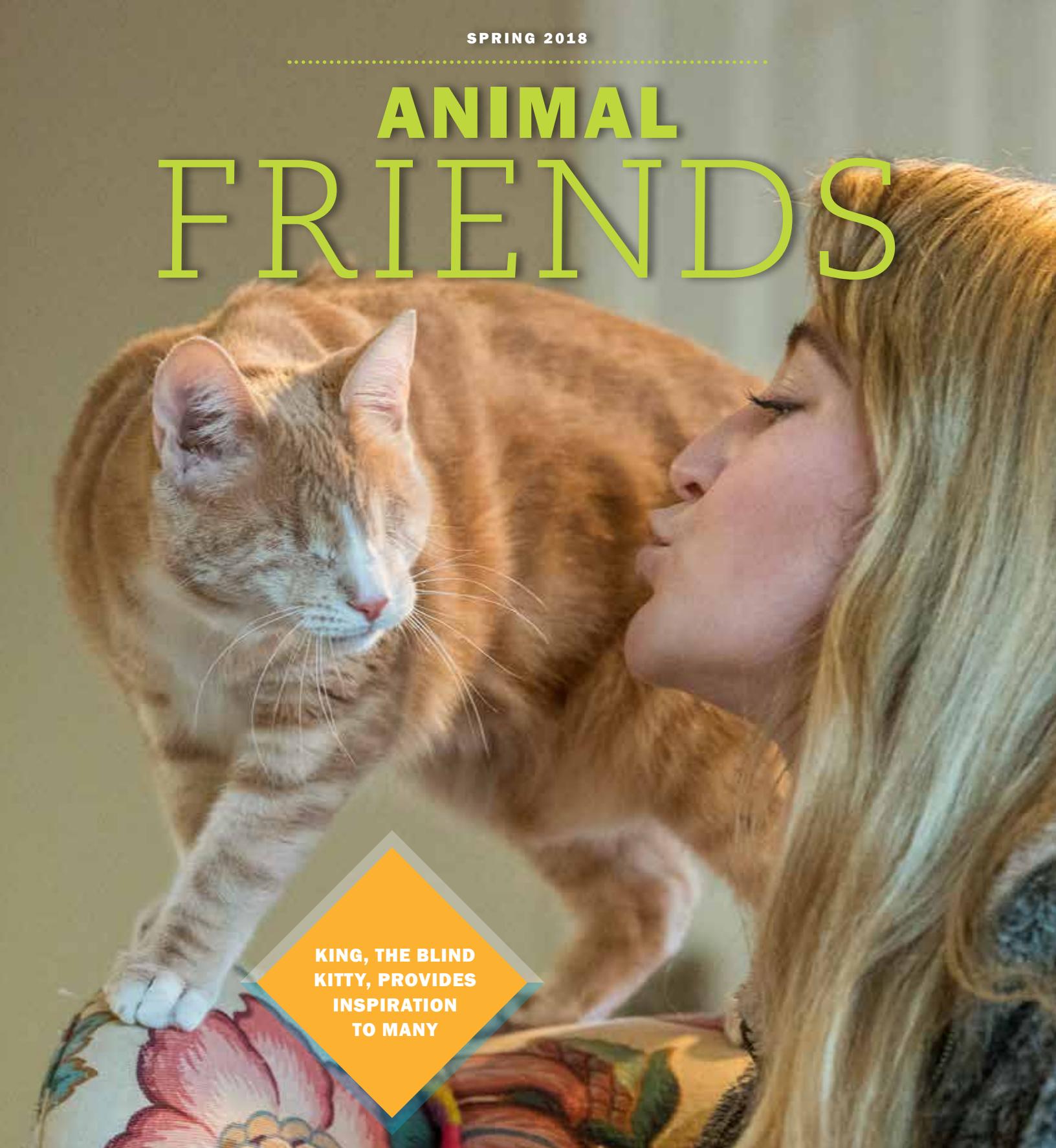


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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO ALLISON LINDQUIST

**THE EAST BAY SPCA HAS LONG BEEN AN ORGANIZATION ON THE FOREFRONT OF ANIMAL WELFARE,** a pioneer addressing ongoing community issues and stepping up to do the right thing. We are so much more than an animal shelter!

