

2011 Year in Review

In 2010, Oakland Animal Services (OAS) took in 6,848 animals, which includes an increase of nearly 400 dogs from the year before. With neighboring municipal shelters being forced to close their doors, the number of homeless animals arriving at OAS is growing.

With the help of donors like you, Friends of Oakland Animal Services (FOAS) is able to support OAS through these tough times. Thank you for helping us help Oakland's animals.

Best,



Willow Liroff, President



Martha Cline, Treasurer



Yvonne Tsang, Secretary

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Otis Room



The Otis Room is dedicated to showing puppies for adoption. FOAS and OAS volunteers transformed this drab corner into a bright, cheerful place for adoption visits. FOAS funded new flooring installation, new furniture, and paint. It is

now one of the most inviting places in the shelter to snuggle with a pup, and we encourage you to visit!



Puppy Parlor transformation

The influx of small dogs at OAS the past few years has been a challenge because the shelter was not designed to house this many small dogs. Small dogs had already been living in Puppy Parlor, but in large pens. FOAS

funded the construction of permanent small dog kennels to better house small dogs. With custom-designed gates, the kennels maximize the space in the room while reducing stress by allowing dogs to live with just one or two kennelmates.



Signage



A generous donor funded beautiful new signage for the shelter—both inside and out. The new signs help visitors find the shelter more easily.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND VETERINARY CARE

Care for injured animals

One of FOAS' core funding areas is veterinary services for sick and injured animals. Since OAS is an open-door facility, animals in all health conditions are accepted into OAS's care. FOAS sponsors crucial surgeries and treatments for many animals so that they can then be placed into loving homes.



Case study: Van Winkle

Van Winkle is an adorable cocker spaniel, but it was hard to tell what he was when he was brought to OAS. Due to years of neglect, he was mummified in pounds of matted hair, crippled by long toenails that curled into his pads, suffered from severe ear infections, and unable to stand or walk.

FOAS funded emergency care for him and further tests, x-rays, ear surgery, medications, and follow-up medical care. Van Winkle was placed with a wonderful foster family who is helping him heal in a warm, loving environment. Although he retains some permanent hearing loss and partial blindness as a result of his neglect, today Van Winkle is a happy, playful dog.



Case study: Andorra



Andorra, a sweet young calico cat, arrived at OAS with a limp that wouldn't heal on its own. After FOAS funded leg surgery, Andorra was able to make a full recovery in foster care. You'd never guess she suffered a leg injury with her love of playing now!

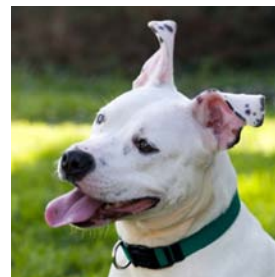
Kitten fostering partnership

For the second year in a row, FOAS has funded a kitten partnership with Hopalong Animal Rescue that enabled the local rescue group to arrange for the care and fostering of many of our kittens. Keeping kittens out of shelter housing and into foster homes helps them grow up more healthy and better socialized. If you are interested in fostering kittens, please e-mail us: oaklandsanimals@yahoo.com.



Special transportation needs

Some animals at the shelter cannot be adopted out locally due to criminal cases against their owners. In these special cases, FOAS funds transportation to out-of-state rescue groups so that these animals can be adopted into safe homes, far away from their abusers.



FOAS funded transportation to new homes for Amarylis and Dennis.

Rabbit spay/neuter subsidies

Rabbits make fantastic pets. FOAS pays for our rabbits' spay/neuter surgeries, making their fee affordable and encouraging more people to adopt.

INTRODUCING SABLE'S SANCTUARY & SURGERY CENTER



With the new surgery center, vet staff can do more spay/neuter surgeries in-house, which means that animals can go to their adoptive homes more quickly. We can also offer animals for adoption at reduced costs because of in-house surgeries.



