



OC Community Resources

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Pet Expo Excitement!



Our wonderful volunteers showing off OC Animal Care's finest!

The heat was on and so was the adoption fun at this year's America's Family Pet Expo on April 17th - 19th! With lots of adorable animals available for adoption, visitors had their chance to meet and greet some of OC Animal Care's finest. With 17 animals finding their forever homes, it was a very successful event. Many families made the drive down to the OC Fair and Event Center from all over Southern California looking to add a new for-

ever friend to their families. One young pet lover had been saving her allowance for months to adopt a dog. When she saw "Lola", a four year old Shih Tzu, it was love at first sight. "Lola" and the other 16 animals are now enjoying their forever homes! OC Animal Care Volunteers also braved the heat while passing out educational info and magnets to the many visitors at the event. Thanks to all of the staff and volunteers for making Pet Expo a weekend full of heartwarming adoption successes!



A volunteer and "Spike" take a break from the heat!

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Angels for Animals

On Saturday, March 28th, OC Animal Care hosted one of its most successful adoption events ever! 127 animals were placed into forever homes during our "Angels for Animals Forever Friends for Free" event, sponsored by the Angels Baseball Foundation. Adopters were responsible only for the microchip and

license fees. This event was made possible by a charitable donation from the Angels Baseball Foundation. The day's festivities included: a barbeque to raise money for Explorer Post 538, a craft table for kids, an OC Animal Care veterinarian on hand to answer pet health questions, and a giveaway table with Angels Baseball bracelets,

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and treats available for new adopters. Without the generous support of the Angels Baseball Foundation, and the hard work of OC Animal Care staff and volunteers, this event would not have been possible!

Photos from Angels for Animals



Another Chance for Love's New Recruits

OC Animal Care is thrilled to announce its continued partnership with Another Chance for Love and the Stark Youth Authority in Chino. On Friday, March 20th, the newest recruits from OC Animal Care were delivered to the eagerly awaiting staff and handlers at the Youth Authority. This cycle, eight dogs were selected to participate in the program to be trained by juvenile wards at the facility. Janette Thomas, trainer with Another Chance for Love, spent several weeks at

OC Animal Care selecting the new dogs for the program. Dogs were selected based on their temperament, personality and adaptability in new environments. The dogs were spayed or neutered, micro chipped and given all of the necessary vaccinations before entering the program. The selected dogs will be trained at the facility for several months before being placed up for adoption by Another Chance for Love. The dogs this cycle represent the vast variety of breeds, shapes and sizes that are available for adoption at OC Animal Care.



Sit Please!



The pups arrive at Stark Youth Authority



Adopt-a-Pet



Name: Mia
 ID: A0946991
 Age: 7 years
 Breed: Boxer/Pit Bull
 Mia is a sweetie pie who can't wait to meet you. Fall in love with her today!



Name: Samantha
 ID: A0951307
 Age: 11 years
 Breed: Siamese
 Samantha is an older gal, who still has lots of love to share. Give her a second chance!



Name: Max
 ID: A0952947
 Age: 2 years
 Breed: Chihuahua Mix
 Max may be tiny, but the best things come in small packages. make him your new friend!



Name: Mama Calico
 ID: A0946768
 Age: 4 years
 Breed: Domestic Short Hair
 Mama Calico will make the perfect companion for any loving family!



Name: Abigail
 ID: A0952918
 Age: 3 years
 Breed: Cairn Terrier
 Abigail is a loving and happy girl who loves to play. Make her your walking partner!



Name: Harlow
 ID: A0948964
 Age: 2 years
 Breed: Short hair rabbit
 Harlow is a gentle and affectionate bunny who will hop right into your heart!

OC Animal Care makes every effort to promote all of the wonderful animals we have available for adoption. At the time of publication, these animals were in need of lifelong homes. All adopted animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped prior to leaving the shelter. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please visit us online at ocpetinfo.com, or simply come down to the shelter!

Cathy's Corner

What is a Pet Trust and What Does it Do?

