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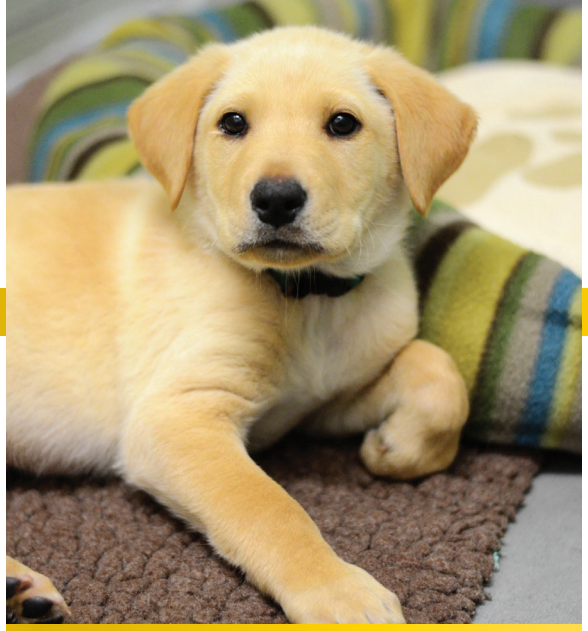

This puppy found a home faster due to improved practices learned in Koret's Capacity for Care Bootcamp.

Dear [Informal Salutation],

Many of our nation's most vulnerable animals depend on the care of shelters. At the Koret Shelter Medicine Program (KSMP), we are committed to developing and sharing evidence-based best practices that keep shelter animals healthy and help them find the placement they deserve.

One way we do this is through our Capacity for Care (C4C) Bootcamp. This online training program is available free of charge to 20 of the some 1,500 shelters that participated in our Million Cat Challenge, a multiyear campaign that saved some 2 million healthy or treatable cats (double our original goal!) from euthanasia. We hope to offer the program to more shelters in coming years.

Staff members of the "C4C Bootcamp Posse" at Marin Humane: "It has reinvigorated me in my work," said Keri Fennell (3rd from left).

The six-week C4C Bootcamp encapsulates lessons learned from the Million Cat Challenge as well as Koret's 17 years of pioneering work in shelter medicine, which includes hundreds of shelter consultations, research and published studies. Through videos, homework and consultation sessions with Koret's experts, participants learn state-of-the-art best practices to improve their shelter's operations.

"The C4C bootcamp has been a game-changer for how we operate," said Keri Fennell, director of shelter services at Marin Humane in Novato, Calif. "We have made some major changes, and many more are in the works. **Already we've been able to reduce our puppies' length of stay and double the number of puppies we're able to take in from partnering shelters in the Central Valley."**

The Capacity for Care Bootcamp is a great example of how the KSMP shares knowledge that improves the lives of shelter animals across the country. Through innovation and veterinary science, we can do even more—but we need your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kate Hurley
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Koret Shelter Medicine Program Director

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