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## PAWSITIVE STEPS ACADEMY

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The girls are taught a variety of positive attributes such as selflessness, patience, and reliability that will bode well for them upon their exit from juvenile camp. The kittens receive personal attention, nurturing, and ultimately a loving home. The program is a win-win for all involved.

*Chief Deputy Probation Officer  
Sheila Mitchell*



Pawsitive Steps Academy recognizes the importance of the human-animal bond and its positive effects on the emotional well-being of adolescents. While the girls receive wrap-around services such as mental health counseling, school programs, and much more, the kittens provide an extra level of comfort and responsibility. Many of the girls at Camp Scott have experienced trauma and some form of abuse; the kittens bring therapeutic benefits, allowing them to heal and to learn to comfort themselves. The girls work closely with Animal Care and Control facilitators and are responsible for monitoring the health of the kittens, reporting on their progress, and helping to find them homes. At the end of the eight-week program, the girls receive a certificate and participate in a graduation ceremony, which they help plan and host. The girls write poems and stories cataloging their experiences, describing how the program

In September 2018, Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control launched Pawsitive Steps Academy, an innovative foster program developed in partnership with the Probation Department and Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, and Health Services. **The first of its kind, the program pairs underage kittens in need of temporary care with juvenile girls at Camp Scott probation camp in Santa Clarita.** As part of an eight-week program, the girls learn animal care, behavior, and animal medical care while taking care of the kittens on site. In addition to animal care the program teaches them valuable leadership skills, teamwork, problem solving, and gives them an opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings through creative writing.

## LITTER BOX AVOIDANCE



One of the most commonly presented behavior concerns in cats is litterbox avoidance. Litterbox avoidance is defined

as when a cat urinates or defecates inappropriately outside of the litterbox. Most often this is seen as sudden behavior change in cats who have previously been reliable with their litterbox use. However, at times it is also seen in younger cats.

As with all sudden changes in behavior, if your cat stops reliably using his or her litterbox out of the blue a veterinary appointment is in order. Medical conditions such as urinary tract infections or some metabolic diseases may make your cat feel as if he or she needs to eliminate more urgently, thus making it difficult to make it to the litterbox in time. Once seen by a veterinarian, and if no medical cause is found, the next step is to start looking at environmental and behavioral causes.

With litterbox use problems, there is frequently an event that can be tied to the start of the behavior change. Looking back at the history, a major life change is often noted just prior to the start of the new behavior. Some examples include moving to a new home, a new baby, or the addition of another pet to the family. Sometimes the trigger is less obvious and may simply be a new stray cat in the neighborhood. Identifying the event that caused the change in behavior is useful information to have when trying to find a solution the inappropriate elimination, but it is not always necessary.

When determining a plan to resolve litterbox avoidance issues, the first step is to determine the motivation for not using the litterbox. The three

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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 70,000 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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helps them to cope with being at camp, and work through challenging feelings. After graduation, the girls serve as mentors to the next cohort of participants, training them to take on the tasks and care of the kittens.

**The goal of the program is two-fold, to provide an outlet for at-risk kittens brought into shelters and to provide comfort and skills to girls in probation camps.** The ultimate goal is to create educational and career opportunities for the girls once they leave camp. Many of the girls have expressed interest in pursuing jobs at Animal Care and Control and keep in touch with the department representatives. The program is incredibly heartwarming and rewarding for all involved. Probation staff remark that the girls are calmer, more engaged, and they express that they enjoy having the kittens in their workspace. Animal Care and Control staff and volunteers involved in the program express deep gratitude at witnessing the girls interact with the kittens and blossom into collaborative team members and leaders. In addition to being a unique program, Pawsitive Steps Academy highlights the power of collaboration within government; five county agencies worked tirelessly to develop and implement it.

In the short time since the program launched it has already received recognition at the national level. Maddie's Fund and Petsmart Charities awarded grant funding to cover medical care, supplies, and transportation. The program was selected as a speaker session at the 2019 Association for Animal Welfare Advancement Management Conference and Pawsitive Steps Academy is a wildcard contender for a 2019 Petco Foundation Innovation Showdown Grant. **The long-term goal is to expand the program to other probation camps and to serve as a model for other communities.**

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We are so excited about our partnership with the Probation Department. Pawsitive Steps Academy saves the lives of vulnerable kittens while teaching valuable skills to young women, in an educational and supportive environment. The opportunities for expansion and replication of its success are tremendous, and we look forward to seeing this program flourish.

