



# FAITHFUL friends



SPRING 2017

## PETSPACE PARTNERSHIP

The Anneberg PetSpace opened on June 24, 2017 in the Los Angeles community of Playa Vista. It is dedicated to the celebration and study of the relationship between people and their pets, and the importance of the human-animal bond. PetSpace is the latest extension of Wallis Annenberg's philanthropic work, which has long supported organizations and projects dedicated to improving the well-being of people and communities in Los Angeles, surrounding regions and throughout the world.

The PetSpace is a state-of-the-art home for advanced animal learning systems, and a peaceful and serene setting for animals awaiting their forever homes



*A kitten gets some TLC in the medical suite.*

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control is honored to be in partnership with PetSpace. Through this partnership, we are able to offer services to a greater area of the County. Animals at Petspace are brought there from the Department's Downey, Carson/Gardena, and Baldwin Park animal care centers.

While at PetSpace, animals are spayed/neutered and provided with daily activity. An in-house veterinarian and animal care staff monitor the health of its residents. The rescued animals will be given behavioral, medical, and physical therapies they need in order to prepare them to be adopted into their forever homes.

"They are really, literally, a life-saving resource for us," said Allison Cardona, deputy director of the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control. "Animals that are older, have arthritis, are injured, or can benefit from a higher level of care that we can't provide are prime candidates to be taken from County care centers and placed at PetSpace, where a wide array of services and medical treatments are available. These include aqua therapy, socialization training, dental care, surgical options, and more. They all help to rehabilitate animals, increasing their chances of adoption. They are able to take animals that wouldn't have a second chance," Cardona said of the new PetSpace.

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## CATS GET TO SPREAD THEIR WINGS



*Cats now have more opportunities for exercise and reduced stress*

Thanks to a generous grant from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation, the Department has been able to add portals between adjoining cat cages so our cats can have double the space they had before. This allows them to have a completely separate compartment for their litter box, away from their food and resting areas. The Department has noticed a significant decrease in illness, as the reduced stress from having more room has had positive effects on the cats' health. The portals can be shut, so a cat can be confined on one side of its "condo" and cleaning doesn't require removing a cat from its cage (increasing stress and the possibility of transmitting germs). Staff and volunteers report much happier and less stressed cats, which contributes to a faster adoption rate for our furry feline friends!



The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) charitable foundation that supports the animals served by the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control. The Animal Care Foundation provides help to more than 60,000 animals each year. Through the leadership of a volunteer Board of Directors, money raised by the Animal Care Foundation is used in many ways to enhance the care and increase the adoption of unwanted animals.

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# RESCUE ON THE 605



*A grateful owner and his relieved dogs are reunited.*

On March 16, 2018 at about 11:45 A.M., officer Armando Ferrufino was driving on the 605 Freeway when he saw two dogs running in between lanes of moving traffic. Officer Ferrufino obtained the assistance of the California Highway Patrol to slow traffic and began attempting to call the dogs to him.

The dogs appeared scared and confused as motorist tried to avoid hitting them. Officer Ferrufino was able to get close to one of the dogs and slowly knelt down, with his arms open wide and called the dog to him. The male, white and brown, pit bull began to slowly walk (shaking) towards him, looking for safety. Officer Ferrufino immediately took him into his arms and secured the dog in his vehicle. With the assistance of another motorist he was able to pick up the second dog, a male black and white Siberian Husky. Both dogs were rescued with no injuries and transported to the Downey Animal Care Center.

Both dogs had microchips and the ACC immediately identified their owner. He was grateful that Officer Ferrufino was able to rescue his dogs off of the 605 freeway, and to have them back home safely.

## PETSPACE continued...

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A visit to PetSpace promises to be a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable experience. With the goal of pet adoption, 40 adoptable dogs and cats are available for adoption. These animals are housed in their own adoption suites featuring state-of-the-art interactive digital displays called PetBooks. With just a touch, the PetBooks provide visitors with the answers to questions about each animal and they will learn what's needed to care for them and how much it will cost over a year's time.



*Grooming demonstrations are provided to the public.*

DACC Director, Marcia Mayeda says, "We are so grateful for the amazing partnership we have developed with the Annenberg Foundation! Wallis Annenberg's vision has transformed the animal shelter experience, and the PetSpace facility is a model to celebrate the human/animal bond. I know that there will be many happy people with new family members thanks to the adoption program at PetSpace, and look forward to many years of working together to bringing people and animals together in compassion."