We know the human-animal bond is a strong one. Having a pet can immensely improve a person's life. The mental and physical benefits of pet ownership are profound. We celebrate this bond every day. We offer programs that strengthen and preserve these relationships.

For more than a year now, we have partnered with the Alameda County District Attorney's office and local domestic violence shelters to help ensure that people in danger—and their pets—get to safety. Many abusers manipulate their victims by using threats of violence against something the victims hold dear—their pets. Many victims of domestic abuse refuse to leave their abusive situation unless safety can be found for their pets as well. Our Humane Advocacy Program Manager works closely with the case workers and their clients to get pets to safety, so their people can be safe too. We care for these beloved family members until their person is in a safe, stable environment and ready to be reunited.

We also know the human-animal bond starts early. This year, we are piloting a new Tales for Tails program in our Humane Education Department, where young school children can practice their reading skills on the most appreciative, non-judgmental beings—our cats and dogs! We anticipate this new program is going to be a big success, so stay tuned.

In saving animals, we save each other.

We could not do this important work without you, the support of our generous donors, our volunteers and our dedicated staff.

Thank you.

**ALLISON C. LINDQUIST**  
President and CEO  
East Bay SPCA



### STAFF Spotlight

"I have experienced a broad range of joyful and challenging moments working at the East Bay SPCA. The staff and volunteers manage sometimes difficult situations with such compassion and empathy... and that is great to be apart of!"

### BRIANNA GLANZMAN Volunteer Services Manager



Brianna Glanzman recently became the new Volunteer Services Manager for the East Bay SPCA, but she is no stranger to volunteer services. She spent three years coordinating the volunteer program at St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County in West Oakland, which provides direct services and hot meals to clients five days a week. She's also a proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in Community and Environmental Sociology.

When she isn't working, she enjoys fostering a dog from the East Bay SPCA at her home in Oakland, along with playing in volleyball leagues, taking backpacking trips and crafting with friends. Some of her favorite flicks include *Legends of the Fall* and *She's the Man*.

Welcome, Brianna! We're so lucky to have you!

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### OUR MISSION

**THE EAST BAY SPCA** is committed to the welfare of cats and dogs in the communities we serve. We strive to eliminate animal cruelty, neglect and overpopulation by providing programs and education that support people and companion animals.

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# SIT, STAY HOME FUND KEEPING PETS AND PEOPLE TOGETHER

Scott, Joker's owner, was in tears when he brought him to us.

His best friend, a giant white pit bull named Joker, had been hit by a car. One of his back legs was completely shattered. This dog was more than Scott's best friend, he was his only family.

"When Joker came in, the customer care staff, vet assistants, technicians, and vets all jumped in to help with this unexpected case," said Raquel Bernaldo, East Bay SPCA's Manager of Humane Advocacy. "He had been suffering with a broken leg without any medical intervention for 24 hours."

Upon examination, East Bay SPCA veterinarians saw his bone was exposed along with his tendon and muscle. They knew his leg would need to be amputated.



Medical support team member, Amber, with Joker

Joker stayed in an East Bay SPCA's Travers Family Compassion and Care Center holding kennel awaiting surgery. Medical and shelter staff tended to him with a lot of hope in their hearts, along with plenty of toys, food, short walks and affection. Then, two hours later, his surgery by East Bay SPCA veterinarian Dr. Grijalva was deemed a big success!



The day Joker was reunited with owner, Scott

A few days after his surgery, Joker was up and walking around, now with three legs and the confidence of a champion. He was soon reunited with a very grateful Scott.

"His adoring owner visited him daily during his recovery, though the biggest reunion was when Joker was finally able to go home," Raquel said. "He wiggled his tail as much as he could and happily laid down to be petted."

Thanks to generous donor contributions, the East Bay SPCA can provide critical medical care and support to pets like Joker through the East Bay SPCA's Sit, Stay Home Fund. Thank you for allowing us to keep more people and their pets together.

