



2007 Activity Highlights

It's been a busy year for Friends of the Oakland Animal Shelter (FOAS), and it's not over yet!

Thanks to generous donors like you, FOAS was able to fund veterinary care for animals who needed special attention above and beyond what the Oakland Animal Shelter (OAS) could provide.

Meet some of the lucky (and very cute) recipients of your support in 2007...

Little Ivy



Adorable **Little Ivy** was found with a handmade bandage wrapped around a badly broken leg. After surgery, not surprisingly, Little Ivy was quick to find a new home!

Tootsie



Suffering a severe brain infection that caused her head to tilt to one side, **Tootsie** was unable to maintain her balance, frequently toppling over. After receiving medical care for her condition, Tootsie is currently recovering in foster care.

Church



Nine month-old **Church** is lucky to be alive after being struck by a car. The very friendly kitty required two surgeries to repair a laceration to his back leg, a broken hip, and a serious hernia caused by the car's impact. Church is currently awaiting a new home in OAS' adoption gallery.

To "meet" all of the Oakland Animal Shelter's adoptable animals, visit www.oaklandanimalservices.org

JonJon



JonJon was brought to the shelter whimpering in pain, and unable to walk from a broken hip. After a grueling three-hour surgery, JonJon made a full recovery and was taken into the East Bay SPCA's adoption program.

Duckie



Two ducks were found waddling near the Oakland Airport, one limping along with a severely infected back leg. After leg surgery and a successful recovery, **Duckie** and pal are now happily living together by Oakland's Lake Merritt.

Missy



Missy was already in OAS' adoption gallery when a volunteer noticed her unusual breathing. She was diagnosed with a diaphragmatic hernia that was constricting her heart. Post-surgery, Missy is currently recovering in foster care and will soon be back in adoption!

Tag



Tag was found in a ditch several days after being struck by a car, his stomach covered in road rash. Poor Tag's back leg was so mangled and infected, it needed immediate amputating. After a week in the veterinary hospital's care, Tag was lucky to fully recover from his injuries!

Petunia



Petunia—a tiny and adorable elderly Chihuahua—arrived at the shelter suffering from heart and lung problems.

Post-treatment, Petunia found herself in foster care, where she's currently sharing a home with a cat adopted from the shelter!

Nelly



Nelly was left in one of the shelter's after-hours intake cages ("night drop") in early April. At one year-old, Nelly was a high-energy pup that was too strong for even the most experienced volunteers to walk—making him a problematic candidate for the Shelter's adoption program.

Nelly was so intensely focused when chasing balls, staff tested his abilities for being a Search and Rescue dog. After passing with flying colors, FOAS arranged for Nelly to fly to Texas to join a national Search and Rescue training program!

FOAS is now working on staff training to help identify other potential working dogs with behavior issues like Nelly's.

Sweet **Dango** came to OAS with a shattered leg, after having been struck by a car.

After FOAS funded surgery to remove his injured leg, Dango was taken into Bad Rap's rescue program—his adoption is now pending!

*(Photo courtesy of **Bad Rap** rescue, www.badrap.org.)*

Naomi



Young **Naomi** was also left in an after-hours intake cage at the Shelter, when staff noticed her difficulty walking.

Naomi received hip surgery for a congenital defect, and though still limping from her recent surgery, she awaits a new home in OAS' adoption gallery.

(Not surprisingly, volunteers say Naomi loves being photographed!)

Dango





Moxie's Story



Nine month-old **Moxie** was left outside the Oakland Animal Shelter, tied to a pole. Both of her front legs were covered in deep bite wounds, one leg so severely infected that it was swollen to twice its normal size. The location and severity of the Labrador puppy's injuries, coupled with her young age and shy nature, suggest Moxie was likely used as a "bait" dog by a local dog fighter.

Dog fighters often find or steal dogs to use as "bait" for training fighting dogs. Young, submissive pups like Moxie are often targeted because they are less likely to fight back and injure the attacking dog.

Moxie needed a blood transfusion with such a significant loss of blood from her attack, and her right front leg was so badly mauled that it could not be saved.

Following her surgery, Moxie's sweet, shy temperament, and readiness for a fresh start provided a perfect opportunity to share her story! CBS featured footage of Moxie at play on the Shelter's front lawn and an interview with OAS' Director during their evening broadcast.

After seeing her story on the news, Moxie was adopted by a fellow amputee!



Moxie heads home with her new family

These animals, and many others, received much needed medical care thanks to you, FOAS supporters! (And a very special thanks to **Dr. Carl Singer** of **Noble Veterinary Clinic** for providing veterinary services at such significant discounts for OAS animals!)

In addition to funding emergency veterinary care in 2007, your donations also provided:

- Spaying and neutering for many cats and rabbits
- Foster-care assistance
- Rabbit housing and care supplies
- OAS volunteer program and adoption event materials
- Cameras for shelter staff to document cases of animal cruelty and neglect
- Reward monies for information regarding local crimes against animals

And remember—because FOAS is volunteer-operated, your entire tax-deductible donation went to support programs to help shelter animals!

Thank you again for your generosity towards Oakland's animals!