



THE BAJA ANIMAL SANCTUARY

On Behalf Of Those Who Have No Voice

PAW PRINTS

March-April 2023

BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

The Sanctuary: Rosarito, MX

At our December 18th Spay/Neuter Clinic we sterilized 63 dogs and 47 cats!



At our January 22nd Clinic we had 8 Veterinarians come to help and we sterilized 82 dogs and 41 cats!



The Adoptions: San Diego, CA By Anita Boeker

You're adopting or just adopted a puppy/dog! Since we don't speak dog and vice versa they don't speak people, trying to understand what your new pup is telling you can be frustrating for both you and them.

While humans use primarily words/sounds to communicate with others, a dog's primary communication is through body language and facial expressions. Learning to "read" a dog is a highly complex proposition but understanding the meaning of some basics can help life be more enjoyable, for both you and them. This chart is a simplified illustration of what they're telling you with their body language. The one thing we all understand, however, is barred teeth. It doesn't necessarily mean you have an aggressive dog and often

often is their way of asking to be left alone. The safe thing to do is leave the dog alone. You can consult with an experienced trainer or behaviorist who can determine why he/she is behaving that way.

When you take your new dog out, take it slowly. Let them become comfortable with their new surroundings before meeting new people or dogs. Whether you're meeting a new dog or someone else is meeting yours, here are some tips for a successful meeting. "Do" – **Always** ask before petting. Approach them from the side and kneel down. Allow the dog to approach your outstretched hand. Let them sniff. Slowly, gently pet or scratch under their chin. "Don't" rush up to them, make loud noises or reach over their head. Avoid making direct eye contact; a simple trick is to look to slightly to the side or below their eyes. Keep your face away from theirs. Always keep babies and young children away until you know the dog is friendly.



INTERESTED
alert eyes



ANXIOUS
tail between legs



NEEDS SPACE
whale eye



STRESS RELEASE
the shake off



"PRETTY PLEASE"
puppy face



RELAXED
belly-rub pose



"HELLO, I LOVE YOU"
greeting stretch



FRIENDLY
play bow

FROM THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge shout out to our adoption event volunteers!

These women and men have given up their Saturday(s), they have spent their own money and they go above and beyond the call!

Thank you: Carol Blumenthal, Anita Boeker, Cheri Schenck, Mary McCutcheon, Sarah McCutcheon, Irene Kneeler, Kelly Niblock, Bonnie Doherty, Lisa Kellogg, Nick Ewing-Pistelak, Kate McLaughlin, Jacki Lowe, and Abel DeCasas.

There is no way we can do what we do and no way we can adopt out as many dogs as we do without the dedication and loving hearts of this wonderful group.

We have just earned our Gold Seal of Transparency from Candid!

Candid is an information service that specializes in reporting on U.S. nonprofit companies.



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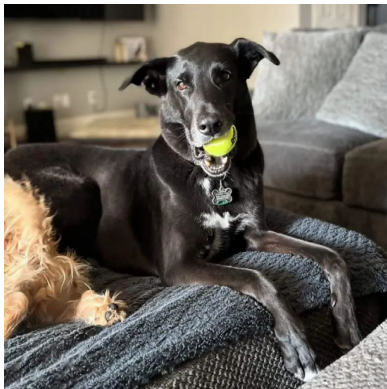
From Our Instagram Page

[baja_animal_sanctuary](#)



Hi! Wanted to give you an update on Scotty. He has changed our lives since day 1. I was actually wanting to adopt for so long and my heart melted when I saw Scotty's photo on your website... and when we met him on Feb 20, 2020, I knew right away that he is THE ONE. He is so sweet, loyal and so loving. He jumps in joy whenever I come home from

work, he has become my husbands best friend and the kids adore him. Scotty (also known as Edguardog at home) is also a new big brother to another fur-baby Eddeeson that we just adopted. I cannot thank you guys enough for all that you do for these animals. God bless you Baja Animal Sanctuary!



