



# THE BAJA ANIMAL SANCTUARY

*On Behalf Of Those Who Have No Voice*

## PAW PRINTS

May/June 2025

### BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

#### Rosarito, Mex side *Spay/Neuter Clinics*

On March 16th we sterilized 73 dogs and 47 cats.

On April 20th we sterilized 00 dogs and 00 cats.



#### More Rosarito, Mex side *By Judith Sobel*

We've introduced you to some of our wonderful volunteers and now we'd like you to meet some of the BAS staff.



**Jaime** - President & Director



**Ceci** - Office Manager



**Karla** - Clinic manager & oversees the puppies' intake



**Veronica** - Oversees the second stage of the pups after they clear isolation



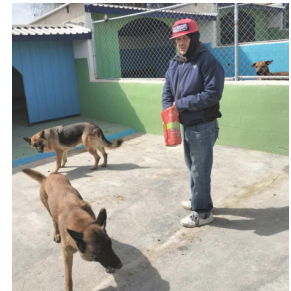
**Diana** - Oversees the pups after they are sterilized and ready for adoption



**David** - Oversees the South West area and also helps to drive the dogs to the adoption events



**Miguel** - Oversees the teenage dogs



**Rizo** - Oversees the older and senior dogs.



**Celso** - Oversees the Sanctuary grounds

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## From Our Instagram Page

baja\_animal\_sanctuary

We were running low on puppy food so we posted a plea on our Instagram page. This is just 1 of 2 car-loads that came in that same week!

We ❤️ our supporters!!!



### IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

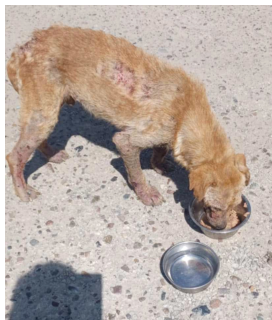
On Tuesday, March 25th we received an urgent plea from our wonderful supporter Elayne Boosler about a dog that was injured and living on the street in Tijuana.

The post was 2 days old so we were not sure if we would be able to find him, but we knew we had to try!

One of our amazing volunteers, Abel De Casas was called and much to our surprise and joy, he found him.

He then met up with Jaime (our fearless leader) who brought him back to BAS where he was fed and given water and put into a private corral to decompress.

We named him "Kratos", the God of Strength.



## More Happy Endings - Cat Edition!

[www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org/cats](http://www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org/cats)

*Because we require a home visit before approving anyone to adopt one of our cats, we do not go outside San Diego county.*



Honey is loving, energetic, playful, and sweet. This girly girl wants to be petted more than anything else.



Patches is loving, energetic, playful, and sweet. This purr machine would rather sit on your lap than do anything else.



Reggie is an extremely affectionate, loving kitty who wants to be an only cat. He would sit in your lap all day if he could. He has intense blue eyes and likes to talk.



Cocoa is a calm, sweet, affectionate, loving kitty.



# Happy Endings

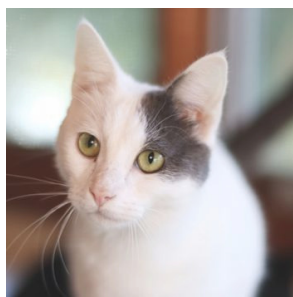
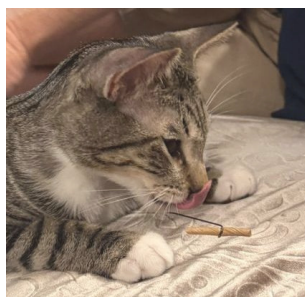
From: Sophie Wasserman



We adopted Auri (formerly Adele) from Baja Animal Sanctuary just over a year ago in Dec 2023 and I wanted to send along a few pictures and our sincerest gratitude. She is truly the sweetest, loveliest treasure of a dog! She loves the beach, chasing frisbees, and napping on the couch, and we are so happy every day that we were lucky enough to find her. Thank you for all of the work you do!!

From: Cathy V.

