Brooke and Kira Chang (12 and 10 years old, respectively) are sisters with a deep love for animals. The sisters adopted their beloved dogs, Pepper and Tank, and have always advocated that people “Adopt, Don’t Shop!” to promote the adoption of homeless animals.

Over the holidays, Brooke and Kira undertook a wonderful project to raise money for the Department’s Carson/Gardena animal care center. As they told us:

“Our family adopted two rescue dogs, Pepper and Tank, about six years ago. They have been our best friends, especially through this stay-at-home year with distance learning. Tank is the best reading buddy and Pepper is always ready to play! They were our inspirations for wanting to give back and help the animals at the Los Angeles County animal care centers.

We have also always enjoyed doing arts and crafts and love making things from duct tape. We created a few duct tape bow ties for our own dogs this past summer and thought it would be a great idea to make and sell them to pet owners. We made multiple different prototypes, each better than the next. In December 2020, we began selling the bow ties to friends, neighbors, and our community and marketed them as gifts for the holidays. In total, we’ve made over 200 duct tape bow ties and were successful in raising $1,000!

We hope that everyone will consider adopting over purchasing their next pet. We are grateful to the staff of Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control for their commitment and dedication in caring for the animals in our community.”

The Foundation and Department are grateful to Brooke and Kira for their generosity and support of our animal care programs!
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 45,000 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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TIANNA TUESDAYS AND TURTLES

Tianna Tuesdays is a nonprofit organization created by Alex Orozco-Rosten in loving memory of his departed sister. Each month Alex selects a local organization that could use the help from Tianna Tuesdays to enhance its mission.

Alex had helped our Lancaster animal care center (ACC) in the past with donations, and when he learned that the center needed help building a turtle pond he answered the call. Alex met many times with Lancaster staff to develop the plans for this project and raised money and supplies to see it accomplished. Lancaster ACC Corporal Will Saunders led DACC’s work on the project and donated his own time and money. Eagle Scout Danny Pedersen with Troop 164 helped by adding security wires on the fencing to help prevent any turtle escapes.

When everything was ready, Alex assembled a team of volunteers and created a safe and enriching environment for the turtles that are cared for at the ACC. This beautiful pond also serves as a relaxing welcome and focal point to visitors to the ACC.

Many thanks to Alex and Tianna Tuesdays for enhancing the care provided to animals admitted to the Lancaster ACC!
RELIEF FROM THE HEAT

Every summer, heat waves plague Los Angeles, so summer cooling centers are established to provide residents places to escape the extreme temperatures. However, pets are not allowed in these cooling centers and are forced to be left behind to do the best they can. Alternatively, people in need of cooling centers sometimes refuse to go because they don’t want to leave their pets behind and unattended.

To keep pets safe and encourage pet owners to seek safety for themselves, the Foundation has purchased a large cooling tent exclusively for pets. The cooling tent will be installed next to a County-operated human cooling center, and pet owners can leave their beloved companions in the care of the Department’s animal welfare professionals at no charge while they utilize the services of the human cooling center.

The Foundation recognizes the deep love and commitment that pet owners have to their beloved companions and is committed to keeping pets safe and nurturing the human-animal bond.

LITTLE DAVID

Little David came to the Carson/Gardena animal care center. Rescued by a compassionate officer, he was brought immediately to the center’s veterinarian. Dr. Chen examined Little David and found he had a degloving injury to his lower jaw. Dr. Chen meticulously repaired Little David’s injuries and he went on to a happy life in his new home.
Reuniting lost pets with their owners is one of the most rewarding services performed by the Department. The Department recently facilitated three heartwarming reunifications of lost pets with their families.

**Brandy**

On February 21, 2021, Officer Luis Leal responded to a call to rescue an injured stray cat. Officer Leal immediately responded and brought the female brown tabby to the Palmdale animal care center for medical treatment. As part of the medical exam, the cat was scanned for a microchip and staff were able to identify an owner. The owner was shocked to hear that his cat “Brandy” was there, because he hadn’t seen her in more than 15 years! He was thrilled to hear she was safe and came to reclaim her despite the length of time they had been apart, telling staff that “adoption is forever”. When reunited, the owner and Brandy had an instant connection that appeared to be unbroken even though they had been separated for so long.

The Foundation and Department strongly urge all pet owners to have their pets microchipped, and to keep their personal information current with the microchip registry. Without the use of microchips in these three cases, these reunions would not have been possible. The Department provides low cost microchip services by appointment; please contact your nearest Los Angeles County animal care center for more information.

**Princess**

On February 21, 2021, Officer Lindsay McLagan saw a frightened Yorkshire Terrier darting through busy traffic as she was returning to the Palmdale animal care center. Officer McLagan jumped into action, turning on her truck’s amber lights and donning a reflective vest. With the assistance of a compassionate person, she was able to safely rescue the little dog and bring it to the Palmdale Animal Care Center.

Officer McLagan scanned the Yorkie for a microchip and was able to identify her owners. They were thrilled to hear that their dog Princess was safe. Princess had been lost or stolen more than a year ago from their backyard and they thought they would never see her again.

Princess’s family came to the Palmdale ACC right away, along with Princess’s Yorkie friend to make the reunion even more special. Princess’s family said, “We are still in shock and joy, and feeling intense emotions. We sincerely appreciate all you have done to save her life.”