Learn more about the Annenberg PetSpace by visiting <https://www.annenbergpetspace.org/>

# A GOLDEN HOME FOR HIS GOLDEN YEARS

Orville was 8-years-old when he was found on the streets of Hawaiian Gardens. He didn't look like the average pit bull. He was emaciated, covered with fleas and was having difficulty walking. Department officers checked him for a microchip to identify his owner, but there was none. He needed medical care, nutrition and a safe place to rest.

Over several weeks' time, Orville began to get his strength back. He was introduced to playgroups and was found to have good social skills with both people and other dogs. He was neutered and micro-chipped in anticipation of possible adoption in the near future. Meanwhile, he had stolen the hearts of the staff at the Downey Animal Care Center.

Once his rehabilitation was complete, Orville was selected to be part of a very special adoption event. DACC was invited by Susie's Senior Dogs, a local rescue, to participate in an event that offered only senior dogs for adoption.

Many people who seek to adopt a pet look at the young, cute dogs and cats without paying any attention to the older animals. This is a common mistake because older animals have so much to offer a family. They don't have to be potty-trained and they are not destructive. They are more mature, have an easygoing attitude, making them easier to introduce into new homes.

The senior dog event was held on November 4th, 2017 in Cheviot Hills. Even though Orville was a favorite at the Downey care center, he had not been adopted, perhaps due to his age. There was television coverage of the event and Orville was featured on a live segment on KTLA 5 the morning of the event. He then spent the afternoon charming visitors at the park. The event was a huge success – 16 adult dogs found their forever homes!

A couple in Nevada, Ariel and Margaret, had seen an announcement about the adoption event on social media. They took a chance and drove from Las Vegas to see if they could find the right dog for them. They were looking for an older dog and fell in love with Orville the minute they saw him. Alison Waszmer, the DACC Behavior and Enrichment Division Manager, spent time with them and answered questions about Orville and other dogs. At the end of the event, Ariel, Margaret and Oliver (Orville's new name) headed home to Las Vegas to start their lives together.



*Oliver is loving life in Nevada, going on hikes and being spoiled by his new family.*

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## DOWNEY ACC GETS THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

In order to make some of their longer-stay animals more noticeable to potential adopters, the Downey ACC staff and volunteers prepared gift bags for adopters of these dogs, and many found new homes for the holidays!

# FIRE HEROES



Every year, the State of California falls victim to devastating fires. As 2017 came to a close, three fires overwhelmed the State once again. The Thomas, Creek, and Rye fires collectively engulfed and destroyed over 250,000 square miles, leaving burned, black hillsides in its wake.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) contributed greatly to animal and public safety during and after the fires' devastation. The Los Angeles County Equine Response Team (ERT) was also activated to support DACC field response and sheltering efforts. Twelve horses were saved during the Creek Fire in Sylmar by DACC officers, in addition to many treasured pets that attempted to escape the fire. Housing was provided for many of these pets at DACC's Downey, Castaic, and Agoura Animal Care Centers. Horses and other large animals and livestock were taken to Pierce College and the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. Sadly, some of these animals had severe burns and were under intensive veterinary treatment for burns, smoke inhalation, dehydration and stress. The Department and Foundation are grateful for the extraordinary efforts made by equine veterinarian Dr. David Ramey to treat these victims.

Additionally, AnimalSafe trailers were deployed to the Sylmar Recreation Center with the American Red Cross. These specialized trailers house up to 120 dogs/cats and are temperature controlled. This allows for the pets to be in close proximity to their owners who were being sheltered by the American Red Cross. These trailers were used again the following month, when rain caused massive flooding and mud slides in the vulnerable fire areas.

The Foundation's Noah's Legacy fund was established to assist people and their pets in emergency situations. To date, over \$100,000 has been donated to provide funding and resources for disaster relief, and specifically these three devastating fires. With these funds, the Foundation will purchase four new livestock trailers so more animals can be evacuated more quickly, and will sponsor several staff and volunteer emergency response trainings so more people are prepared to assist during these disasters. If you are interested in becoming an emergency assistance volunteer, please contact [ERT@animalcare.lacounty.gov](mailto:ERT@animalcare.lacounty.gov).

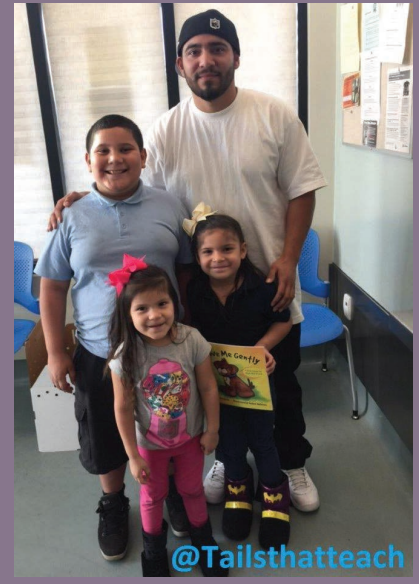
If you would like to help and learn more about Noah's Legacy, please check the ACF website at <http://lacountyanimals.org>.