Sheldon (fka Ralph). We adopted him] almost 8 years ago. Since then, we had twins and moved to Texas. Sheldon is still very much a goofy and playful puppy at heart, just with a bit of grey around the edges. Oh, and he's a champion running partner and most loving big human

and dog brother in the world.



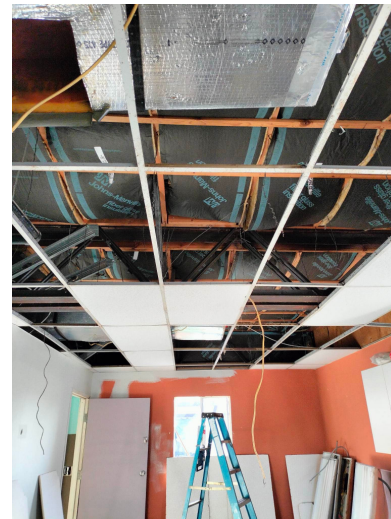
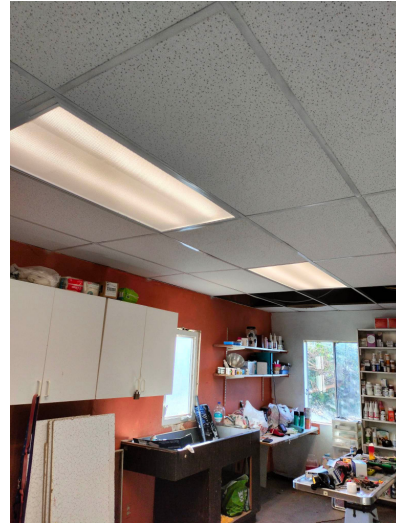
Emery! Her family says, "It was one year ago today I adopted this very sweet girl. Flicka, now Emery is doing well. She by far has presented many challenges for me and the other pets but with time and patience we learned to live in harmony. Cats may disagree at times but we do...ha ha ha! She absolutely LOVES balls and loves to watch other dogs on TV. She will sit and watch tv if there is a dog, so we watch animal planet and Live PD just so she can get her dog fix. Just wanted to thank

you for all the wonderful work you do to find these sweet babies their forever homes.

Clinic Renovation

The Clinic renovation has begun! Thanks to generous donors we will have enough money to bring it back to a working clinic which will enable veterinarians to come to BAS to perform their services on site.

Phase 1: Electrical (all new wiring) ✓



Happy Endings

From: Judy Sobel (Editor)

Occasionally I have to share a Happy Ending story or two.

In 2017 I met and named "Bernie". He was the shyest dog I'd ever met (and being with BAS for 17 years, I've met a few!) Of course I fell in love immediately and made it my mission to find him the perfect home.

After declining several applicants I received an app from Kevin Mc. I spoke with Kevin at length about Bernie's fears and he seemed to be ok with it, so he met Bernie. I could see how relaxed Bernie was with Kevin and I knew in my heart that it was the right fit. Kevin adopted him in April, 2017 and named him Axle.

Kevin and I have stayed in touch over the past 5 years. He and Axle have since moved back East.

This is what he sent me at Christmas.



On February 11th two families came to our adoption event with approved applications on one pup.

Here's what happened. :)



In 2019 the Barbano family adopted Teo. In October 2022 they adopted Wally. They came back again in December 2022 and adopted Wally's brother Alec.



Brothers Bert and Ernie were adopted together on December 23rd by Diane Martin of San Marcos.



On January 21st Mike B. came to our adoption event to meet two pups and...he went home with THREE!!



If you have adopted multiple dogs/cats from us please send your photos and details to jas4bas@yahoo.com

If you don't see your "Happy Ending" story in this edition, please look for it in our next issue.



We are writing to let you know that we have made plans to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. Until this date, customer purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds for your charity as normal. To help nonprofits like you plan ahead, we will also provide you with a one-time payment equivalent to three months of payments based on what you accrued in 2022 through this program. The timing of this final payment will be approximately 60 to 90 days after February 20, 2023. We hope that this will help minimize the impact that this decision might have.

