79 dogs, 24 cats, 2 rabbits, 5 turtles and 2 guinea pigs found their fur-ever homes during Clear the Shelters.

NBC LA and Telemundo 52 Los Angeles came out and featured animals and adopters to help spread the word on this amazing $17 adoption event. Staff members could be seen on T.V. during the morning show as they represented OC Animal Care in a positive and informative light. Kittens, puppies, roosters and even a snake got their 15 minutes of fame when they were featured on the morning and afternoon news segments.

VCA Animal Hospital and VIP Pet Care also came out and represented their organizations by passing out giveaways and helpful information on pet care. OC Animal Care would like to give a big thank you to Supervisor Shawn Nelson’s office for sponsoring and attending this special adoption event.

Vet Staff goes Above & Beyond for Legolas!

Back in late August, an Australian Shepard Mix was brought to OC Animal Care as a stray.

When the veterinarian team first examined him, they noted there was a large ulcerated tumor on his left hind leg. The dog’s sickness did not seem to bum him out, and he quickly won the vet staff over with his sweet personality.

Vet staff acted quickly, and with a few tests decided the best course of treatment would be to amputate the majority of his infected leg. The vet staff named him Legolas, and he was brought into surgery the next day to remove his leg.

He sailed through the procedure with flying colors! Later that day, Legolas was up and adjusted well to a life on 3 legs.

He went to a foster home so he could recover and socialize outside of the shelter environment.

The vet staff (clinic and surgery) take great pride in the medical care they provide all animals here at OC Animal Care; and it shows! Legolas is just one of the many medical cases the vet staff has gone above and beyond for. OC Animal Care is grateful to have employees that go the extra mile to make sure these animals have the best shot at finding their forever home.
Happy Birthday Shelter Dogs!

On August 1st, OC Animal Care celebrated National Shelter Dog Birthday! The shelter invited the public to come down and sing Happy Birthday to all of our shelter dogs. Afterwards every dog at the shelter enjoyed delicious doggie safe cakes and ice cream made by OC Animal Care’s volunteers.

The volunteers who baked cakes were also entered into a special contest, and the winner received a special prize!

Thank you to staff, volunteers and shelter goers for treating our shelter dogs on this special day.

Animals find Homes During Labor of Love!

83 shelter pets were adopted during our Labor of Love event.

41 dogs, 20 cats, 5 rabbits and 17 birds found their fur-ever homes.

Attendees of this special event enjoyed delicious baked goods made by volunteers and all adopters were given goodie bags full of treats, shampoo, toys and other necessities to start them off in their new homes.

Thank you staff, volunteers and everyone who came out to adopt a furry friend!

OC Animal Care’s Rabies Awareness Event was a Success!

OC Animal Care held their annual Rabies Awareness Event on Tuesday, September 5th. This event is held each year to help educate the community on the rabies virus and its impact on the County of Orange.

The most common mode of rabies transmission is through the bite of an infected animal and the saliva that contains the virus.

Prevention and education are the keys to keeping you and your family safe from the disease. Staying up to date on your pets’ vaccinations, as well as teaching your family and friends to respect and to always keep a safe distance from wildlife are ways you can help prevent the rabies virus from being passed.

The first 100 attendees at this event received a free rabies immunization for their cat or dog. Orange County Emergency Pet Clinic, Vector Control and the OCAC Emergency Management Program joined the shelter on this occasion, hosted informational booths and passed out giveaways to event goers.

Thank you Noble Friends Foundation for OC Animal Care for sponsoring this event. OC Animal Care would also like to thank everyone who attended and came together to learn about rabies prevention in our community.
On an early September morning, a citizen saw a dog roaming the streets and called OC Animal Care’s Animal Control.

Animal Control Officer H. Hernandez picked up the dog, scanned it and found out he was microchipped! He ran the microchip in his computer and found the dog’s current license and owner’s information. He was able to take Helo home right away.

Helo had no prior impounds, so Hector was able to return him under the “Take Me Home” program, at no cost to the owner. Special thanks to ACO H. Hernandez for helping Helo return safely to his family!

Helo giving ACO Hernandez some love!

Click Here to learn more about the importance of licensing and microchipping your pet!

Snuggle Project Knits Blankets for Shelter Pets!

Representatives from the Yorba Linda Library’s Stitchin’ in the Stacks Program donated 40 blankets for our shelter pets.

The library’s Stitchin’ in the Stacks Program is partnered with the Snuggles Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping bring comfort to homeless animals.

Each blanket was hand-knitted with love and care. 19 small, 16 medium and 5 large blankets were made to provide comfort to a wide range of pets here at OC Animal Care.

OC Animal Care is grateful for Yorba Linda library’s generous donation to our shelter pets.

Click Here to learn more about how you can help OC Animal Care’s Shelter Pets!