*Staff and volunteers worked around the clock to rescue and care for displaced horses.*

# TEACHING COMPASSION

The Department is grateful to author Lisa Wiehebrink and her husband Henry DiCarlo for donating copies of Lisa's book, "Love Me Gently" for DACC to distribute to all adopters with children. "Love Me Gently" helps children ages three and up discover the meaning of unconditional love, compassion, and kindness toward animals, specifically dogs. It is essentially a kid's guide to man's best friend that captures common, real-life challenges a young boy has with his newly adopted puppy. Each dilemma is a learning opportunity that is met with a solution that "makes them both happy," a recurring and charming theme throughout the book. Simple lessons include allowing the dog to eat uninterrupted, patience in training, gentle handling, and safety around the house for both child and dog. Young readers are empowered and encouraged to make good choices as they learn the responsibilities of caring for a pet.



*Families with their books donated by Lisa Wiehebrink*

The books are available in English and Spanish. Educating young children is important so they interact safely and humanely with the family dog. Thanks to Lisa's book, these lessons are explained to ensure successful and lifelong adoptions!

## PREVENTING LOST HORSES DURING DISASTERS

On March 3, 2018 the Los Angeles Animal Care Foundation's Noah's Legacy fund sponsored a microchip clinic for horses at the Barrel Springs Arena in Palmdale. The Department worked closely with the Equestrian Trails International (ETI) Corral 138 Barrel Springs Riders - Antelope Valley. Dr. David Ramey spent four hours microchipping approximately 60 horses. The microchips will be invaluable aids during emergency evacuations, so the horses can be identified and reunited with their owners. There was no charge to the horse owners, except for the \$15 registration fee they will pay the microchip company to register their horses. DACC and the Foundation encourage all pet owners to microchip their animals so they can be reunited if they become separated.



*Microchips can ensure horses will be reunited with their owners after evacuations.*



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## RESCUED RED TAILED HAWK RETURNED TO THE WILD

During a search by Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) officers in July, 2017, a Red Tail Hawk was discovered in the backyard of a residential property. The hawk was being kept in a small, wire cage with one perch. There was no food. There was no water. The bottom and sides of the cage were caked with feces and feathers, and dust was being blown into the cage by an adjacent exhaust fan.

The officers noted that the hawk was significantly underweight and that her breast bone was protruding through a patch of feathers on her chest. Her beak looked as though it was broken. She quietly and curiously watched the officers' every move. She had been in the cage for approximately 6 months and was very ill due to neglect and complete lack of sustenance.

The DACC officers called upon partners from the California Wildlife Center (CWC) for assistance in assessing the bird's condition and ensuring she would get the care she needed. The CWC veterinarian determined that the hawk would need the care of a wildlife specialist, so the hawk was transported to CWC in Malibu.

During the initial observation of the bird, Dr. Duane Tom, DVM determined that she was significantly underweight, at 810 grams, her wings were atrophied (the muscles had shrunk from lack of use) and she continued to molt, or shed her feathers, due to the stress of her condition. The hawk was too weak to undergo a complete routine exam, so she spent 3 ½ months in the care of Dr. Tom and his staff. She was kept indoors and cared for until she could regain her strength.

Once she had regained her strength, she was transferred to an outdoor area where she could flap her wings again and continue to build her muscle strength by flying on a creance (a cord attached to the bird so that it can fly but not get away) in a local park. Her examination showed that her beak had not been broken but intentionally filed down so that she could not bite. Thankfully, her beak was now healing well.

Although her rehabilitation was a slow but steady process, she continued to gain weight and her final test, which would determine whether or not she ready to be released, was the ability to hunt and capture her own food. Approximately 130 days into her recovery, she did exactly that. She caught and ate a mouse that had been released into the enclosure. She was finally ready to be released back into the wild.

So, on November 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., weighing in at a stunning, fully-feathered 1100 grams, the Red Tail "Lady Hawk" was released at King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas. It was an emotional moment for those who had spent many hours tending to her rehabilitation and who had grown very fond of her. There was a collective gasp as she took flight, climbing high over the trees and circling once over the heads of the CWC staff and the animal control officers who had saved her life. She appeared to be expressing a final thank you before she disappeared into the sky.

Note: Hawks are very common in the rural areas of Los Angeles County. They are a protected species and illegal to have as a pet; hawks would be dangerous in a residential setting and could cause significant injury to persons and their pets. Only licensed falconers may possess these birds with proper skills and licensing.