If you would like to donate to the East Bay SPCA's Sit, Stay Home Fund to help save the lives of more local pets like Joker, you can give online at [eastbayspca.org/stayhome](http://eastbayspca.org/stayhome).

# SPECIAL NEEDS KITTEN WINS OVER ADOPTER WITH FIRST PURR



King loves his forever home

A forever home is the ultimate destination for cats and dogs at the East Bay SPCA, but often it can be a long and challenging journey to get there. More than half of the pets that arrive at our adoption centers have medical and/or behavioral issues that require customized care and attention before they can be adopted. During kitten season, we treat an especially high volume of kittens who need special care.

One such kitten was Finley, a stray who was brought in last June with noticeable problems with his eyes. He was diagnosed with a congenital defect known as “upper eyelid agenesis,” which prevents felines from blinking due to having incomplete eyelids. For his own health and safety, Finley required surgical removal of his eyes, leaving him blind. Fortunately, through the East Bay SPCA’s foster program, Finley spent 25 days recovering in a warm, loving home until he was ready for adoption.

For adopter Sara Milz of San Ramon, it was love at first purr.

“I couldn’t wait to get him home,” she said. “He was just the sweetest and most cuddly cat I had ever met.”

Sara re-named her new kitten “King” and discovered that through social media, he was a source of inspiration and encouragement for other owners of blind cats.

“A man whose cat just had its eyes removed for medical purposes was really anxious about how his pet would adjust and function,”

## How To Tell a Kitten's Age This Kitten Season



### **Under 1 week**

Kittens' eyes are shut, their ears are folded down, and they can't yet walk.



### **1-2 weeks**

Their little blue eyes start to open and focus. Their ears begin to unfold and they start to crawl, snuggle, and knead.



### **5-6 weeks**

When the kittens are eating solid food, they should be taken in and socialized.

Sara said. "Seeing King on Instagram has provided him and so many others with reassurance that even without their vision, cats are still filled with personality, intelligence and, most of all, love."

King currently has an Instagram following of more than 8,000 (and growing) at [instagram.com/kingtheblindkitty](https://www.instagram.com/kingtheblindkitty).

In 2017, the East Bay SPCA placed 750 kittens into foster homes, a record-breaking 14 percent increase from the previous year.



The day Sara met King

You can save the lives of more pets in our community this kitten season by fostering a pet in need. Find out more at [eastbayspca.org/foster](http://eastbayspca.org/foster).

## What to do (and not do!) if you find kittens

### **WAIT... Leave them alone!**

Keep an eye on them and see if a mother cat comes back for them. Mom cats often move their kittens and she may be in the process of moving them and on her way back to these seemingly abandoned kittens. It's best to leave kittens with mom until they're weaned unless they are in immediate danger.

### **Mom is around?**

If you see no visible health problems, go ahead and leave food out for the mom and continue to monitor her as she cares for her kittens until they are eating solid food and are 5-6 weeks old.



### **No mom?**



If there isn't a mother cat and the kittens are not yet eating solid food, they will need to be bottle-fed every 2-3 hours. It's important not to offer them cow's milk (this will make them sick). Buy Kitten Milk Replacement (KMR), a product

available from pet stores in liquid or dry form. Please contact your veterinarian or the East Bay SPCA Foster Department at **510-563-4632** for more information on bottle-feeding kittens.

### **Can you foster?**

Contact the East Bay SPCA at **510-569-0702** if you find kittens and need advice on caring for them. If you're able to care for them until they're approximately 8 weeks old and when they reach a minimum weight of 2 lbs, then the East Bay SPCA or another rescue group could possibly accept the kittens into an adoption program, spay or neuter them, and find homes for them.



### **Not able to foster?**

Because of the sheer number of kittens in shelters during kitten season, their best chance of survival is your ability to foster them. If caring for the kittens and socializing them until they're old enough for adoption isn't feasible, contact your local animal group. To see a listing of local animal groups, visit [eastbayspca.org/local-animal-groups](http://eastbayspca.org/local-animal-groups).



#### **5-6 weeks**

Learn more about socializing kittens at [eastbayspca.org/kittens](http://eastbayspca.org/kittens).



#### **8 weeks**

Kittens look like miniature adult cats!