I can't say enough wonderful things about our experience with Baja Animal Sanctuary. As a first time cat owner, any apprehension I had about being ready to adopt was put at ease by Kathleen who is amazing. Her impressive knowledge and extreme dedication to finding the perfect forever home for the cats in her care was evident upon the initial application process, followed by the phone interview. Then, the visit to her catio to get to know potential candidates sealed the deal. My husband and I were impressed by our interaction with the cats, initially considering two we had seen online, then deciding on another pair that were the perfect ones for us. They have changed our lives for the better and are incredibly lovable! Kathleen is a wealth of knowledge that she readily shares. The home visit and follow up ensured a seamless transition for everyone. Thank you Kathleen and Baja Animal Sanctuary. I highly recommend your organization and the fabulous work you all do!



From: Nicole Gagnon



George was adopted in August of 2024 and now calls San Diego home. He weighs 32 pounds and is a Husky/Schnauzer/Chihuahua mix... the perfect "Baja Blend"! He loves meeting new friends at the dog park, playing fetch, laying in the sun, getting belly rubs, learning new tricks, and going to the beach. He is such a happy and playful pup with a gentle demeanor and full of personality. George is a testament to the fact that even the most uncertain

starts in life can lead to extraordinary tales of companionship, love, and joy. Thank you, BAS, for all the work that you do – you not only save the lives of animals in need, but also enrich the lives of families who adopt a BAS animal

## More Mar and Apr Happy Endings



Craig

Mildred



Zeke



Goldie



Lou



May



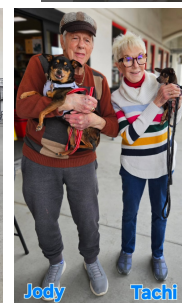
Albert



Alexa



Honey



Jody

Tachi



Summer

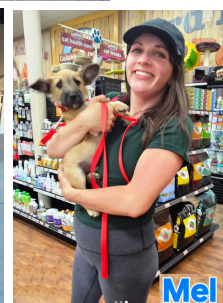
Lorna



Martin



Effie



Mel



Penn



Maya



Pansy



Sally



## CONGRATULATIONS MAGGIE!!!

Former BAS dog Maggie made us so proud by placing 4th in the America's Favorite Pet Contest!



## Did You Know?

### VACATIONING WITH YOUR PETS

Summer is here and it's time to finalize your vacation plans. This year, instead of leaving your loyal friend at a kennel, or home with a pet sitter, why not consider taking your dog along with you! There has never been a time where more dog-friendly options have been available.

You can start your planning by utilizing some great websites like *dogfriendly.com*, *takeyourpet.com* and *petswelcome.com*. They can provide you with lists of dog-friendly hotels and inns, along with great travel tips. Whether your plans include traveling by car or plane, there are lots of choices that can make it a fun experience for all of you.

If you are contemplating a plane trip, it is best to contact the airline directly to obtain information on their specific guidelines and requirements as these may vary by carrier.

If traveling by car, utilize a safety harness or crate to make sure your dog is not loose inside the vehicle. Bring some of their favorite toys to keep them occupied. Plan to make frequent stops for potty and water breaks. Bring their usual food to help avoid digestive troubles. And always keep your dog leashed when away from home to prevent them from getting lost in unfamiliar surroundings.

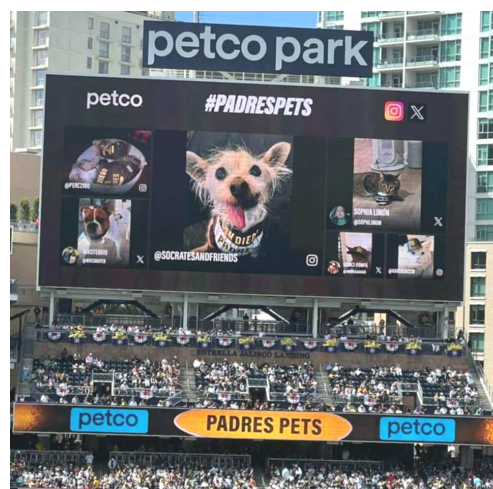
## Check Out Our Online Store!

<https://apparelnow.com/baja-animal-sanctuary-apparel/>

So many products, so many options, so many colors, so many different ways to customize each item.



*These are only a few of the available products!*



That's our adorable senior alum Sydney! In early April 35,858 people saw the city's cutest Padres fan's picture front and center on the Jumbotron in between innings at San Diego's Petco Park!

His mom said that it was her proudest moment!



Sadly...Sydney passed away peacefully in his sleep a few days later.

He was deeply loved and will be missed by many.