**Zeppelin**

On March 6, 2021, a lost Boston Terrier was found and brought to the Palmdale ACC. A microchip identified the owner, who told the staff that Zeppelin was lost over two years ago when he was frightened by fireworks and ran out the open gate to her yard. The tearful reunion showed the bond of love had never been lost, and Zeppelin is home with his family again.
KICKING UP THEIR HOOVES

DACC admits many horses each year, for varying reasons. They may be the victims of abuse, abandonment, or simply surrendered by owners who can no longer care for them. Most horses spend several months with us as they recover from illnesses, injuries, or neglect. It also takes a little more time to find homes for horses rather than dogs and cats.

To provide behavioral enrichment and exercise opportunities, the Foundation recently provided new horse exercise turnout areas, complete with water. These turnouts will give horses the opportunity to kick up their heels, gallop, roll, and exhibit other horse behaviors. Their stay with us will be more enjoyable, reduce stress, and support their rehabilitation.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Foundation is pleased to welcome two new members to its board of directors.

Dr. Bijula Yusin is a veterinarian with 13 years of animal shelter medicine experience. She is a dedicated animal advocate who founded her own animal rescue organization while a practicing veterinarian in Arizona, and continued her work as a veterinarian for DACC. She has a specialized interest in veterinary forensics and has provided her expertise to many animal cruelty cases investigated by the Department.

Brittany McGoldrick is currently a Project Management Professional (PMP) Manager on the Program & Portfolio Management (PPM) team within Technology Media Telecommunications (TMT) Digital Technology and Innovation (DTI) practice at PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC). Her family unit includes her fiancé, Paul, who is a mechanical engineer focused on drift car racing, her eldest fur-baby is Oakley, aka Oke, a 24-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare, followed by Malachi, an 8-year-old half-Siamese rescue, and the newest rescue is Rhiannon, aka Bad Girl RiRi, an adorable tabby kitten who loves to go hiking with Brittany.
As we all might agree, life for humans and their furry friends can be complicated. Creating an estate plan that offers financial security for our family, friends, and yes, our friends from the animal kingdom is a responsible action to take. This brings us to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation’s heroine ... Dianne Boranian. She designated the Foundation as the sole beneficiary of her estate — the largest gift in the Foundation’s history.

Where did this spirit of generosity begin for Dianne? Dianne grew up by the train tracks in East Los Angeles in an Armenian family. Jobless men continually passed through this area, hopping off one train or waiting for another. They often came to her home asking for food. Instead of turning these men away or giving them tidbits, Dianne’s mother invited them into her home and made dinner for them. After dinner and conversation, she sent them on their way with a full stomach, the feeling that they were valued, and a lunch for the next day. One day Dianne asked her mother, “Why do you do this?” Her mother replied, “You never know when you might be entertaining an angel.”

These examples of generosity had a major impact on Dianne’s life. She brought food to people experiencing homelessness and rescued many animals. Her love and dedication to her rescued pets were evident throughout her life. Upon learning the role and mission the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation plays in our County to help animals, she believed naming the Foundation in her estate plans would be the best way to extend her legacy of compassion even when she would no longer be with us. She named the foundation the sole beneficiary of her trust.

We are sad that Dianne has passed; however, we are certain that she is in the company of family, friends, and her beloved pets that went before her. Dianne will forever be the foundation’s heroine. Her generosity will allow the Foundation to maintain and create many programs to help the animals and their families served by the Department.

Dianne, our friend, we extend our heartfelt thanks, and may you rest in peace. Your memory is a blessing to the Foundation and the animals of Los Angeles County.

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following gifts made in honor of special people and animals.

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Follow these steps to create a fundraiser on your Facebook page for the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation:

1. From your Facebook Mobile app, tap the three-lined menu button in the top right of the Facebook page. Scroll down and tap the Fundraisers button.
2. OR From your Desktop, on the left-hand side menu, select Fundraisers. You may need to click on See More to get to this option.
3. Tap Raise Money.
4. Select Nonprofit.
5. Search for and select the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation.
6. Facebook will automatically add a cover photo and fill in details for your fundraiser. However, please feel free to edit why you are raising money, update the cover photo to your favorite animals, and select how much money you’d like to raise!
7. Tap Create.

A FEW CLICKS SAVES LIVES

Facebook and Instagram fundraisers make it easy to support the causes that are important to you such as the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (@AnimalCareFoundation)! The Foundation is on Facebook and Instagram, and you can host a fundraiser from your page to help our animals.

Once you follow the simple steps to host a fundraiser, donors can provide their credit card information, make a gift on the Fundraiser page, and then spread the word to their Facebook friends with just a tap. It’s that simple!

Donations to US 501(c)(3) nonprofits are tax-deductible and Facebook will send you an email with your receipt and will also house all donations in your profile for reference later.

We’re new to Instagram!

Please follow us at @lacountyanimalcarefoundation. Fundraisers can also be created on Instagram using two different methods!

To create an Instagram post fundraiser, please follow these steps:

1. Open Instagram and tap the + to start editing a new post.
2. Create or choose your image(s) and tap Next.
3. Crop and filter your post, and then tap Next.
4. Under your image, tap Add Fundraiser.
5. Search and select the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation.
6. You’ll automatically go to the “Fundraiser Details” page. Enter the details for your fundraiser and then tap Done.
7. Tap Share.

How to use the Instagram Donation Sticker in an Instagram Story:

1. Open Instagram Story and upload your photo or video.
2. On the top of the story menu, select the Instagram Stickers button (square smiley face).
3. Select Donation.
4. Search for Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation.
5. Customize your stickers call to action wording.
6. Add relevant hashtags for more visibility.
7. Tap Done.
8. Post Your Story.
9. Remember unlike Instagram posts, Stories disappear after 24 hours. Keep your fundraising Story alive by saving it to your Story highlights.

In just a few clicks you can help the animals by hosting a fundraiser.