#### **12 weeks**

By week 12, kittens are fully weaned and ready for adoption, as long as they have been socialized to people and spayed or neutered.

# VETERINARY SERVICES

## HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE AND PETS

The East Bay SPCA's Theodore B. Travers Family Veterinary Clinic opened in August 2013, offering cutting-edge, yet affordable, services on the campus of the Oakland Adoption Center.



Dr. Rochelle Morrissey

In addition to serving as the only animal hospital in the neighborhood, the clinic is also home to six veterinarians, one of whom is Dr. Rochelle Morrissey, who has been with the organization since July 2014.

"I really enjoy working at East Bay SPCA for all of the different aspects of veterinary medicine I'm able to practice. Every day brings a new challenge," she says. "We can work with shelter animals, help low-income clients through our full-service clinic and perform surgery at our low-cost spay and neuter clinic."

One of her favorite moments working at the organization was saving the life of Bentley, a one-year-old Maltese mix who was roaming the streets of Oakland and had been attacked by another dog. Bentley came in with deep bite wounds and was embedded with foxtails.

"We did a couple of surgeries on him and the wounds healed up beautifully after a couple of weeks," she says. "He blossomed while he was here and was quickly adopted by a great family after some TLC by our staff."

When Dr. Morrissey isn't performing lifesaving surgeries on pets and helping clients, she can be seen at an Oakland A's game, playing softball or attending Justin Timberlake concerts. And, she's also a busy mom to her two kids!

"My four-year-old daughter loves to visit the East Bay SPCA," she says. "Her favorite game to play at home is to pretend to be a kitty getting adopted."



Bentley with new best pal, Kylie

## HAPPY TAILS UPDATE

"We are sooooo in love with Bentley! Thanks for taking him in and nursing him back to health. So glad we were fortunate to find him and make him part of our family.

He is awesome with kids. He goes to drop off and pick up everyday at my daughter's school. He has quite the fan club!"

- Bentley's adopter Kimberly

# HUMANE EDUCATION

## CREATING A KINDER, MORE HUMANE COMMUNITY



Elana Stone with birthday guests meeting pets at the East Bay SPCA

The human-animal bond starts young, and for East Bay sisters Margaret and Elana Stone, ages nine and five, spending time at the East Bay SPCA has accelerated that process.

The pair have enjoyed a number of programs offered through the Humane Education Department at the East Bay SPCA's Oakland facility, including seasonal camps, a new program called Tales for Tails—where school children come to the East Bay SPCA and read to our cats and dogs—and, of course, birthday parties!

"We love having birthday parties at the East Bay SPCA because we get to pet cats and dogs," Elana said. "Plus, the birthday kid gets to have the biggest animal!"

While the sisters love taking care of their rescue cats at home, participating in camps at the East Bay SPCA helps them learn humane values and a better understanding of pets' needs.



Sisters, Margaret and Elana, with craft projects from Animal Camp

"I learned about cat body language and dog body language by going to camp," Margaret said.

East Bay SPCA's Humane Education Manager, Tory Davis, has enjoyed helping the girls with their development.

"It has been wonderful to see Margaret and Elana's passion for animals grow with each new program that they have participated in," she said. "Their willingness to share their new knowledge with friends and classmates has been exciting to watch along the way."

Margaret and Elana's mom, Laila, agrees, and says she loves watching her girls deepen their compassion for animals and people, too.

"What they picked up from the East Bay SPCA are ways that make love tangible—providing a home, medical care and food to animals and helping the animals get past obstacles to make them adoptable," Laila said. "And I've heard Elana take it a step further to talk about why human children should also be adopted, so they have a home."

Donor support helps the East Bay SPCA's Humane Education Department serve more than 8,000 kids like Margaret and Elana in the East Bay each year, teaching them empathy for all living things and creating a kinder, more humane community.



Birthday party guests learn to appreciate the bond between animals and humans.

If you are interested in signing your child up for one of our many Humane Education programs, visit [eastbayspca.org/education](http://eastbayspca.org/education).



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**ON THE COVER**

**KING** shown with adopter Sara. He was one of 750 kittens helped by our foster program in 2017.

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