## *The Cat's Meow* By Cat Mama, Kathleen Paymard

Many people who decide to adopt a cat are thinking of just that – one cat. But lately, more and more people are realizing the benefits of adopting a pair of bonded kittens. While not every cat likes other cats, most of them do, and cats prefer the company of another cat because they are very sociable animals. Let's look at why this is a good idea.

A single kitten alone requires more effort to keep it busy, safe and happy because it gets easily bored and will chew, climb, scratch and tear up things in its effort to keep busy. This is especially true if you work and the kitty is alone in the house all day. Having another kitty to play with shifts the kitten's focus to the other cat so it will be more likely to chase and play with the kitty instead of getting into other things. Since cats are more active at night, two kittens may chase each other, whereas one kitten alone may be pouncing on your toes while you try to sleep. Besides playing together, they groom each other and snuggle when they sleep. Some people erroneously think that if they adopt a pair of kittens they will love each other more and their people less. This is the opposite of what happens – they become more loving, secure kittens when they go into a new home with their best friend. Kittens are part of a litter and they learn proper behavior by interacting with their siblings. If one bites too hard, the other may swat or cry out, letting it know the behavior is not appropriate. This results in better social skills.

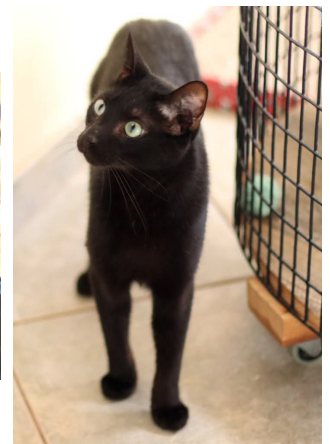
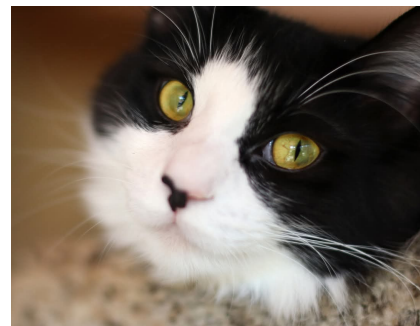
Here are some recent pair adoptions. CeCe and Cecil, now Apollo and Artemis, were adopted by Stephanie Henry. They are happy, sweet and loving kitties and besties.



Lily and Steven Cowen adopted Nelson, now Dustin, and Johnny, now Jeremy - They are like velcro kitties, always side by side.



We still have one bonded pair of kitties awaiting their forever home - sisters Minnie & Pearl. Minnie is our social butterfly while Pearl is her gentle, thoughtful companion. She has luminous green eyes. They bring so much love – are you their perfect family?



To access the Cats of the Baja Animal Sanctuary Facebook page, do a search for "bajacats" and you will see The Cats of the Baja Animal Sanctuary. Click on that to see our cat page. Check us out and please consider sending us your BAS cat story, or if you haven't yet adopted a cat, consider adopting a pair.

**Meet our cats & kittens ready for adoption!**

**Email Cat Mama Kathleen at:**

**Kpaymard@cox.net or visit our web-cat page  
<http://www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org/cats.htm>**



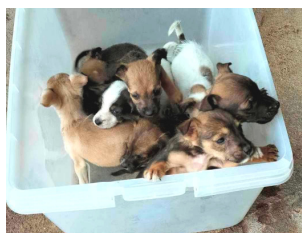


## What Your Donations Do They Save Lives!

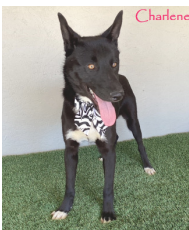
Sweet Evan is 4 years old and weighs 57 pounds. He was rescued from the side of the highway about a year ago in very bad shape. Your donations allowed us to treat him for mange and ehrlichia. He is totally blind but he manages to get around okay by himself. He is 100% healthy and ready to be adopted!



*This happens about once a month. 8 precious puppies were dumped on the road to the Sanctuary.* Your donations let us feed, sterilize, vaccinate, deworm, flea/tick treat, and micro-chip them.

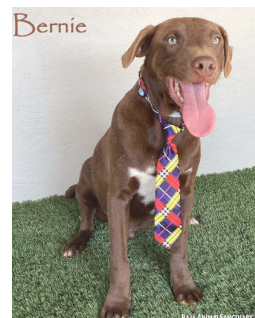


Charlene was found as a stray near a taco stand a few months ago. Her tail was so badly infected that most of it had to be amputated. She has recovered very nicely and is ready for adoption.



