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## EMERGENCY CARE FOR ANIMALS



During the devastating Woolsey Fire in 2018, DACC received many injured animals that required emergency treatment. **Burns, smoke inhalation, and other injuries affected the animals.** Due to the great need for medical support, DACC operated a medical triage area and our medical team was kindly supported by volunteer veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians. All animals received the care they needed.

However, operating a field triage was challenging. Medical personnel treated animals under tents but were still exposed to heat, winds, and smoke. Adequate lighting and maintaining sufficient and organized supplies were also a challenge.

**Thanks to the generous support of many donors, the Foundation's Noah's Legacy Fund has provided a solution.** The Noah's Legacy fund exists to support emergency relief efforts provided by DACC. In the past, Noah's Legacy has provided emergency rescue trucks and trailers to evacuate animals, and emergency supplies to support DACC and pet owners who have been displaced.

In this case, the Noah's Legacy Fund has purchased a mobile medical response vehicle that can be dispatched to immediately care for injured or sick animals. This vehicle provides a clean and well-lit environment in which animals can be treated. It is equipped with all necessary medical supplies, oxygen, and anesthesia. A "wet table" allows for the flushing of wounds and other such treatments. When not used for emergencies, the medical response vehicle will be used to respond to large scale animal abuse cases and provide outreach to underserved communities where pets are in need of vaccinations or minor medical attention.

A grant of \$150,000 from The Annenberg Foundation and \$25,000 from VCA Charities have provided revenue to stock the unit with medical supplies and provide funding to hire temporary veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians to operate the unit when in the community.

**The Foundation is thankful to its generous donors for helping us provide necessary medical care to animals in need!**



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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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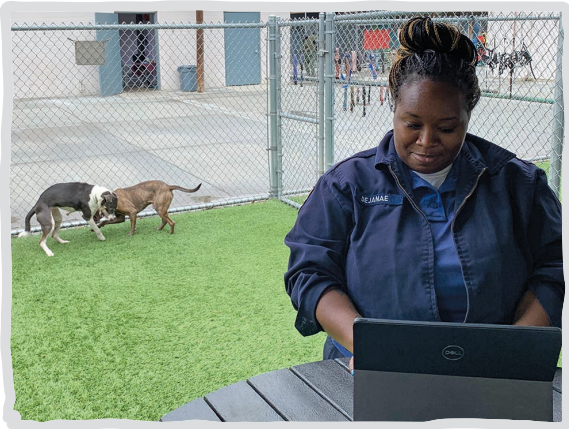
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ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AND ENRICHMENT  
PROGRAM GOES HIGH TECH

The Foundation recently purchased seven Dell computer tablets to allow the animal behavior and enrichment team to enter behavioral assessments in real time during canine playgroups. This efficiency measure will speed up the pathway to adoption. Behavior assessments and play group notes are an essential component of adoption and are often the deciding factor. Until now, the team could only read assessments at a desktop station, which caused a backlog and delay in preparing a dog for adoption.



This enhancement will lead to a shortened length of stay for the dogs in the care centers, as well as increased adoptions. The team will also be able to take photos and videos to post in real-time to promote the dogs. Videos make an important difference when promoting dogs; people love seeing them interact with other dogs and will often adopt based on behavior they’ve seen in play groups.

Bringing these videos to DACC’s social media platforms will bring a whole new level of visibility and awareness for our dogs thanks to your support!

STAY INFORMED ABOUT DACC!

Are you interested in monthly updates about DACC activities? If so, please subscribe to director Marcia Mayeda’s blog. In her blog, Marcia provides regular updates regarding DACC activities and news about current events in animal welfare. You can read past blog posts on the DACC website at [AnimalCare.LACounty.gov/Directors\\_Blog](http://AnimalCare.LACounty.gov/Directors_Blog), and sign up to receive new issues by email.



GROOMING GIVES HOPE  
PLUTO AND GATOR

Pluto and Gator are two dogs that were brought to our Downey animal care center as strays. Pluto is a 12-year-old female Terrier whose fur was overgrown and dirty and Gator is a 1 1/2 year-old male Bichon Frise mix. Gator was also covered by matted fur and showed signs of physical neglect. Both dogs were chosen to benefit from the Grooming Gives Hope program, funded by the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (ACF).