Did You Know?

SPRING TIPS FOR YOUR DOG

Depending on your dog's breed and your geographic location, you may want to have him groomed more frequently during the warmer months. Breeds such as poodles, schnauzers, and Yorkshire terriers typically require professional grooming year-round, unless you prefer the scruffy look. Some owners opt to have their huskies and golden retrievers shaved for hotter weather. There are tons of grooming styles from which owners can choose, no matter if their breed requires professional grooming or not. Whether you have your dog trimmed for appearance, comfort, or both, it is wise to have your dog regularly bathed or groomed during the warmer months.

Besides grooming for appearance and comfort, regular baths and hygiene helps keep your dog healthy and gives you a chance to inspect him for injuries or pests. After all, pleasant seasons such as spring and summer are equally appealing to fleas and other pests. Be sure to get your pet in for a check up and resume preventative medicines such as heartworm pills, if you don't do so year-round, as well as flea and tick deterrents. Even if your dog doesn't romp and play in tall grass and wooded areas, fleas and ticks are sneaky buggers and will find a way to torment your dog and infest your home, especially if you live in a more rural area. Nobody wants to have to pick off ticks or deal with a flea infestation, except maybe an entomologist. So keep your dog armed against dreaded summer pests

Volunteers Needed!

Baja Animal Sanctuary's foster cats are located in a home in Vista, CA.

We need volunteers to help take care of them.

We have openings for every other Saturday morning (including countless kitty snuggles)

If you can help, please email kpaymard@cox.net.





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

I get lots of calls asking me if we take in feral cats. The answer varies, depending on how a person defines "feral." Let's examine three types of cats – community/stray cats, feral cats, and domesticated cats.

A domesticated cat is any cat that has been raised with or by loving humans and has no fear of them. In fact it enjoys the company of people - it sits in our laps, purrs loudly, plays with us and snuggles up with us in bed. This is the type of cat most people want to adopt.



A community/stray cat is any cat that is unowned and lives outdoors. It may have lived indoors at some point and may have been socialized to people, but after being on the street long enough, it may no longer seek out human companionship. A stray cat is usually a loner. With a patient person, it may slowly acclimate to people again and be able to peacefully live indoors. But if not, over time, a stray cat can become feral if it lives outdoors without humans for some length of time. If it is chased or abused or scared in some way, that may reinforce its fear of, and aversion to, people. If a cat is a stray, and if it is friendly toward people, it has a chance of being adopted. My newest stray cat is Yazmin – she's a beauty and is very sweet and is ready for adoption.



A feral cat is a cat of any age that has not socialized to people. If you try to approach a feral cat, it may be afraid and run from you, or it may attack if it is in a situation where it doesn't see a way out, if it is cornered, for instance. A feral cat typically comes out after dark to avoid most people and lives in colonies with other feral cats.



A kitten can be born to a feral cat and be completely domesticated if it is exposed to people before it is about four months old – and the sooner the better. The older it is after meeting people, the slimmer the chance that it will become domesticated. I got a kitten that was less than four months old and she is still feral – she's ten years old and still won't let me pet her or pick her up, but that's ok. She is not adoptable, but she has to live someplace, so she lives with me.



When someone tells me they have a feral cat, I try to determine if it's really feral or just homeless. A feral cat is happiest being left outdoors, after being spayed/neutered. There are hundreds of feral cat colonies that kind-hearted people feed while they are trapping and fixing them.

No matter the type of cat – domestic, stray or feral – they all deserve to have a happy and safe life.

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

We are always in need of food! We spend about \$1000 per week on food.



Coco was found in an alley on a cold rainy afternoon. One of our staff members went out to see if she could help. She brought Coco to BAS and then realized she was pregnant.

Once she was settled in and given food and water she seemed to calm down. She knew she was safe.

The staff noticed that there was something wrong with her leg and on closer inspection they saw that a rubber band was imbedded in her leg. It was bug infested and infected. It took 2 days to get it completely cleaned up. During this time, she started to give birth. She delivered 13 puppies and we were able to save only 4 of them.

