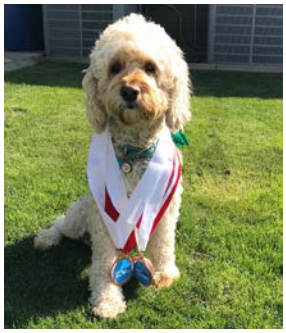
Maxx' Adoption Story

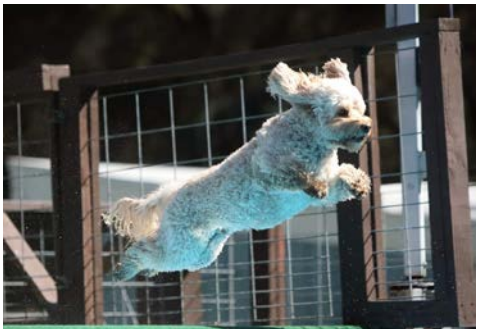
Maxx was adopted from the Bakersfield SPCA at 2 years old. Coming from a previous abusive situation, Maxx was a disaster, not trusting anyone, frightened and in bad health.

It wasn't long after his adoption that Maxx' God-blessed talents were immediately recognized. First with a natural, obsessed ability of dock diving. Second, with a nose that can find anything from knives, guns and any kind of scent, titling in all three ORTS and NW1 at this writing. Thirdly, completing in lure coursing and crushing that as well. But Maxx's obsession and passion is … dock diving!

He is now happy, healthy and a true athlete living on a three-acre ranchette with his two Labradoodle brothers.

Accomplishments: Two time invitee to the DockDogs World Championship (2018 and 2019); **Big Air Titles:** Lap Dog and Junior; **Personal Best:** 16'3". Go Maxx!





GIVINGTUESDAY

A GLOBAL GENEROSITY MOVEMENT **DECEMBER 03, 2019**

GIVE TIME | GIVE DOLLARS | GIVE GOODS | GIVE VOICE

SHARE WHY YOU GIVE When we share our generosity, we inspire others to give back too.
Share how and why you're giving back by posting your #UNselfie on social media. #MyGivingStory #BakersfieldSPCA

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> **Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.**
>
> MARGARET MEAD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: December 3, 2019, **Giving Tuesday** and February 28, 2020, **Furry Paws & Foggy Nights!**

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