

HOW YOU CAN HELP

TOP VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We are always in desperate need of animal-loving volunteers to support our animal care centers. Volunteers can serve a number of vital functions, including assisting clinic staff with basic medical support, grooming animals in preparation for adoption, networking of animals, and much more! Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, with minors requiring parental permission. Don't want to be on-site? No problem! You can also provide lifesaving services from the comfort of your home by serving as a foster volunteer (more information below). Learn more about our robust volunteer program here! animalcare.lacounty.gov/become-a-volunteer

KITTEN FOSTERS NEEDED!



Apply to be a Foster Caretaker Today!

Can you provide a temporary home to kittens 4-8 weeks old?
Are you an experienced bottle feeder? (ages 0-4 weeks)

[Let us know!](#)

When you provide a foster home to an animal from one of our Care Centers, you are part of a lifesaving team working to create a bright, healthy and safe future for homeless dogs and cats in LA County.

To apply and for more information visit:
<https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/become-a-foster-caretaker/>

URGENT NEEDS



There are many ways to give!
The ACF accepts monetary donations—made by check, credit card, or PayPal—and also accepts in-kind goods, the donation of used vehicles, and legacy gifts. Find out more by visiting our webpage at lacountyanimals.org/way-to-give or by reaching out to us directly at info@lacountyanimals.org.



FAITHFUL friends

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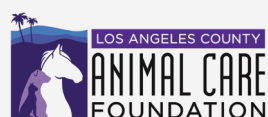
KITTEN SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Thank you! Every day we are reminded of the incredible impact you have in the lives of abandoned or injured animals. Every spring we have a special reminder.

While you certainly play a vital role in caring for our dogs and puppies, you may not be aware of how much you help during kitten season. Thousands of kittens will be brought to our animal care centers in the coming months.

Every spring there is a major increase in the number of kittens born and then abandoned. When they are brought to our centers, many of these kittens are too young to eat on their own and require around-the-clock care from our community and foster volunteers.

Your support helps us prepare our foster caretakers with the knowledge and supplies to adequately care for all the kittens coming to our centers. You provide kitten formula, litter, enrichment supplies and so much more. Thank you for being a Faithful Friend.



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DIRECTORS LETTER

The last few months have been incredibly busy for the Los Angeles

County Animal Care Foundation. Regardless of where you live in our service area, you’ve been affected by multiple adverse weather events since the beginning of this year. The weather puts immense pressure on our resources as we see a spike in the number of calls to rescue animals. Because of you and your support, we’re able to help the animals in need right away.

During the storms in late February, our Palmdale Animal Care Center received a call regarding a stray dog that was running loose. This poor shepherd mix was found hiding behind a dumpster, cold and wet and in need of food and medical care. We quickly brought him into our facility, gave him a dry and safe place to rest along with food, water, and attention.

Within a few hours of his arrival, his very worried family came to get him. He had gotten out in the storm and must have been scared nearly to death. Imagine the feeling of relief his family must have felt when our team was able to say, “yes, he’s at our facility and he’s okay.”

This story is just one example of the incredible impact your support has in the lives of abandoned and hurting animals in our community. Please take a moment to review this quarter’s newsletter to hear more about the work you make possible every day on behalf of the animals in need. Because of you, we can keep pets safe in our community. Thank you.

Marcia Mayeda

Marcia Mayeda
Director, Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control

THANK YOU TO ORANGEONIONS & BRANDS

The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (ACF) is delighted to partner with Orangeonions & Brands to spread kindness throughout every community. Orangeonions & Brands is generously donating a free unicorn plush to anyone who donates \$25 or more to the Unicorn Fund. You can help support Orangeonions & Brands by joining their **Kind Kids Mission!** Kids of all ages can enjoy fun activities and games while being rewarded for their efforts!



Scan for a direct link to the Kind Kids Missions Page



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

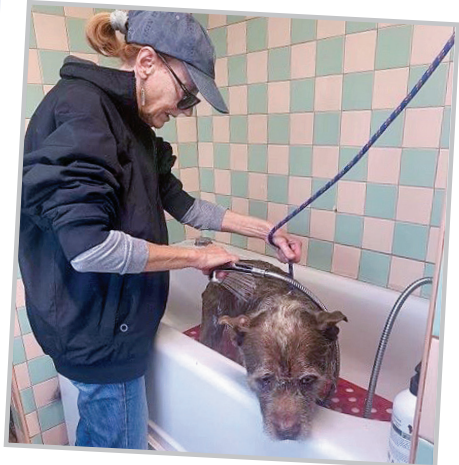
Meet CHERYL GULLSTRAND

Written by Isha McDonald, Volunteer Programs Coordinator

Cheryl Gullstrand has been volunteering at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center since June of 2017. With over five years and 2,221 hours of service, she has been a vital part of our program.

We can always count on seeing Cheryl a couple of times a week giving out blankets and ensuring that the dogs in the kennels are comfortable. She’s not afraid to get dirty and is an advocate for every animal, large and small, young and old.

She encompasses the values of the Department, showing compassion, integrity, and great customer service skills. We’re thankful she is using her skills in helping us here. She is articulate when speaking to the public, giving out information to help adopt out more animals and manages her time well. She is helpful to staff and animals alike. We are grateful to have Cheryl on our team.



VALENTINE’S ADOPTION EVENT!



On February 11, the team at the Palmdale Animal Care Center held a special Valentine’s Day adoption event to bring extra attention for animals in need of homes. The event was received well by our communities and led to the adoption of 11 animals. This included one-and-a-half-year-old Sophie, a who was originally found as a stray in mid-January.

Sophie was so excited to find her Valentine’s gift of a new loving family. Adoption events such as these are critical for helping feature all of our wonderful animals, particularly those that have been in care for a while and just need that extra push. And it is your donations that make these events possible! For that, we and the animals thank YOU.