It's not a topic that most people like to discuss, but being prepared in the case of a sudden illness, disability, accident or death, is something a responsible pet owner must do. Chances are you will outlive your pet, but what would happen if you didn't? Make sure to set a plan for your pet in your absence. One option to ensure your pet's care is to set up a pet trust; and although you can't legally leave money directly to a pet in a traditional will, a pet trust is a legally binding document that allows you to:



1. Set aside money to be used for the continued care of your pet if something happens to you and you're no longer able to tend to its needs.
2. Provide detailed, written instructions for the continued care of your pet.
3. Designate a caregiver to take over guardianship of your pet or to find them a permanent home.
4. Appoint a trustee to make sure your funds are used according to your written instructions.

You can Google "Pet Trust" for further help with setting up a Pet Trust. Or, if you prefer, contact an estate attorney. They will be able to answer any questions you may have about setting up a pet trust.

For more information, please visit Humane Society of the United States' website at www.hsus.org.

Pet Fair 2009 is Coming!

Put on your sunblock and shades and head down to OC Animal Care on June 27, 2009, from 10 am - 2 pm, for Pet Fair 2009! All animal lovers are invited for a day of "Fun in the Sun." There will be hundreds of dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, birds, reptiles, and rabbits available for adoption at this exciting event. It will be a day filled with live animal demonstrations, wildlife exhibitors, breed rescue groups, and pet care product vendors. There will also be fun activities for the kids. We hope to see you there! For more information, please visit our website at ocpetinfo.com or call (714) 935-6848.



Senior for Senior Program

In an effort to provide exceptional customer service, OC Animal Care offers its Senior For Senior program. The program provides a discounted adoption rate for senior citizens, 65 years and older, that adopt any animal 5 years of age or older. This is limited to one adoption per household.

There are many advantages to adopting from your local animal shelter, but adopting an older pet may be even more rewarding. Homeless animals over 5 years of age that come to OC Animal Care are more difficult to place despite the fact that many endure the stresses of a shelter environment much better than their younger shelter mates. Many adult animals have received some obedience and/or potty training and are generally more calm and affectionate.

There are proven benefits of pet ownership. Pets can lower our blood pressure and anxiety, pets alleviate depression and help us cope with stress, and pets enrich our lives by offering unconditional love!

For more information on this program, please visit our website at www.ocpetinfo.com or call (714) 935-6848.

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A license is your pet's ticket home!

Wanted: Foster Homes



Each year, once the weather begins to warm up, kittens pour into OC Animal Care by the litter. While some kittens are quickly put up for adoption, others are too young to be placed in their permanent homes. Kittens weighing less than two pounds cannot

be adopted as they are too young to be spayed or neutered. This is where our dedicated foster homes step in. Foster Caretakers provide food, shelter, socialization and love to underage kittens until they are big enough for adoption at the shelter. Usually, kittens stay in their foster homes for one to two weeks. In 2008, 468 animals were placed into foster homes and given a second chance at finding their new forever families. If you're interested in our Foster Caretaker program, please attend one of our upcoming orientations. Orientations will be held at OC Animal Care at 10:30 am on May 16, June 20, July 18 and August 15 or contact our volunteer coordinator at (714) 935-6194.



OC Animal Care's Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers Get Their Groom On

Did you know that OC Animal Care offers its volunteers educational opportunities in animal related programs? By providing classes in animal handling, training, and grooming, volunteers not only expand their own skills, they learn new ways to increase the adoptability and happiness of shelter animals. In March, volunteers were given the opportunity to learn how to groom dogs at a special class held at Claws N Paws Day Spa in Fountain Valley. Grooming salon owner, Christi Fabisiak, opened her doors to fifteen OC Animal Care volunteers and five shelter dogs. Fabisiak gave instruction and hands-on practice to the volunteers on shaving, brushing, scissoring, bathing and drying the dogs. The dogs, which arrived at the shelter dirty and matted, left the grooming salon with new, beautiful hairdos. Many of the dogs were adopted immediately upon return to the shelter. Volunteers who attended the training continue their grooming efforts at OC Animal Care using the supplies in the shelter grooming area where they clip and clean dogs that are available for adoption.



