

Meet Our New Executive Director



We're very pleased to introduce Mike Christie, our new Executive Director, effective January 4. Mike worked most recently as Operations Coordinator at the East Bay Community Foundation and previously managed direct sales, social media and finance and operations at Earth Sticker, LLC, which promotes biodiversity and protection of the natural world. He also has spent more than a dozen years as an entrepreneur, growing franchise operations and small businesses. Mike will handle short- and long-range strategies, fundraising and community relations, finance and administration for CCHS. Board President Kevin Kosik reflected the optimism of the hiring team, saying, "Christie's experience, enthusiasm and commitment to improving the quality of life for animals ... is sure to amplify our impact and make our community a better place for pets and the people who love them."

Learn more in our [press release](#)

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January 2016

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EVENTS



Attend Best in Show to Help Us Do More

Best in Show 2016 will be a viewing party for the 140th annual Westminster Kennel Dog Club Show. The event will benefit our programs and services including the Foster Dog Program, Spay/Neuter Assistance, Kitty Corner, AniMeals and more.

Attend and you'll enjoy:

- Internet coverage of the Westminster Kennel Dog Club Show
- Delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts
- A selection of fine wines and champagne
- Prizes and surprises
- Mingling with special guests

When: Tuesday, February 16, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Where: Hilton Concord, 1970 Diamond Blvd.

Tickets available online:

BestinShow2016.eventbrite.com

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Meet the Wednesday midmorning mavens of our Kitty Corner! If you were to call Linda Kuroda (left) and Diane Schaefer (right) “Crazy Cat Ladies,” they would likely respond “Thank you very much!” In CCHS’ Kitty Corner Diane does a morning feeding shift and Linda works with cats in the isolation wards.

Linda lives in Alamo and is “mom” to a 10-year-old Maine Coon named Mee Mee and an eight-year-old Norwegian Forest mix, Coco. Diane lives in Walnut Creek with her 10-year-old cat, Misty. Diane has two children and two grandchildren of the human species as well.

Linda wishes that Kitty Corner had more space and Diane wishes that CCHS cats could get more exposure. We hope that someday soon their wishes will be fulfilled. Meanwhile we’d like to give a heartfelt thanks to Linda and Diane for all they do to help homeless cats

CCHS UPCOMING ADOPTION EVENTS

Licensed and vaccinated dogs on leash are most welcome!

For more information please call (925) 279-2247.

For sponsorships please contact Kevin Kosik at (415) 596-4430 or kkosik@cchumane.org

2016 Resolutions for You and Your Pet

Here are four of our favorites for you and the animals in your life:

1. Start measuring your pet’s food. Over 50 percent of dogs and cats in the US are classified as overweight. Here are ways you can [ensure your pets don’t get too many calories](#).

2. Be diligent about heartworm preventives. Heartworm disease can be fatal to dogs and cats. This resource has [everything you need to know about heartworms](#).

3. Get a microchip. Ensure that your pet can get home if it becomes lost. Read these [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the American Veterinary Medical Association’s site.

4. Try a new activity. Check out these ways to “break out” in 2016: [Games, sports and just plain fun things](#) [Keeping your indoor cat happy](#) [Easy-to-do exercises for you and your dog or cat](#)

ADOPTION GALLERY

CCHS hosts monthly adoption events to help find forever homes for loveable cats and dogs.

Stop by and find a new love!

Upcoming Events:

Dog Adoptions

January 31, 11:00am – 2:00pm
Contra Costa Humane Society
Offices, 171 Mayhew Way, Suite 101
(corner of Vincent and Mayhew)

[View adoptable dogs.](#)

Cat Adoptions

Kitty Corner, our free-roaming cat shelter, is open on Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 am–5:00 pm, and Mondays Noon–3:00 pm and weekdays by appointment. [View adoptable cats.](#)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CCHS is currently looking for dog and kitten fosters. You can provide temporary refuge, care and companionship to homeless dogs and cats (or this time kittens) until they find their forever homes. CCHS is easy to work with, offers mentoring and pays for all approved medical treatments.

If you are interested, please fill out a volunteer application on-line at <http://www.cchumane.org/>. It takes just a few easy steps to qualify.



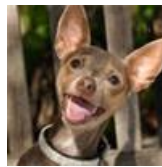
Mimi

Cat - Domestic Shorthair

Sex: Female

Age: 1Y / 2W

Mimi is a darling little girl who'd make a great companion! She does well with other cats and would likely adjust fine to a home with adults and calm children over about 10 years old. Mimi is spayed, microchipped, vaccinated and FeLV/FIV negative. Come in and see if she's the one for you! [Learn more.](#)



Carly

Dog – Chihuahua Mix

Sex : Female

Age : 3Y / 5M / 3W

Carly dazzles with her sparkly personality, affectionate demeanor and beautiful sable coat. She's good with cats and would do well in a home with other dogs, adults and even teenagers. Carly is spayed, microchipped and current on her vaccines. We can't wait for you to meet her! [Learn more.](#)

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No animal should be hungry, homeless or hurting. Your tax-deductible donation helps save the lives of animals in Contra Costa County through CCHS's many programs, including adoptions, spay/neuter assistance, Kitty Corner and AniMeals.



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