OC Animal Care’s Happily Ever After Pet Fair 2017 was an event to remember! On June 17th, 95 of our shelter pets (53 cats, 35 dogs, 4 exotic animals and 3 rabbits) found their fur-ever homes.

Attendees of the shelter’s annual pet fair took a look around at booths hosted by animal rescue groups, pet related and other vendors within the community.

Supervisor Andrew Do’s Office, Medieval Times, the Anaheim Rinks, Community Coop and Rat and Mouse Club of America were among the groups who were present.

Pet related demonstrations took place throughout the day in the shelter’s play yard. Children participated in a Katy Cares about Responsible Pet Ownership Storytime, people learned that chickens make great pets too! Adoptable dogs strutted their stuff during a parade and Twinkie the mini horse and friends wooed everyone with their tricks taught through positive reinforcement training!

Classic Taco and Mustache Mikes Italian Ice provided food and an icy treat that hit the spot on that hot summer day.

OC Animal Care staff and volunteers’ contributions that day helped make this years Pet Fair an unforgettable event. OCAC is grateful to everyone within the community who joined us and chose to adopt a shelter pet!

Click Here to watch Happily Ever After Pet Fair 2017’s Vlog!

It’s a Happily Ever After for this pup who was adopted during Pet Fair 2017!

OC Animal Care’s new shelter growth is exciting staff, volunteers and members of the community!

Staff had the opportunity to take a sneak peek behind the scenes and checkout the new developments that have been made.

The county’s new shelter will have more surgery suites, recovery areas, larger cat kennels, indoor/outdoor dog runs, climate controlled buildings and more.

OC Animal Care’s updated shelter is located in Tustin and will replace the current shelter that has been in use for 75 years.

Click here to checkout drone footage of the new shelter!
It was a day like any other, and in walks Snickers, a very shy and timid Chihuahua who was found as a stray. He was confused, scared and very nervous of his new surroundings and caretakers.

These characteristics made Snickers the perfect candidate to join OC Animal Care’s TLC Program. The shelter’s TLC Program began in October 2016 and has helped find placement and changed the lives of over 150 shelter dogs.

Trained volunteers work with dogs who are not doing well in the shelter environment and help them transition and build confidence with basic skills, and most importantly, give them unconditional love. Many of these dogs are able to overcome their fears and are placed into loving homes.

Debbie, OC Animal Care TLC Volunteer, is pleased to see the increased effort to help the dogs that need special attention.

“It love being a part of the TLC program and seeing what a difference it has made in many lives already and many more to come. I also love having the ability to work with and spend time with the shy/timid dogs and seeing them come out of their shell. If I could do that every day all day, that is what I would be doing,” stated Debbie.

As for Snickers, where is he now? He’s living every dog’s dream after he was adopted in June to a loving family.
All Hands on Deck! Staff Joined in to Help During Kitten Season!

Staff has stepped up to help out during Kitten Season! Both ACO Dispatch and the phone room at the shelter took in mom cat and kitten fosters of their own.

Staff enjoyed caring for and socializing the kittens who first came to them days old with their eyes still shut.

When asked their thoughts on caring for these kittens, staff felt a sense of privilege to be able to aid in their growth. At the same time, feelings were bittersweet but joyful when the kittens were finally big enough to go up for adoption.

PEO Supervisor, Renee, is among those who feel caring for these kittens was a much needed labor of love.

“You feel a deep sense of accomplishment as a team,” stated Renee. “To take them in being raised as babies, it’s very enriching and fulfilling to save their lives.”

These extra efforts have helped tremendously during this busy time of the year. OC Animal Care can’t thank all of the staff members who have stepped up to the challenge of fostering, they continue to make a huge difference in these animal’s lives.

Do you want to make a difference and join our lifesaving foster program? Please visit our website at: http://www.ocpetinfo.com/involve/volunteer/adult/foster

Big Sunday Makes Big Changes to our Cat Rooms

On May 28th, OC Animal Care volunteers took the time beautifying the shelter’s appearance for Big Sunday.

Volunteers focused a lot of their efforts on increasing cat adoptions by improving our cat visiting rooms in both A & C trailers.

Cheerful decals were applied to the walls as well as cat shaped pamphlet holders with information about our Foster and TNR programs.

New information boards were hung in the rooms to inform potential adopters of the services they are receiving for their animal when they adopt, as well as helpful tips for introducing a newly adopted cat to their homes.

Volunteers also installed two dog treat dispensers in the Available row of the shelter.

These dog treat dispensers are cemented into their planters for safety and have a sign asking members of the public to assist our shelter dogs by asking them to sit or waiting for them to be quiet before tossing them a treat. These dispensers charge .25 cents for a handful of treats and the proceeds benefit our shelter enrichment programs.

Special thanks to OCAC volunteers and Big Sunday for making this beautification project possible.
Is it too hot outside to leave my dog in the car? Cars heat up quickly, so never leave your pet in the car, even for a quick errand. *Pets most at risk for overheating are young, elderly or overweight animals, those with short muzzles and those with thick or dark-colored coats. *A car may overheat even when the windows have been left open. *Shade offers very little protection on a hot day and moves with the sun. *Even if the temperature outside is only 70 degrees, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter! *Within 30 minutes, the car’s interior can climb from 85 to 120 degrees! *Did you know, many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle. (Click here to learn more about CA law) *If you see an animal in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner, or call 911! Stay by the car until help arrives.

Adoption Numbers
From April 1st, 2017 to June 30th, 2017:
1,542 Adoptions (600 Cats, 896 Dogs, 46 Rabbits)
726 Returned to Owner
809 Transfer to Rescue/Vet/Shelter
324 TNR Releases
*Numbers do not include exotics or wildlife releases

Have a Question for OC Animal Care?
You can ask one of our experts by emailing your question to: OCCRocpetinfo@occr.ocgov.com with the subject “Ask the Expert”

Upcoming Events
Checkout these awesome events we have coming up over the next few months! Visit www.ocpetinfo.com for more info!
- Summer Lovin’ Promotion all of July
- Low-Cost Vaccine & Microchip Clinic - August 1, September 5
- Low-Cost Pet Wellness Clinics - August 6, September 10
- Clear the Shelters - August 19
- Labor of Love - September 2
- Chipotle at Anaheim Town Square Fundraiser - September 21

ACO’s we’re a Hit at Truck Adventures!
On Saturday, May 20th, OC Animal Care’s Animal Control Officers attended the Truck Adventures event at the Orange County Fair Grounds.

Children throughout the community were able to experience trucks like they never have before. Attendees were in for a treat when they visited the shelter’s Animal Control truck.

Sergeant Su, ACO Suggett, ACO Craig and ACO Holtzen provided an extra element to their station when they provided an interactive activity with catch poles, graspers, brown cages and a snake bucket. Kids were able to pretend they were in the field and completed tasks ACO’s face in their line of work.

Truck Adventures was an event to remember for OC Animal Care staff and all who attended!