*Animal Care and Control Director  
Marcia Mayeda*

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The Pawsitive Steps Academy demonstrates the good that can be accomplished when agencies collaborate with a goal to help those in need. It not only provides supportive care to kittens, so they can be adopted, but also gives valuable skills and knowledge to young women improving their lives within the probation setting and afterwards. We look forward to seeing continued success helping youth and kittens as it expands to other sites.

*Environmental Health Interim Director  
Brenda J. Lopez*



**SPECIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT**

The Woolsey Fire required an unprecedented response from DACC. DACC was the lead agency in rescuing and caring for 800 displaced animals. DACC also had to evacuate the Agoura Animal Care Center due to threat from the fires (all animals were safely relocated and the ACC was not damaged).

The Foundation's Noah's Legacy fund, established to provide financial assistance for the rescue and care of animals during emergencies, received many generous donations. The Foundation will be purchasing a mobile medical response vehicle to provide first aid in the field, and has purchased three additional livestock trailers for rescues.



*Officers Wilbur Romero and Armando Ferrusino lead horses out of harm's way.*



*Officer Martinez was one of many who responded to fire stricken areas.*



*This woman lost her entire home and its contents, but was overjoyed when she was reunited with her dog at our Castaic ACC.*

The Woolsey Fire was the most devastating and damaging fire in the history of Los Angeles County. DACC and the Foundation are grateful to the mutual aid agencies that supported DACC's efforts, our wonderful volunteers, and the generous donors who provided donations of money, food, and supplies to help the animals and their families get through this terrible situation. It is rewarding when communities come together to help, and DACC and the Foundation will continue to be here for the animals!



*Officer Jasmine Lampkin cares for a displaced cat in DACC's Ani-Safe trailer.*



*Medical teams performing emergency treatments.*



*Officers providing care to animals left behind.*

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# PROTECTING ANIMALS & ENFORCING THE LAW

**CASE #1:** Officers from DACC’s Lancaster Animal Care Center impounded 13 extremely ill Chihuahuas. The dogs were emaciated and sickly from living in severe hoarding conditions.

The DACC officers were alerted to the hoarding by the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department. The homeowner was arrested by sheriffs for threatening a water district employee with bodily harm for shutting off his water due to non-payment. He was also found to have illegal firearms in his possession.

All dogs were seized by authorities. The Chihuahuas were taken to the Lancaster ACC where they were brought back to health. All were adopted — including puppies that were born at the care center!



The offender pled to one felony count of criminal threat, three counts of felony possession of firearms and three counts of felony animal cruelty. He was convicted and sent to state prison for seven years.

**CASE #2:** Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control officers responded to a call regarding underweight livestock. Dalton Celais of the Val Verde area of Los Angeles County was arrested due to the malnourished condition of three horses and a cow on his property.

The defendant pled to one count of felony animal cruelty and one count of misdemeanor animal cruelty. He has been ordered to complete 24 hours in animal neglect classes, 30 days of community service, and he will be sentenced to three years of summary probation. During this period of time, officers may inspect his premises without a search warrant. If he does not complete the classes and community service he will be sentenced to three years of formal probation. In addition, the defendant may not care for or possess animals for ten years and must pay restitution.

The animals, which were seized by DACC, were nursed back to health and all adopted.

**CASE #3:** A man in the inland empire was found by DACC officers to be hoarding animals. Several of the animals died and some were so ill that they were humanely euthanized. The remainder of animals were seized and he was remanded to a state mental hospital for more than a year.

When he was in the hospital, doctors determined that he had a heart valve condition that would have killed him had he not been placed in the hospital. He subsequently had open heart surgery that saved his life.

He pled to the charges against him and is ordered to attend 24 animal neglect classes, report regularly to an assigned probation officer, continue treatment with a mental health professional, and he may no longer care for or possess animals for the next ten years. Additionally, he must pay restitution and is subject to search and seizure without a search warrant for the term of his probation.

# DREAMS COME TRUE

The “Dreams Come True” program provides financial support for special surgeries, procedures, and medications for animals in our care. It is funded by the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation and saves the lives of pets whose medical illnesses or injuries are too extensive and too costly to treat through the normal course of DACC veterinary services. For more information, visit the ACF website at [lacountyanimals.org](http://lacountyanimals.org).

## Josie

A beautiful yellow Labrador Retriever was brought into the Castaic Animal Care Center (ACC) with a badly broken leg. Josie had been hit by a car on the freeway. Only 10 months old and very scared, she was lucky that passerby Jon Duncan rescued her and took her where he knew she would be helped.