## Then & Now

Many of our dogs come to us as puppies and wait for their forever home. Some take longer than others. Here are a few that have been waiting for quite a while.





## Donations In Honor/Memory Of Others

- In honor of David Magalnick's 50th birthday from Judy Banjavic.
- From Paula Houck in memory of Boo and Casper.
- From Lydia and Chris Jensen in honor of Jaime.
- From Candace Ann Schumann in honor of Charlie.
- From Aliza Hekman in honor of Kristin and Lucas.
- In memory of Anne Evans from Anita Boeker.
- From Mariam and Ronny Claeson in memory of Leonardo Salgado Lopez.
- From Kris and Sheryl Leppien-Christensen in loving memory of Mom and Granny Barbara Leppien.
- From Tony McCune in memory of Anne Evans.
- From Kate Peterson for McKenna Baranski's birthday.
- From Lindsay Armstrong in memory of Leo.
- From Lynn Mohrfeld in memory of Anne Evans.
- From Liz and Gus Payfer in honor of Leeny BAS name Darlene, our wonderful and beautiful puppy.
- From Paul Clark on behalf of Bud (Now Bud Brownie) who we adopted in November 2020 and who is napping right now. Thank you for all you do.
- In memory of Anne Evans from James Finefrock and Harriet Hamlin.
- From Pauline Emery and Gregory Lovelady in memory of Pauline Lovelady.
- From Katharine Byrne in memory of Anne Evans.
- From Ann Parode Dynes in memory of Anne Evans.
- From Melissa Hutchinson in memory of Nayo (Leonardo) Salgado.
- From Kevin Tilden in honor of Anne Ledford Evans.
- From Judy Sobel in memory of Anne Evans.

In memory, for birthdays, engagements, weddings, just because, etc.

There are so many reasons to honor the ones we care about!

You donate to recognize them and we let them know.

So many easy ways to donate on our website: <https://www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org/donate>

If you don't see your "Donation In Honor of Others", please look for it in our next issue. Some donations are received after the printing deadline. Several ways to send your "Donations In Honor of Others" on our website: [www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org/donate](http://www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org/donate)



### Sexy Senior UPDATE!

We have many older dogs, in good health, at the Sanctuary who need loving homes. We will be featuring these guys and dolls for those of you who are looking to add a furry senior to your family.

**Name: Jody**

**Age: 10-11 years**

**Breed: Min-Pin**

**Weight: 10 pounds**

Jody is good with other dogs and good around people. She is friendly, still active, and outgoing.

She was found in the middle of a busy street a few months ago. She looked like she had been on the streets for a while.

She is spayed. We believe it was at one of our Spay/Neuter campaigns since she had the ink tattoo we use.

**JODY WAS ADOPTED WITH TACHI  
BY THE COHENS ON MARCH 29TH!**

For more information Please contact Jaime at [javic60@aol.com](mailto:javic60@aol.com)  
~or~ Judy Sobel at [jas4bas@yahoo.com](mailto:jas4bas@yahoo.com)



### Tyson's Corner UPDATE!

Tyson, a long-time BAS resident was a "left-for-dead" fighting dog who somehow found his way to the Sanctuary. Even though he had a large dent in his head from being beaten with a baseball bat, he was a sweet and loving dog who was still willing to give humans a chance. Tyson quickly became BAS' first official greeter. In his honor, are highlighting one of our special needs animals in each issue of Paw Prints, with the hopes of placing them in forever homes.



Tachi is a male Chihuahua mix. He is around 8 years old and weighs 3.5 pounds. He is good with other dogs and good around people. He is friendly, playful and outgoing. His owner who was a friend of BAS passed away last year so we brought him to BAS. We think Tachi was born with a bone deformity or lack of calcium which has him waddling a little when he walks. He does not appear to be in any pain and it doesn't seem to bother him...so we won't tell him.

**TACHI WAS ADOPTED WITH JODY  
BY THE COHENS ON MARCH 29TH!**

If you have love in your heart and room in your home and would like more information on our dogs, please contact:  
Judy Sobel at [jas4bas@yahoo.com](mailto:jas4bas@yahoo.com)



Save the Date !