Teddy Before



Teddy After

Our Volunteers Have Spirit



This year, five OC Animal Care Volunteers received the Spirit of Volunteerism Award from the Volunteer Center of Orange County and the Orange County Register. The Spirit of Volunteerism Awards celebrates the commitment and

innovative service of volunteers to charitable organizations throughout Orange County. It recognizes those who give the precious gifts of time and talent to improving lives and strengthening our community. The nominees were treated to a luncheon and ceremony on April 14th, held at the Grand Ballroom in the Disneyland Hotel. Nominees also received a special certificate of recognition for their service. OC Animal Care volunteers are also dedicated to educating the public about the importance of spaying and neutering and responsible pet ownership. A big "Congratulations" and a "Thank You" to the five OC Animal Care nominees: Diana Rodgers, Frances Shuster, Jill Winchell, Celesta Peterson and Janette Thomas.

Welcome New Volunteers!

OC Animal Care experienced a record turnout at the January volunteer orientations. More than 145 potential volunteers attended the two orientations, packing the room each time to near full capacity. The orientations cover an overview of our services, departments, and mission. In addition, attendees are presented with information on the available volunteer positions, a tour of the facility, and have the opportunity to ask questions about the program. 45 new volunteers were selected to join the program, bringing the current number of active volunteers to 189. OC Animal Care welcomes the 19 dog walkers, 14 cat socializers, and 9 bather/groomers to the program! If you're interested in joining the volunteer program, attend one of the next orientations at OC Animal Care on Wednesday, July 1, at 6 p.m. or Saturday, July 11, at 10 a.m. An RSVP will be required to attend the orientation and space will be limited. RSVP's will be accepted from June 1st – June 20th. Please call (714) 935-6194 for questions or to RSVP.

Upcoming Shelter and Mobile Events



OC Animal Care is always looking for ways to promote adoptable animals and bring them into the public eye. One way that we do that is through our participation in local community events.

Each week we prepare animals at our shelter to go out into the public and potentially find a new home. Mobile adoptions are a great way to promote animals, provide information to the public, and inform our local communities of the services we provide. Here is a list of the upcoming mobile events in which OC Animal Care will be participating:

- "Don't Dog It" Event at Peters Canyon Regional Park, Orange, Saturday, May 9, 2009: 8 am - 2 pm
- Hearts for Paws Pet Expo at Archstone Gateway

Apartments, Orange, Saturday, May 16, 2009: 11 am - 4 pm

- Tustin Police Department's Annual Open House at the Tustin Police Station, Saturday, June 20, 2009: 11 am - 3 pm
- Pet Fair at OC Animal Care, Saturday, June 27, 2009: 10 am - 2 pm
- Foster Caretaker Seminars at OC Animal Care, Saturday, May 16, Saturday, June 20, and Saturday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m.
- Volunteer Orientation at OC Animal Care, Wednesday, July 1, at 6 pm and Saturday, July 11, at 10 am
- OC Fair at the OC Fairgrounds, Friday, July 10 - Sunday, August 9, 2009

OC Animal Care is always looking to participate in new events. If you have an upcoming community event that you would like us to be a part of, please send your information to Elizabeth Alianell, Public Education Officer, 561 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868, or e-mail her at elizabeth.alianell@occr.ocgov.com.

Celebrating Success

OC Animal Care takes great pride in promoting our success in adopting our animals into forever homes. We often receive updates from visitors that tell us heart warming stories of how they were either reunited with their lost pet, or had found the perfect companion to take home. Here is the success story of Tater and how he found his forever home, as told by his new family...

We had been looking for another Miniature Schnauzer to keep our three year old Miniature Schnauzer, Boos, company because he really needed a friend. When we found Tater on Petfinder.com, we fell in love with him immediately! We saw him on Saturday night and went to OC Animal Care the very next day to visit him. When we saw him in the kennel, he was



Boos and Tater are the best of friends!



Handsome Tater!

virtually unrecognizable as a Schnauzer. He had been neglected and was covered in matts all over his head, face and back. We couldn't believe that someone could have abandoned him. He was so sweet when we met him in the visiting area that we went to adopt him immediately. When we brought him home, Boos and Tater became great friends right away. Tater is so friendly and loving! He is a great addition to our family. Boos and Tater sleep together every night. They play together all of the time. Our vet also seems to think that they are both three years old. We are hoping to have many more years with our two happy Miniature Schnauzers. Thank you for all of your hard work! It has made us a very happy family and Tater a very happy dog!

~ Jonathan and Mara Hoover