DACC’s own Dr. Bijula Yusin examined Josie and diagnosed her with a coxofemoral luxation of her right leg, adding that femoral head osteotomy surgery would be required. In simpler terms, it is the removal of the “ball” part of the ball-and-socket that makes the hip joint.

Josie’s owner was located but he was unable to pay for the surgery she needed and surrendered her to the ACC. Dr. Yusin believed Josie would be a good candidate for the ‘Dreams Come True’ program.

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Even though Josie spent several weeks with a collar around her neck she did not let it get her down, and happily mugged for the cameras. Josie, you are adorable!

Meanwhile, Jon Duncan had inquired about Josie and stated that he would like to adopt her and give her the follow-up care she would need after the surgery. Once she stabilized, Jon took Josie home to continue her rehabilitation and to welcome her to her forever home. He keeps in contact with the Castaic ACC team and continues to be grateful for the care they gave her.

# GROOMING GIVES HOPE

Lucy and Woofie are two lucky dogs! When they arrived at DACC’s Downey Animal Care Center, they weren’t looking their best. In fact, they were so desperately in need of baths and haircuts that they were immediately chosen to be recipients of the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation’s Grooming Gives Hope program.

The Grooming Gives Hope (GGH) program provides grooming for pets at our animal care centers who have arrived with overgrown, matted, and dirty fur. Grooming greatly increases their comfort by relieving the pain that matted fur can cause. It also can reveal underlying medical concerns and gives them critical TLC to help their true personality’s blossom. Not only does it make them happy and more visually attractive, it also increases their chances of being adopted.

Lucy, a 6-year-old Terrier and Woofie, a 2-year-old Maltese were adopted within days of their grooming to their forever homes. Lucky, indeed!

