

THANK YOU FOR MAKING
A DIFFERENCE

YOU HELP PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES

Summer is a time when the risk of fires is imminent. As you know, wildfires have a devastating effect on our communities and the animals living there.

What you may not know is how much your support of the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation helps during wildfire season. Your help supports emergency animal rescue services, including evacuation efforts, temporary sheltering, provision of food and medical care, and the establishment of systems to identify animals and reunite them with their owners.

You make it possible for County rescue teams to be equipped with state-of-the-art, self-contained, air-conditioned trailers, air rescue capabilities, and other specialized systems that play a pivotal role in saving animals' lives. Your contribution ensures that these resources are prepared in advance and ready to be deployed in the face of a disaster.

You have our heartfelt gratitude for your commitment as a champion for our animal friends. With your support, we can ensure that horses and other vulnerable creatures receive the utmost care and protection during this wildfire season. Thank you!



STUDENTS RAISE \$250 TO HELP ANIMALS

Each year, Animal Science students at Paul Revere Middle School in Los Angeles complete an assignment about responsible pet ownership, called the "Pet Project." In April, the students were inspired by the Foundation's "Madeline's Magical Unicorn Fund" when they learned about the challenges County animal shelters are facing with increasing animal populations. They engaged in a fundraising campaign, led by Finn Roughton and Lucas Kaplan, to raise money for the unicorn fund to help animals at DACC's animal care centers. By selling goodies during class, the students raised \$250! The Foundation and DACC are grateful for their generosity and support.



"Teacher Carrie Robertson's second period class, with Finn Roughton (burgundy shirt front row) and Lucas Kaplan (red socks front row). Six classes in total participated in the fundraising campaign."



FAITHFUL friends

SUMMER 2023



REUNITED AND IT FEELS SO GOOD!

Did you know that you helped reunite a family? Animal Control Officer Shannon Wahrman was investigating a call when she came across Betty, a 12-year-old female chihuahua. Betty was a stray and we'll never know how long she had been surviving on her own.

When she returned to the Castaic Animal care Center, Officer Wahrman found a microchip in Betty and scanned it to find her rightful owner. She promptly reached out to Betty's owner, and this is where the story takes an interesting turn.

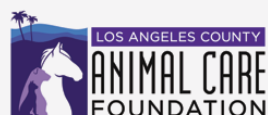
Betty had been missing for several years. Her owner explained that they had lost Betty just before relocating to Texas. By sheer chance, her husband was in California at that time. Needless to say, there were tears of joy during that fateful call. Betty's dad rushed to the care center within the hour to reunite with Betty and take her home to Texas.

Thank you for the important role you played in reuniting Betty with her family. One of the vital services your gifts provide is microchipping our animals. Having a microchip can make all the difference between your beloved companion living as a stray or safely reunited with their family.

Congratulations, Betty! We are overjoyed you're home with your family.

Having a microchip can make all the difference between your beloved companion living as a stray or safely reunited with their family.

Thank you for your kind generosity!



GIVE ONLINE
Scan the code for a direct link



562.728.4610 | www.lacountyanimals.org
P.O. Box 743887 | Los Angeles, CA 90074-3887

The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. EIN: #95-3909782

inside

DIRECTOR'S LETTER / YOU HELPED OVER 7,500 ANIMALS GET ADOPTED /
FOREVER FRIENDS LEGACY SOCIETY / WILDFIRE SEASON

DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Animal Lover,

Summer brings forth its own challenges for animal welfare here in Los Angeles County, and our dedicated team remains steadfast in our commitment to serving the voiceless and vulnerable companion animals in our care.

With the mercury rising, our attention shifts towards ensuring the well-being of our furry friends amidst the sweltering heat. Our doors remain open throughout the summer, welcoming these innocent souls and offering them protection from the elements. We tirelessly work to provide care, shelter and love while ensuring their health and safety.

Moreover, summer is also a time when we witness a surge in animal abandonment and neglect. Families embarking on vacations or individuals simply unprepared for the responsibilities of pet ownership often leave these innocent beings to fend for themselves. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work tirelessly to rescue and rehabilitate these animals, offering them a second chance at a loving home. The compassionate care they receive is a testament to our commitment to animal welfare.

We cannot achieve our mission alone. The summer months place a significant strain on our resources, with increased medical expenses, the need for additional staff, and the constant demand for supplies. We rely on the unwavering support of our generous donors and



volunteers to make a difference in the lives of these innocent beings. Your continued contributions enable us to provide medical care, vaccinations, spaying and neutering services, and a loving environment for countless animals.

Together, we can make this summer a season of compassion and hope for the animals in our care. Your support means the world to us, and we are eternally grateful for your commitment to our cause. Thank you.

Warm regards,

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

FOREVER FRIENDS LEGACY SOCIETY

We are sincerely grateful for the generosity displayed by our loyal donors who are compassionate about the care of animals. Fortunately, there are multiple ways you can ensure your commitment to animals lasts even beyond their lifetime. Through planned giving opportunities, you can make enduring contributions that have a profound impact on animal welfare.

Planned giving opportunities provide avenues to leave a lasting legacy by donating substantial gifts that can finance significant programs, facilitate capital improvements, and support other impactful areas. In addition, there are significant tax and financial benefits for you. These opportunities help prepare for the future care of animals and necessary services needed.

The Foundation would be delighted to assist you and your attorney in developing a charitable giving strategy that best aligns with your philanthropic goals. For further details, please don't hesitate to contact DACC Director Marcia Mayeda at mmayeda@animalcare.lacounty.gov.



TWO WAYS YOU CAN START THIS YEAR

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION: For donors of a certain age, each year you can instruct your IRA administrator to transfer all or part of your required minimum distribution (up to \$100,000) directly to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (EIN 95-3909782) and avoid paying the tax had you taken it as income. A charitable IRA rollover makes it easier to use IRA assets, during your lifetime, to make charitable gifts. You can use tax-free IRA rollovers to make any kind of outright gift, including to support the ongoing work of the Foundation such as adoption and medical support.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS: An increasingly popular method of charitable giving, a donor-advised fund (DAF) can be an easy and flexible way to manage your giving and help you achieve your strategic philanthropic goals. A donor-advised fund, or DAF, is like a charitable investment account for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations you care about, including the Los Angeles Animal Care Foundation (EIN 95-3909782). For more information about establishing a DAF or to begin the process of making a gift to us, please contact your financial advisor.

You Helped Over 7,500 Animals Get Adopted



Thanks to your unwavering support, the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation has been able to make a remarkable difference in the lives of animals and families. You are providing loving homes.

While certain fees are mandated to ensure the well-being and health of adopted animals in our communities, we understand these fees can sometimes pose a challenge for potential adopters. Your gifts allow for community adoption events and help lower the fees. This provides a pathway to pet ownership, leading to the placement of animals into loving homes.

In the year 2023 alone, you and other caring supporters helped a staggering 5,154 dogs, 2,077 cats, and 443 other remarkable

creatures, including pigs, horses, goats, rabbits, turtles, lizards, and more, find their forever families. These heartwarming numbers are a testament to the impact you're having. These adoptions would not have been possible without your incredible support.

You are creating a brighter future where every animal has the opportunity to experience the love and care they deserve. Let us stand united in our mission, as we champion the cause of animal welfare and celebrate the immeasurable joy that comes from finding forever homes for these beloved creatures.

