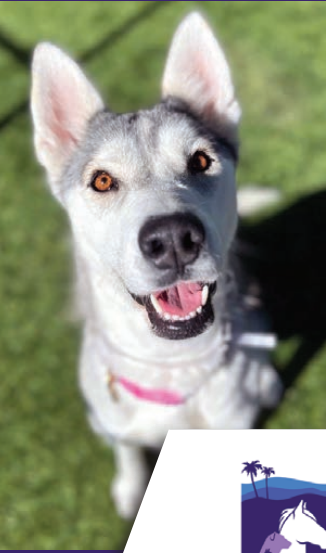


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Unicorns and Magic Wishes

In November 2022, the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) received a delightful letter from a seven-year-old girl named Madeline, requesting permission for her to keep a unicorn in her backyard if she could find one. Touched by the letter, DACC Director Marcia Mayeda happily agreed to allow her to keep a unicorn, with conditions. These included compliance with Los Angeles County Code regarding the keeping of animals; the unicorn must have regular access to sunlight, moonbeams, and rainbows; it must be fed its favorite treat – watermelon – at least once a week; its horn must be polished every month with a soft cloth; and any glitter used on the unicorn must be nontoxic and biodegradable.



A few weeks later, on her seventh birthday, Madeline and her family came to the Castaic Animal Care Center, one of DACC's seven animal care facilities. Her mother told her she was coming for a special private tour and to talk with Director Mayeda about her unicorn license application. Director Mayeda reviewed all unicorn-keeping requirements with her and, after Madeline solemnly agreed to comply, approved her license application and provided her with a pre-approved unicorn license, permanent unicorn license tag, and a unicorn stuffed animal to keep her company until she could find a real one.

Madeline's letter was so sweet that DACC shared it and its response on social media, and it went viral around the world. We received hundreds of thousands of kind remarks, words of thanks, and statements that we have restored people's faith in local government. People were so glad we took the time to respond to a child, and thoroughly enjoyed the creativity and fun we had with our response.

Because people were so supportive of DACC and wanted opportunities to participate in the feel-good story, the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation established Madeline's Magical Unicorn Fund to "Support the adoption and care of unicorns and other less mystical animals" in Los Angeles County. Any individual who donates \$25 or more to the fund also receives a Plushible stuffed unicorn (donated by the Plushible company as part of their corporate giving program) and a personalized unicorn license and certificate, just like the ones Madeline received! Want to learn more? Visit here! www.lacountyanimals.org/unicorn-fund



Clarice Finds a Holiday Home

On November 5, 2022, two-year-old Clarice was brought to the Castaic Animal Care Center after being found as a stray by a concerned resident. Clarice wasn't alone upon her arrival though, as she was also joined by her litter of eight puppies. The puppies were unweaned and still dependent on their mother for care, meaning they wouldn't be available for adoption until another month or so. Although a kennel environment can be a stressful place for an animal, especially a new mother, Clarice thrived over the next few weeks and cared for all of her pups until they were ready to be adopted.

Now it was Clarice's turn to find her forever home. And while Clarice was described by staff as incredibly sweet, patient, and loving all people unconditionally, it can often be more challenging to find a home for an adult dog—particularly a large-breed German Shepherd mix such as Clarice. Thankfully, this wasn't the case for Clarice. Just a few days after Christmas, Clarice found her forever home after being adopted by a local resident. Once a mother on the streets protecting and caring for her own pups, Clarice now finally had a mother of her own to give her the love she always deserved.

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YOUR IMPACT IN 2022



Programs

DREAMS COME TRUE

The Dreams Come True Fund provides for special surgeries, procedures, and medications needed to help animals with extraordinary medical needs. This Fund saves the lives of pets whose medical illnesses or injuries are too extensive and too costly to treat through the normal course of animal care center veterinary services.

NOAH'S LEGACY FUND

The Noah's Legacy Fund was established to provide for the needs of pets and livestock that are left behind or otherwise separated from their human families in major disasters. Noah's Legacy supports the Department's emergency-response efforts that are so critical to the communities we serve as we continue to respond to the wildfires, flooding, and earthquakes that can occur here.

FOSTER PROGRAM

Oftentimes, young animals are brought to our care centers and need assistance with eating since their canine or feline mothers are no longer around. Our foster program is crucial for these animals and so are the many volunteers who dedicate their time to helping animals in need. The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation purchases food, bottles, and other essential supplies to help sustain this life-saving program. Interested in volunteering or learning more? Visit our website below!

www.animalcare.lacounty.gov/become-a-foster-caretaker



PETS ARE FAMILY PROGRAM

Pets Are Family (PAF) is a multi-initiative program that provides critical resources for pet owners in our communities, with the goal of keeping pets with the families they know and love. After identifying the greatest needs expressed by pet owners, we developed key initiatives to address them, including a medical helpline to counsel pet owners and refer them to needed resources, an outreach program where basic services are brought to residents via a mobile veterinary clinic, low-cost spay and neuter vouchers, and free pet food and supplies.

Kindness in Action

MONETARY DONATIONS

Every donation matters. Donate today to help animals in Los Angeles County by using the link below.

www.lacountyanimals.org/give

PLANNED GIVING

Consider leaving your legacy for the animals by making a planned gift to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (ACF). Visit our our page below for more information.

www.lacountyanimals.org/way-to-give/planned-giving

VOLUNTEER

Thank you for considering becoming a volunteer! Visit our website at the link below to learn more about the process of becoming a volunteer or to sign-up to help.

www.lacountyanimals.org/volunteer

DONATE TO THE UNICORN FUND

Want to donate to the ACF on behalf of Madeline's first unicorn license? Visit the link below! If you donate \$25 or more, you'll also receive Poppy the Unicorn stuffed animal, a personalized unicorn tag, and pre-approved unicorn license just like Madeline received.

www.lacountyanimals.org/unicorn-fund



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