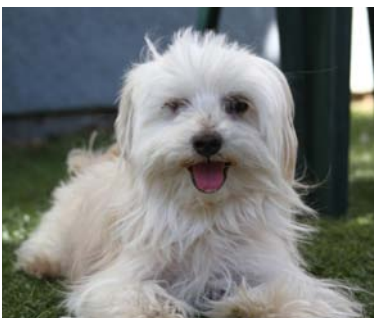
FOAS and OAS are extremely proud to announce that Sable's Sanctuary & Surgery Center is up and running! This is the largest project we've undertaken at OAS and also the most meaningful: transforming the former euthanasia room into a place where animals' lives are improved.

Sable's Sanctuary & Surgery Center replaces the old euthanasia room.

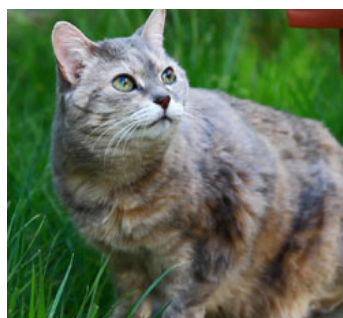


We still need more equipment and supplies to make the center run as smoothly as possible. Among other expenses, FOAS recently purchased a pulse oximeter to monitor blood oxygen levels during surgeries and paid for the installation of new lighting. Eventually, we hope to provide low-cost spay/neuter services to the community.

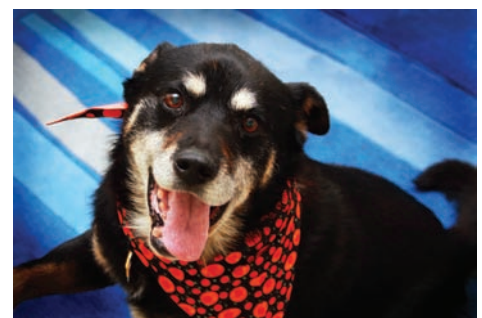
OTHER FACES OF FOAS



Rembrandt came to OAS needing dental work and removal of an injured eye. Despite his missing eye, he captured the heart of his adopters.



Tori was fourteen years old when she was surrendered to OAS. FOAS funded bloodwork to determine her health. Luckily, her tests came back all clear and she is blossoming in her new home.



King, a senior dog, was found wandering the streets of Oakland. FOAS funded his badly-needed dental work. Senior animals are often overlooked for adoption, but King patiently waited for months and the perfect family came to adopt him.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Expanding spay/neuter services to the community.
- Remodeling the former laundry room.
- Converting an outdoor space into an enclosed room for additional dog housing.
- Roof installation to our Coop, Mini Coop, and Courtyard so that our animals can enjoy the outdoors even in rainy or very hot weather.



Besides cats, dogs, and rabbits, OAS takes in pigs, chickens, snakes, and many other species!

- Improving cat housing and enrichment.
- Continued expansion of partnerships with outside organizations to place our animals, especially those with behavioral issues, and funding transportation to these groups.



Home for the Holidays

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Celebrate shelter animals by donating \$25 or more for a 2012 calendar!



Extra greens in your garden?

Donate them to the bunnies at OAS!

Bunnies love carrots, carrot tops, mint, cilantro, and sprouts, to name a few.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE. We depend on your donations to help Oakland's animals. Friends of Oakland Animal Services is completely volunteer-run, so your donations go directly to helping animals. Our federal tax ID number is 20-4053711 and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Consider making that donation in honor of a loved one for the holidays, and we'll send them a card acknowledging your gift.

ADOPT. If you or someone you know is looking for an animal companion, visit OAS! We have many dogs, cats, and rabbits (and sometimes smaller creatures like guinea pigs) looking for good homes.

VOLUNTEER. Sign up for one of our volunteer orientations and find out how rewarding it is to volunteer. Visit our web site for more on making a difference for animals: www.oaklandanimalservices.org/volunteer

SPREAD THE WORD. Tell your friends and family about Oakland Animal Services! Become a fan on Facebook and check our web site often for news and events.

SHOP. When you shop at Lucky's, have 3% of your purchase donated to FOAS! SHARES cards are free, and you provide no identifying information and join no mailing lists. E-mail foas.shares.card@gmail.com with how many cards you want and where you want us to send them.

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