Grooming Gives Hope provides grooming for pets at our animal care centers who have arrived with overgrown, matted, and dirty fur. These conditions of the fur can hide fleas, ticks, and skin conditions that usually are a result of neglect. Grooming greatly increases the dogs comfort and relieves the pain matted fur can cause. It also allows staff to treat any infestations or skin conditions they find. **The overall result is that the animals feel so much better; it makes them more visually appealing and they are much more likely to be adopted!**

Pluto and Gator now live in their ‘forever homes’ and are just another example of how you and the ACF support the quality of life and adoption efforts of all DACC animals.

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## NEW EMERGENCY EVACUATION AREA FOR HORSES

DACC is a first responder to emergencies involving animals. During emergency evacuations from wildfires, mudslides, or other disasters, DACC must provide temporary sheltering and care for evacuated animals. Emergency sites usually include Pierce College in Moorpark, the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center, and the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in Lancaster.

However, each of these locations are difficult to reach for residents of the Santa Clarita area. During wildfires in recent years, both the 5 Freeway and the 14 Freeway were closed due to fire activity. These closures isolate Santa Clarita and its many horses.

To address this need, DACC has established an emergency horse sheltering location at our Castaic Animal Care Center. This location will be able to hold approximately 50 horses. The Foundation has provided funding to install a perimeter fence around the corrals to prevent the accidental escape of horses and to provide for their security. Now, horses belonging to residents in the Santa Clarita area will have a safe and nearby location for emergency sheltering.

**DACC and the Foundation stand ready to assist pet owners with their emergency animal needs, and will continue to advocate for animal safety in our communities.**

## MACY'S HELPS GROOMING GIVES HOPE

Macy's Puente Hills and Cerritos stores recently donated a total of \$7,000 to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation's (ACF) Grooming Gives Hope program. The GGH program provides grooming to animals coming into our care centers. Once matting is removed and their fur is shampooed, technicians are able to see if there are any flea or tick infestations or skin conditions that need to be tended to. The treatment helps the animals feel so much better and with their new appearance, their chances of adoption increase.



## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

The Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of two new members of our Board of Directors.

### Michelle Bisnoff

Michelle Bisnoff is a technology entrepreneur who began her career working at Google and Amazon before striking out on her own to develop and license technology patents for the financial services industry. In 2018, she was appointed to the City of Los Angeles Innovation and Performance Commission, where she currently serves as the City's Innovation Fund Chairperson, a role that annually underwrites several million dollars in technology enhancements throughout City departments. Ms. Bisnoff has served on the Brentwood Community Council since 2011 and is currently serving her second term as Chairperson. She and her husband, Ken, also a technology entrepreneur, have two grown daughters and reside in Brentwood with their rescue dog, Pretzel, a Belgian Malinois who did not pass police dog training and currently enjoys her own comfy leather chair in the Bisnoff living room.



### Blair Dugan

Blair Dugan is a private-practice attorney specializing in family law, wills, trusts and probate. Blair Graduated from CSUN with a B.S. in Business Administration with options in Finance and Marketing, and a Minor in Spanish in 1987. He graduated from Loyola Marymount University with an MBA in 1988 and from Southwestern University School of Law in 1993.

He worked as a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) from 1996 until 2003 and passed the California State Bar Exam in 2004. From 2005 until 2018, Blair worked for The Law Offices of Galindo & Fox, specializing in the areas of family law and wills, trusts and probate. From 2018 to the present he has had his own law office, again specializing in family law and wills, trusts and probate.

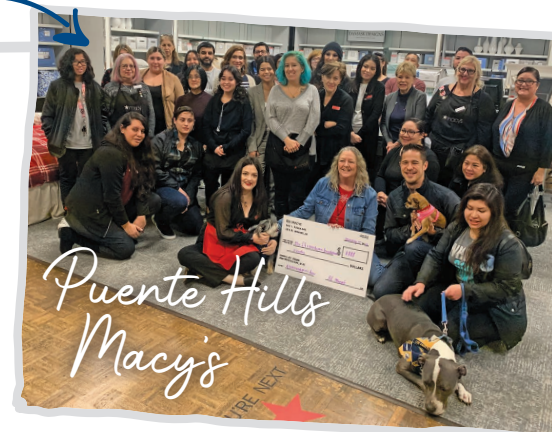
For the last ten years or so, he has been a Level 3 Volunteer with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care (DACC) and Control Equine Response Team (CERT). In his role on the team, he has trailered horses to temporary housing sites and shelters during emergencies such as fires, floods and landslides. Blair has also worked with the seized horses at the Lancaster DACC shelter.

