

Hundreds of Animals. Thirty Shelters. One Adoption Every Two Minutes.

Berkeley Humane Hosts California's Largest Single-Location Pet Adoption Event on August 29

BERKELEY, CA, UNITED STATES, August 4, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Saturday, August 29, [Berkeley Humane](#) will once again transform two city blocks into California's largest single-location pet adoption event, bringing together more than 30 animal shelters and rescue organizations and hundreds of adoptable animals for one extraordinary day dedicated to finding loving homes.

If this year's event mirrors last year's success, a new family is expected to be formed approximately every two minutes throughout the event. That remarkable pace reflects the power of bringing California's animal welfare community together in one place, creating hundreds of life-changing moments for animals and the people who welcome them home.

"This event is unlike anything else in California," said Jeffrey Zerwekh, Executive Director of Berkeley Humane. "For one day, more



Saturday August 29 Berkeley California



Adopt Me! Bark and Meow Around the Block

than 30 shelters and rescue organizations come together with one shared purpose: helping as many animals as possible find loving homes. Every two minutes, another family falls in love with a pet and begins a new chapter together. It is an incredible reminder of what can happen when an entire community comes together on behalf of animals."

Now in its 14th year, [Bark \(& Meow\) Around the Block](#) is organized and hosted by Berkeley Humane and has become one of the state's premier animal welfare events. No other adoption event in

California brings together as many shelters and rescue organizations at a single location, giving prospective adopters an unmatched opportunity to meet hundreds of dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, and other companion animals while supporting organizations working every day to save lives.

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adoption fees will be waived or discounted.

"Bark (& Meow) Around the Block demonstrates what is possible when an entire community comes together on behalf of animals," said Dr. Alan Shriro, retired veterinarian and member of the Berkeley Humane Board of Directors. "Every person who attends becomes part of something much bigger. Together, we help more animals find the loving homes they deserve while celebrating the extraordinary bond between people and pets."

Animal shelters throughout California continue to experience longer lengths of stay and slower adoption rates, making collaborative adoption events more important than ever. Every adoption not only changes the life of one animal and one family but also opens space for another pet waiting in a shelter, multiplying the event's lifesaving impact across the region.

Last year's event welcomed more than 3,000 attendees throughout the day and helped more than 250 animals find loving homes, making Bark (& Meow) Around the Block one of the most successful



Looking at kittens at Bark and Meow Around the Block, Berkeley, California

community adoption events in the country. This year's event is expected to be even larger, with more participating organizations, more adoptable animals, and more opportunities to save lives.

Visitors will enjoy:

- More than 300 adoptable dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, and other companion animals
- More than 30 participating shelters and rescue organizations
- Most adoption fees will be waived or discounted.
- Live music throughout the day
- Local food vendors and frozen treats
- Beer, wine, and cocktail garden
- Pet-focused vendors and community exhibitors
- Family-friendly activities, giveaways, and interactive experiences

Berkeley Humane will waive adoption fees for all its adoptable animals. Adoption counselors from each organization will be available to help families find the right pet for their home and lifestyle.

EVENT DETAILS

What: Bark (& Meow) Around the Block – California's Largest Single-Location Pet Adoption Event

When: Saturday, August 29, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where:

Berkeley Humane

2700 Ninth Street

Berkeley, CA

Admission: Free

ABOUT BERKELEY HUMANE

Founded in 1895, Berkeley Humane is one of the Bay Area's oldest and most trusted animal welfare

organizations. Through adoption, foster care, low-cost veterinary services, behavior and training

programs, and community support, Berkeley Humane helps keep pets healthy, families together,

and more animals on the path to loving homes. Berkeley Humane is currently building the Bay Area

Animal Resource Center (BAARC), a state-of-the-art shelter and veterinary hospital that will expand

access to lifesaving care for animals throughout the region.

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