



Michelson Found Animals

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About Michelson Found Animals

Michelson Found Animals (MFA) is a leading animal well-being nonprofit that believes people and pets are better together. Generously funded by Dr. Gary Michelson and Alya Michelson, MFA operates a range of programs, including community partnerships, strategic grantmaking, impact investments, research and advocacy initiatives that share a common goal: to champion pets at every point they intersect with our society. MFA has helped more than 8 million pets since it was founded in 2005.

\$100M+

Committed dollars toward animal welfare initiatives in Los Angeles and beyond.

300,000

Pets reunited with their owners through the Found Animals Registry (from 2005-2021).

150,000+

pets served through the Better Neighbor Project (since 2020).

- ▶ **Invested in more than 50 early-stage startups** that are helping to shape the future of pet care.
- ▶ **Funded 45+ scientific research projects** since 2008, representing a \$20 million+ commitment through the Michelson Prize & Grants.
- ▶ **Facilitated 17,000 pet adoptions** at Found Animals Adopt & Shop locations (from 2010-2021).
- ▶ **Raised \$10 million** through the Saving Pets Challenge, a matching fundraising challenge for shelters and rescue groups (from 2014-2022).
- ▶ **Researched, tracked, and measured pet-friendliness and pet-inclusivity** through the Pet Inclusive Housing Initiative, via **220,000+ rental properties** across the U.S. (since 2021).

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