Petcos’ All For Saving Lives’ Adoption Event!

On September 9th, OC Animal Care partnered with the Petco in Orange during their national adoption weekend for their All for Saving Lives Event.

Volunteers and staff attended with cats, dogs and bunnies who were all available for adoption. An information booth with giveaways provided the public with additional information on shelter services.

There was a great turnout! During this event, 4 dogs and 3 cats were adopted into their fur-ever homes.

OC Animal Care has a continued partnership with the Petco in Orange through their Cattery. Since the Cattery began in October 2016, over 100 cats/kittens have been adopted.

The shelter is looking forward to their continued work with the Petco in Orange to help more animals get adopted.

Happy faces for this kitten and his new family!

Dog Finds His Family Through Shelter’s Take Me Home Program!

Congrats to this guy who was adopted at our Petco event!

The citizen who helped Helo by calling Animal Control.

Click Here to learn more about the importance of licensing and microchipping your pet!
Hundreds of shelter pets found their forever homes this summer at OC Animal Care. The shelter began their summer Lovin’ promotion during the month of July. 

There was a special reduced adoption fee for this event’s ‘Pittie Paw-ty,’ which resulted in 42 pit bull like and pit bull like mixes getting adopted. 

OC Animal Care also had their “Get Meow-tta Here” promotion during the month of July, offering $17 cat/kitten adoptions to community members looking for a feline friend.

July alone resulted in 297 cats finding homes; but it didn’t stop there! Chairwoman Michelle Steel partnered with OC Animal Care, and with her help, the shelter was able to continue this wonderful event throughout the entire month of August.

With the support from her office, an additional 285 cats found families and the unconditional love they were searching for. OC Animal Care is grateful for Chairwoman Michelle Steel, without whom they would not have been able to continue their “Get Meow-tta Here” promotion.

In total for the months of July and August, 582 cats were adopted and found the happiness they have been waiting for.

All Time Low Rocks Out with Shelter Dogs!

In early July, the American rock band All Time Low had a blast hanging out with shelter dogs Simba and Guillermo! All Time Low has millions of followers across numerous social media platforms, and is known for their pop punk melodies.

Simba, the pitbull mix, and Guillermo, the chihuahua mix, were given special backstage passes to hang out with the band before the show. They rocked out during their mic check and had a great time hanging out with the crew.

Lead vocalist, Alex Gaskarth, along with other members of the band and crew welcomed Simba and Guillermo with open arms. The two dogs enjoyed getting endless amounts of backscratches and affection.

Members of the band and crew used their large following to spread the word on how these two needed loving homes. On Gaskarth’s Instagram alone, they generated 47,412 likes and hundreds of comments supporting their journey to adoption.

Simba and Guillermo were both adopted and found the fur-ever homes they had been waiting for.

OC Animal Care cannot thank All Time Low enough for their kindness and support.
**Animal Control Officers to the Rescue!**

On an early September morning, OC Animal Care’s Animal Control Officers helped a concerned citizen who pulled into the shelter parking lot.

They contacted our Customer Service Dept. who reached out to Sgt. Su and Officer Davis to help with what was thought to be a snake in her car.

Sgt. Su took a look under the car and found that what the citizen had observed was really the tail of an opossum, which does resemble a snake.

Working together as a team, Sgt. Su and ACO Davis positioned themselves directly in front of and behind the tire. They were able to capture the frightened opossum and later released it out to a safe location.

**Thanks Sgt. Su and ACO Davis for your hard work!**

**Ask OC Animal Care**

**How can I help my pet in times of a disaster?**

- Get a rescue alert sticker for your door/window.
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!**
- Arrange a safe haven for your pets in the event of evacuation. If it’s not safe for you it’s not safe for your pets.
- Create a disaster kit for your pet that includes supplies they will need.

- Make sure your pets are microchipped and that all the information is current.

**Click Here** to learn the basics on preparing your furry friends in the event of an emergency.

**Upcoming Events**

Checkout these awesome events we have coming up over the next few months! Visit www.ocpetinfo.com for more info!

- **So Much Left to Give** - November 4
- **Low-Cost Vaccine & Microchip Clinic** - November 7, December 5
- **Low-Cost Pet Wellness Clinic** - November 5, December 3
- **Paws on the Walk at Anaheim Garden Walk** - November 18
- **Home for the Holidays Irvine Animal Care Center** - December 10
- **Santa Photos** - December 2, 9, 16, & 23
- **Pawliday Adoption Event** - December 23

**Adoption Numbers**

From July 1st, 2017 to September 30th, 2017:

- 1,926 Adoptions (861 Cats, 1,015 Dogs, 50 Rabbits)
- 741 Returned to Owner
- 448 Transfer to Rescue/Vet/Shelter
- 401 TNR Releases

*Numbers do not include exotics or wildlife releases

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