Before  
After  
Lucy



Before  
After



Before  
After



Before  
After  
Woofie

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

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Pearl Burbee – in honor of Cubby  
Victoria Burtrum – in honor of Uncle Bill & Nina Jeffers and Girlie  
Victoria Burtrum – in honor of Penny Heffernan  
Jean Caprio – in honor of Savannah  
Ian Cardoni – in honor of Carol Cardoni  
Constance Carson – in honor of Gordon & Sadie McCallie  
Constance Carson – in honor of Lucy & Lola Baule  
Pauline Cassel – in honor of Suzanne Cassel & Fayyaz Sutterwala  
Leticia Cedeno – in memory of Lea Ambriz  
Elizabeth Chambers – in honor of Chrissy & Randy Bucklin  
Elizabeth Chambers – in honor of Hillary & Roger Adams  
Elizabeth Chambers – in honor of Larry & Sara Grace  
Ashleigh Charms – in honor of Benny Poochon Sun  
Josa Chao – in honor of Tiger & Teddy Bear  
Casey Chung – in honor of Cooper  
Katie Cleek – in honor of Kat Barrell & Earpers  
Sandra Colby – in honor of Jones Family  
Heather Conklin – in honor of Carol LaCorte  
Jeanette Conolly – in honor of Phyllis Conolly  
Barbara Conness – in honor of Keith Conness  
Jill Cook – in honor of Boscoe  
Margaret Cortez – in honor of Puppie  
Manuel Paul Cota – in honor of Rufus & Nelson  
Robyn Cottier – in honor of Porter Valley Country Club  
Catherine Cross – in honor of Ryan, Morgan & Courtney  
Anabelle Crusan – in memory of Lucius Pupius Magnus  
Robert Dalrymple – in honor of Donut & Molly  
Julie Cummings – in honor of Tanja Lynch  
Kristin Dahl – in honor of Nikki Baker  
Robert Dalrymple – in honor of Lawrence  
Luanna Leah Daniel – in honor of Noah Daniel  
Paul DaSilva – in honor of Andy Marchewka’s Birthday  
Casper Daugaard – in honor of Sacha Radford  
Alicia Davis – in honor of Patricia Bojakowski & Scott Davis  
Erin Dean – in honor of Bergen Bags  
Glenn DeCola – in honor of Jon Jenkins  
Olivia Delgado – in honor of Sonia Freeman  
Catherine Desgagnes – in honor of Lee-Ann Carriere’s Birthday  
Patricia Dillon – in honor of Dana  
Stacy Diminture – in honor of Crystal Clarke  
Jayme Dolan – in honor of Mya  
Janie Dols – in honor of Bricey  
Michele Donay – in honor of Duke  
Diane Donnelly – in honor of Charley Basset  
Laura Donnelly – in honor of John Donnelly  
Barbara Dowda – in honor of Stacey Snow  
Serena Duff – in honor of Bill Koenigsberg  
Kathryn Dugovich – in honor of Fergie  
Douglas Dyer – in honor of Joe & Diane Gallagher  
Kristin Dymek – in honor of Katie Norris  
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Machelle Edmiston – in honor of Milo  
Suzanne Edstrom – in honor of Kal  
Von Edwards – in honor of Ricky Martinez  
Robin Elie – in honor of Lexi & Roxie Hunter  
Barry Ellis – in honor of Carole Cassoff  
Harolyn Erickson – in honor of Robyn Ludwin  
Martha Espinosa – in honor of Shadow  
Esther Estrada – in honor of Brandie  
Robert Esworthy – in honor of Bob & Anna Esworthy  
Robert & Anna Esworthy – in honor of Steve Esworthy & Family  
Sean Everett – in honor of Booker Dean  
Elisa Ezor – in honor of Maverick & Sophie Cameron  
Grant Fehr – in honor of Gracie  
Maria & Adalberto Fernandez – in honor of Charlie  
Allyn Field – in honor of Sarah Field & Zoey  
Natalie Fleming – in honor of Woody  
John Foden – in honor of Dixie & Brit  
Derek Forbes – in honor of Shannon Forbes  
Lucy Ford – in honor of Cal Wiggin  
Gregg Forman – in honor of Vicki Foreman  
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Timothy Free – in honor of David Free  
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Fumiko Fukuzawa – in honor of Hanako IV  
Shane Gagnon – in honor of Brandi Gagnon  
Randall Galmish – in honor of Paisley  
Vincent Gannuscio – in honor of Zaida Duran  
Susan Garvey – in honor of Quinn  
Cathleen Gehrke – in honor of Maggie Corrigan  
Lisa Getson – in honor of Deke the Westie  
Joanie & Tom Getz – in honor of Bubbles & Roomer Rosenberg  
Jilliane Gilbert – in honor of Coco Ibraheim  
Laurel Goins – in honor of Dr. Chuck Crawford  
Shahna Gonerame – in honor of Jane Bos  
Kelly Gore – in honor of June Kelly  
Sharon Greaves – in honor of August Terjeson  
Melissa Gregory – in honor of Terry & Margaret Jenkins  
North Griffith – in honor of Anna McCourt  
Ige Gustavson – in honor of Tammy Gustavson’s Birthday  
Kelly Hach – in honor of Frankie Miller  
Marnie Harper – in honor of Lori & Rhea Burroughs  
Sabrina Harper – in honor of Isi Chicken Pablo  
Eri Hashimoto – in honor of Nico  
Westley & Patricia Haskell – in honor of Tom Webb Family for Equine Rescue  
Kari McMullin – in honor of Rabbi Suzanne Singer’s Birthday  
Whitney Hicks – in memory of Chloe  
T. Daniel Hofstedt – in honor of Laura Garrison’s 2. Labs  
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Kim Holland – in honor of Lynn Mortimer  
Angelica Hopkins – in honor of Scott  
Justin Hovinen – in honor of Tom Webb Family for Equine Rescue  
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Carol Hubbard – in honor of Linda Heidkamp  
Bettina Hubby – in honor of Bellmer  
Maryann Huetinck – in honor of Crystal  
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Kathleen Loftman – in honor of Patricia Hedges  
Theresa Loo – in honor of Stoli  
Stefanie Lu – in honor of Mitch Woolley & Momo  
Vivian Luu – in honor of Cotton Ball  
Jill Macdlem – in honor of Deke the Westie  
Mary Jo Maichack – in honor of Dianne & Pete Barker-Danckert  
Lara Mainella – in honor of the Svendsen Family  
Pam Majidy – in honor of Naachos, Nestle & Monkey  
Kristine Marcey – in honor of Kris  
Kay Mason – in honor of Dana Hopper  
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Robyn Rulios – in honor of Benji  
Gita Runkie – in honor of Sarah Lekosky  
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Tracy Ahr – in honor of Sierra  
Julie Allen – in honor of Brigitte Acosta  
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Jill Anderson – in honor of Celia Kechan  
Tara Ashmore – in honor of Hacker  
Cheryl Auger – in honor of Marilyn Guevara Ehbrecht

Stephen Augustine – in honor of Beau  
Maria Bailey – in honor of Andy’s Birthday  
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Macrina Barba – in honor of Bailey  
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# 2019 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

## DIANE KIRBY

On a visit to the Lancaster Animal Care Center (ACC) on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning, you might happen upon a blonde-haired woman with a warm and inviting laugh. No doubt she'll be assisting in the clinic surgery suite while helping a dog wake up from an anesthetic haze, cleaning a kennel, or even prepping medicine for a veterinary technician. Woven between her clinic duties is a tapestry of foster support, new volunteer guidance, mentorship, and teambuilding.