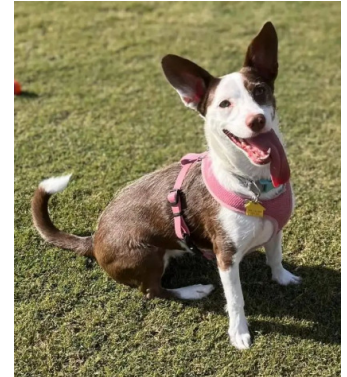
The pups are healthy and growing and Coco is a great mom!

We hope to have them all ready for adoption soon!

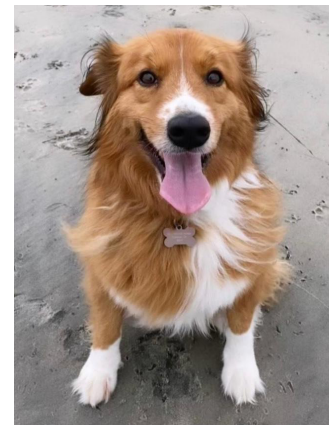


Then & Now

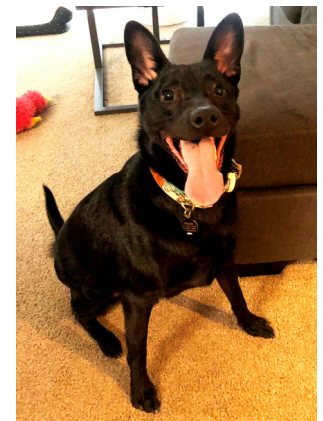
Erin, now named Callie
Adopted on Jan.30, 2021 By Hannah McConnell



Rosemary, now named Bella
Adopted March 29, 2014 by the Grebbien Family



Benny, now named Diesel
Adopted January 16, 2021 by Elizabeth Sears



Send your "Then and Now" photos
with your name, dog/cat's name
and adoption date to:

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(please put Then & Now in the subject line)

Donations In Honor Of Others

- From Elayne Boosler and Tails of Joy in honor of Judy Sobel's birthday. Thank you for all you do!
- From Andrew Wilder in honor of Casey Markee. Thanks for all you do for the animals!
- From Heni and Curtis Collinson in honor of Kiki's birthday.
- From Joann and Michael Cook for Bailey's (aka Haley) adoptaversery
- From Dawson Enterprises, Inc. in honor of Susan M. Dawson.
- From Carol Robinson in honor of Dee Rovinson.
- From Rebecca Jackson in honor of Melissa's BAS dog Fenway.
- In memory of our sweet Lonnie Boy - Therapy dog, Advanced and CGC. From Cynthia and Kent Hamberg.
- From Lance and Rachel Finfroch in memory of Brinkley (Sparky) adopted 2009.
- From Arielle Williams in memory of Roger Williams.
- From Cindy Ho in memory of her dog Lulu.
- From Jillian Newman to honor her work colleagues.
- From Sarah McCutcheon and Justin Nees to BAS for bringing Panda (Dorothy) into our lives.
- From Bill and Geraldine Tayler in honor of Rayito's birthday.
- From Marie and Javier Lopez in honor of their BAS dog Beni.
- From Anita Godwin in memory of Shirley Lowe, in honor of her daughter Jacki Lowe.
- From Leah Ollman in honor of Rosa Coords' birthday.
- From Ronaele Findley in memory of Mitch, a cat who began and ended his life next to me. He is so missed!
- From Andrea Rodriguez in honor of Jeter Rodriguez.
- From Richard Gibson in memory of dog lover John Berlin.
- From Richard Gibson In memory of Helen Kirkland, a true dog lover.
- From Olga Fleming in memory of Spreckles Cesare.

You're donations are what keep our gates open!

Thank you to all who take the time to help those who have no voice!