Blair has been an equestrian since the age of ten; over 40 years. He rode and trained hunters and jumpers for first ten years of riding, then got into riding dressage. Since about 1980, he has trained with Olympic dressage rider Hilda Gurney, off and on. He lost his last horse in 2018, but hopes to start riding again in the near future.

Bios of all board members are available on the Foundation's website at [LACountyAnimals.org/About/Meet](https://LACountyAnimals.org/About/Meet). The Foundation board is responsible for the financial oversight and gifting of donations to support the activities of the Department of Animal Care and Control. If you are interested in serving as a board member, please contact Marcia Mayeda at [MMayeda@AnimalCare.LACounty.gov](mailto:MMayeda@AnimalCare.LACounty.gov).

DACC staff with dogs Buddy, Wish, and Hercules, Manager, Christina Whitaker, & staff with \$5,000 check for ACF.

Manager, Rich Leduc, Macy's staff, & DACC 'ambassadors' presenting \$2,000 check to DACC representatives.



**To find out more about the program, visit our website at [LACountyAnimals.org/Services/Grooming-Gives-Hope](https://LACountyAnimals.org/Services/Grooming-Gives-Hope). Be sure to also view the program video on the same page.**

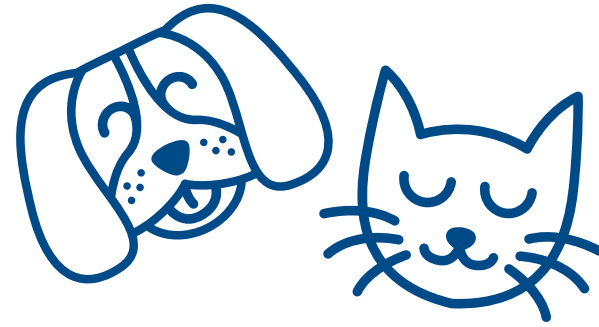




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# THE DACC SPIRIT IS ALWAYS AROUND

Volunteers and staff of the Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) love to celebrate the holidays ... and so do the dogs in our care!

On a crisp mid-December morning in 2019, eighteen volunteers from the Palmdale Animal Care Center escorted eight dogs in the William Pete Knight Christmas Parade. The theme was 'Tis Olde Tyme Christmas' and everyone dressed the part.

The crowd was excited to see our vehicles and dogs. Cheers and applause grew as we passed the crowd of revelers. Volunteers in their traditional burgundy t-shirts with canines by their sides wove themselves around a variety of DACC transport and response vehicles that they had decorated in true holiday style. They even won the Blue Ribbon Award for the great display of our animal vehicle.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers for all they do for our animals! They are the heart of everything DACC and the Foundation stand for.



## Are you willing?

Many kind and generous people like you contribute regularly to support the critical work done by the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation. **We are truly grateful for the generosity shown by compassionate people who care deeply about animals.** Fortunately, there are several ways committed donors can ensure that their devotion to animals will continue even after they're gone.



Planned giving opportunities provide ways to leave a lasting mark through the donation of larger gifts that can fund major programs, capital improvements, and other high impact areas while maximizing tax and other financial benefits. They allow the Foundation to prepare for the future, ensure its financial stability, and expand services to animals in need.

A planned gift in a Will can take the form of cash, stock, bonds, real estate, personal property, or other assets. A planned gift is generally defined in one of three ways:

- A specific percentage of your estate
- A specific dollar amount
- A specific item (i.e., real estate or a painting)

The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation can also be named as the beneficiary of your:

- Trust
- Retirement Plan
- Life Insurance Policy
- Financial Accounts
- Cash Accounts