Her name is Diane Kirby. She is a rock at the Lancaster ACC and we are so very thankful and proud that she has been selected 2019 DACC Volunteer of the Year! Diane has given nearly nine years of her time (more than 13,000 hours) helping the Lancaster animals. As Foster Lead, she opened her own home and heart to 154 foster animals in 2018 alone!



*Diane Kirby*

She is always the first to arrive at events in the morning and the last to head home when the day is done. She sets up kennels faster than a magician, is able to calm a nervous cat who is over-stimulated by the noise at an event, and provides excellent customer service. We will always be grateful for all she does for the staff, volunteers, animals, and the community.

## TOM WEBB

Tom Webb has been a volunteer with DACC's Equine Response Team since early 2000. He has shown dedication to the team with his commitment to be active in the equestrian communities. He has participated in multiple DACC emergency responses, including the Creek and Woolsey Fires.

Tom, who became a horse lover as a toddler, was assisting DACC and the growing number of large animals arriving at Pierce College Equestrian Center when he needed to tend to his own family, animals, and home. Tom and his wife own and care for four to six horses at any given time at their small ranch. He unfortunately lost his workshop with many belongings on his property, while 17 homes in his community were destroyed.

Tom has been chosen for this recognition because of his many qualities including: accountability,



*Tom and a friend*

can-do attitude, compassion, customer service, integrity, leadership, professionalism, respect for diversity, responsibility, commitment to service, hours of service, and care for the animals. His love of equines and experience in caring for and training them has made him a tremendous asset to the Equine Response Team and the recipient of the 2019 Volunteer of the Year award.

## LITTER BOX AVOIDANCE continued ...

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primary motivations we see are substrate (type of cat litter) preference, location preference, and unclean/overused litterbox. The easiest to resolve is the unclean or overused litterbox. If this is the cause, ensuring the litterbox is scooped and washed more frequently should resolve the issue. In multi-cat households, adding additional litterboxes may be helpful. The general recommendation is one litterbox per cat, plus one extra.

If adding litterboxes or cleaning more often does not resolve the issue, the next step would be to determine if the concern is a substrate preference. Many cats will use the same litter for their entire life with no problem, or even switch fluidly between various litters — some cats are more finicky. To determine if the problem is the substrate, you will want to do a preference test by providing the cat with multiple litter boxes with different types of litter. Clumping, non-clumping, unscented, corn, or processed newspaper are a few options. Line the litter boxes up in one location and let the cat investigate. Note which litter box they opt to use first. This would indicate the type and brand of litter your cat would prefer. Begin using this litter in their normal litterbox.

If your cat seems to not care about different litter types, but is still eliminating in a different location, try placing a litter box in that spot. If the cat uses the box in that location, then it can be considered a location preference. If it is not convenient to have a litterbox in that location you can try to very slowly inch by inch move the litterbox to a different spot, preferably within the same room.

If after all of these steps, your cat is still not using the litterbox, it is time for a visit to a veterinary behaviorist. A trip to the veterinarian behaviorist can help you identify if there are stressors impacting your cat's litterbox uses.

**Litterbox issues can be hard to live with! Following these steps can help make both you and your cat happier.**

## THE ACF PROVIDES COMFORT AND CARE FOR ANIMALS



**Livestock Trailers.** ACF recently purchased three livestock trailers in which these animals can be transported during a fire, flood, or other emergency.

**Washers & Dryers.** Some of the most valuable equipment at the seven DACC ACCs is equipment that animals and visitors never see. Ensuring that the animals in our care have comfortable, clean beds is imperative to their well-being. The ACF purchased two industrial-sized washers and dryers each for both Downey and Carson ACCs.

**Dishwashers.** Keeping the animals' food and waters sanitized is critical to preventing disease. The Foundation purchased commercial dishwashers for the Carson and Downey ACCs so the animal care teams could properly disinfect and clean the animals' bowls.