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. Send your "Donations In Honor of Others" to BAS, 10606 Camino Ruiz, Ste 8, PMB 172., S.D., CA 92126

Coco



Sexy Senior

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: Coco

Age: 9+ years

Breed: Labrador mix

Weight: 50 pounds

Coco is good with other dogs and good around people. She is friendly, calm, and outgoing.

Coco was ready to give birth outside a factory in Tijuana, in the rain when we were called. We rescued her and brought her to BAS just in time for her to have her puppies. Unfortunately, out of the 13 puppies born only 4 survived.

She also had a rubber band embedded in her right back leg which was terribly infected and took days to clean out and to heal.

For more information Please contact Jaime at javic60@aol.com
~or~ Judy Sobel at jas4bas@yahoo.com



Tyson's Corner

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.



Paco is a 2 year old male Terrier He weighs 10 lbs. He is good with other dogs and good around people. He is friendly, active and outgoing.

Paco was found on the side of the road on a busy street in Tijuana. He had been hit by a car. After a vet check up it appeared that nothing was broken.

The injury was to his back. After a few weeks of anti-inflammatory medications he started to have a slight twitch in his back leg. Luckily, it does not affect his ability to walk, run or play!

If you have love in your heart and room in your home and would like more information on this dog, please contact:
Judy Sobel at jas4bas@yahoo.com

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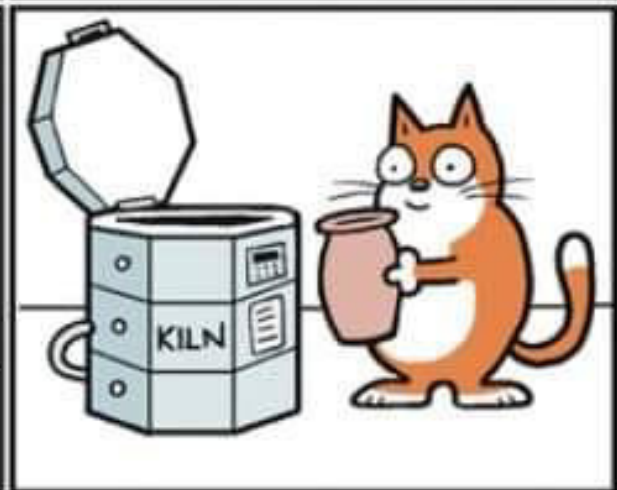
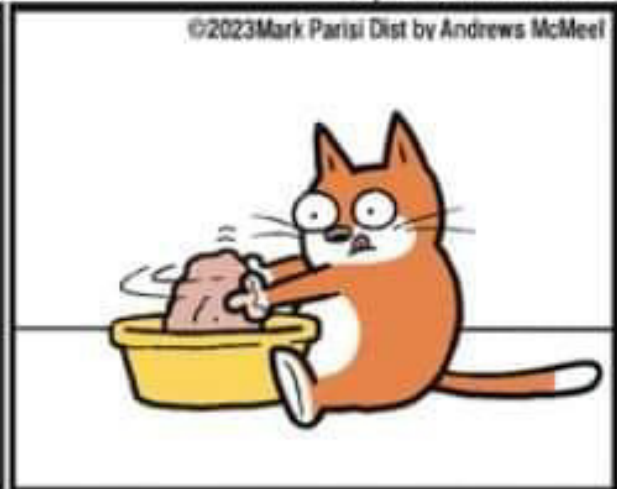
A hundred years from now, it will not matter
the sort of house I lived in, what my bank
account was, or what car I drove.



But the world may be different because I
was important in the life of the animals
and creatures on this earth.



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Look, I know a lot of you have abandonment issues and are very attached to your ball, but the foundation, the cornerstone of "Go Fetch" is giving the ball back to the human, so they can throw it again.



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Me: I'm going to get a dog to protect my house.

The dog:



WHY YOU CAN NEVER TELL
A DOG A KNOCK-KNOCK JOKE:

KNOCK
KNOCK...

BARK
BARK
YIP ARF YAP
ARF



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Irony

I think the training is complete