You Asked For It...We're Delivering It !

The Eighth Annual  
Baja Animal Sanctuary  
Dog Reunion  
In Poway, CA

Saturday, October 25th

From 11:00 to 2:00

Full details will follow in the  
Sept/Oct. newsletter



Cats constantly look at you like  
you just asked them for a ride to  
the airport



Our wireless doorbells  
sitting on their chargers....



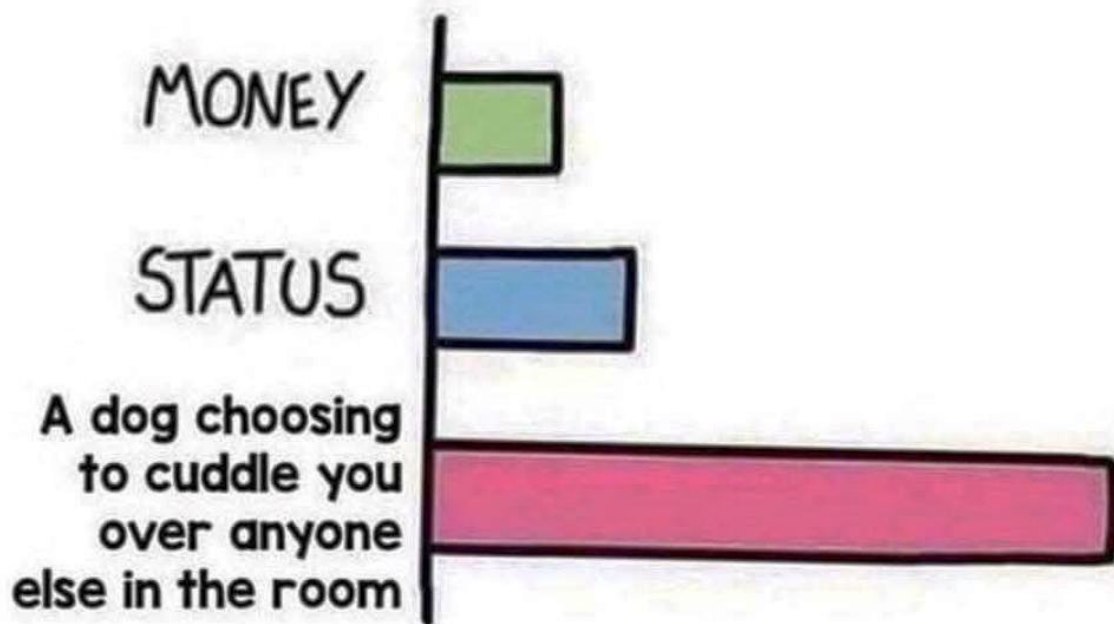


**BEST DAY,**

**EVER!**



# WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER





## **I Rescued A Human Today**

**By Janine Allen**

**Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering  
apprehensively into the kennels.**

**I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my  
tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.**

**As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little .....  
accident I had in the back of my cage.**

**I didn't want her to know that I hadn't  
been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy  
and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.**

**As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about  
my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make  
a difference in someone's life.**

**She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me.**

**I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars .....  
to comfort her.**

**Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate .....  
for companionship.**

**A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all  
would be well.**

**Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I in-  
stantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I  
would promise to always be by her side.**

**I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile  
and sparkle in her eyes.**

**I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more  
are out there who haven't walked the corridors.**

**So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.**

**I rescued a human today.**

## Dog Age to Human Years Chart



**Small**  
20 lbs or less



**Medium**  
21-50 lbs



**Large**  
51-100lbs



**Giant**  
100+ lbs

Dog Age	Age in Human Years			
1	15	15	15	12
2	24	24	24	22
3	28	28	28	31
4	32	32	32	38
5	36	36	36	45
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	66	79
11	60	65	72	86
12	64	69	77	93
13	68	74	82	100
14	72	78	88	107
15	76	83	93	114

**pumpkin**

The best treat is a healthy life.

Source: AKC, "Your Dog's Age In Human Years: A Conversion Chart."

[www.pumpkin.care](http://www.pumpkin.care)





**"Please keep your cat inside, sir." A woman said crossly while passing my home. "I can feel a flea on my leg."**

**"Cookie, come here." I replied. "That woman has fleas."**

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