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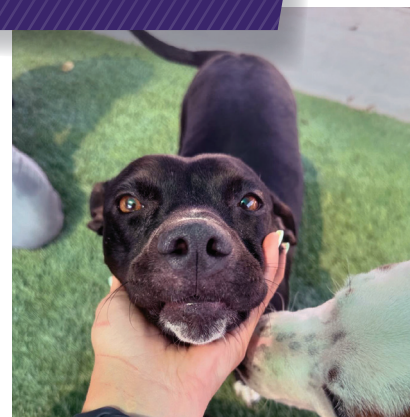
SUMMER 2024

SUPPORTING ANIMAL WELFARE DURING INCREASED ANIMAL ADMISSIONS

Amidst the challenges of animal care center population management, the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (ACF) stands steadfast in its support of the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control, one of the largest animal welfare agencies in the nation. Your contributions to the ACF ensure that immediate action is taken to improve the lives of animals in our community.



This year, your donations have already made a significant impact. The ACF allocated \$250,000 to expand free and low-cost spay/neuter services across Los Angeles County through our mobile veterinary clinics. These vital services directly address the root causes of care center capacity by controlling animal populations, thereby reducing admissions to our seven animal care centers. By year's end, this initiative is projected to lead to the spaying and neutering of 4,500 animals, making a lasting impact on animal populations in Los Angeles County.



Additionally, the ACF has committed \$60,000 to support the Dreams Come True program. This program provides essential surgeries, procedures, and medications to pets facing severe medical conditions that surpass the resources of standard care center veterinary care. Through this fund, we have saved numerous lives and ensured that pets receive the critical care they need to thrive.

These examples highlight just a fraction of how your contributions have been transformed into meaningful actions. Your support is pivotal in our mission to protect and care for animals in need across Los Angeles County.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our mission!

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I write to you today with deep concern as we face a critical crisis in our animal care centers. The number of animals in our care continues to climb, straining our resources and capacity to provide each one with the attention and care they deserve.

Now, more than ever, we appeal to our community for help. We urgently need adopters willing to open their hearts and homes to these wonderful companions. Every adoption makes a profound difference in the life of a shelter pet.

In addition to adoption, we are committed to sustaining special programs that support pet owners during times of financial hardship. These programs, such as our Care Voucher program and Vet@ThePark clinics, aim to keep pets and their families together by providing essential resources such as pet food, veterinary care, and behavioral support. By offering assistance where it's needed most, we ensure that pets remain cherished members of their families, even in challenging times. I am pleased to share that thanks to your unwavering support, we have already found positive outcomes for over 10,000 animals this year. This includes adoptions by the public, rescue groups, and lost animals returned to their families.



Each success story represents a second chance and a brighter future made possible by your generosity.

Your support is crucial in this endeavor. Whether through adoption, donations, or volunteering, you can make a direct impact on the lives of animals in need. Together, let's continue to uphold our commitment to compassion and care for all creatures, great and small.

With gratitude,

Marcia Mayeda

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

MESSAGE FROM RENEE SIKAND



Thank you for your support during these critical times. Whether by adopting, donating, or volunteering, together we can make a profound difference on the lives of the animals in need and ensure a brighter future for them. It truly does take a village to create change. We appreciate all you have done in the past and we look forward to your continued support for a brighter tomorrow.

Renee C. Sikand

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President, Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation

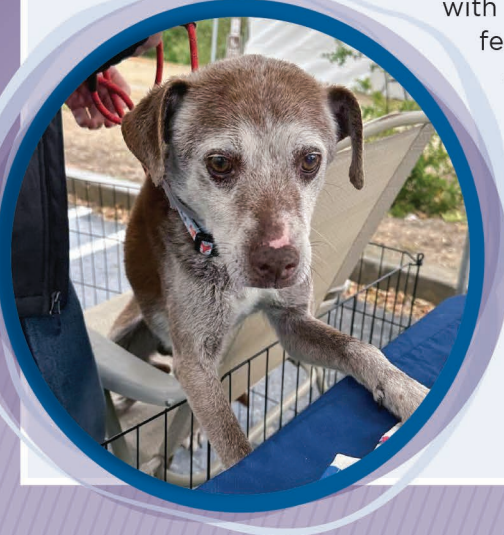


THE FIRST EVER ADOPT-A-PET DAY

On June 1, 2024, the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) held its first-ever California Adopt-a-Pet Day, organized by the California Animal Welfare Association (CalAnimals), San Francisco SPCA (SF SPCA), and ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). More than 150 animal shelters and organizations throughout California participated in this groundbreaking event, with the ASPCA generously covering adoption fees for participating shelters, ensuring the adoption process was accessible to all.

DACC successfully found homes for 120 dogs, 49 cats, two rabbits, and one guinea pig on this remarkable day! The goal is to make this an annual event and find homes for even more animals next year.

Thanks to your donations, the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation sponsors similar events throughout the year by helping reduce adoption fees and purchasing supplies needed to host these special events.



FROM STRAY TO STAY: BOY'S JOURNEY TO A FOREVER HOME

Meet Boy, the resilient nine-month-old Pitbull whose journey to a forever home began with a stroke of luck and a lot of love. Found as a stray, Boy arrived at our Downey Animal Care Center in desperate need of care, his right femur fractured and his spirit understandably shaken.

Thanks to your generous support of the Dreams Come True program, Boy received the specialized surgery he needed to repair his femur. The road to recovery was not easy, but with each passing day, Boy grew stronger, his playful spirit shining through. It took nearly two months of dedicated care and rehabilitation, but Boy's determination paid off when he finally found his forever family. His story is a testament to the transformative power of compassion and the life-changing impact of your donations.



Every dollar contributed to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation helps make stories like Boy's possible—where animals in need receive critical surgeries and the chance to thrive in loving homes. Together, we continue to ensure that every animal, regardless of their past, has the opportunity to find happiness and a place to call home. Thank you for being a part of Boy's journey and for your ongoing support of our mission to care for and protect animals in need.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

TOP NEEDS

HELP US THROUGH KITTEN SEASON

The ACF needs your support as we approach the peak of kitten season. During this time, we can admit up to 1,400 cats per month, many of which are unweaned kittens requiring round-the-clock care.

Your generous donations will help provide essential supplies to our dedicated foster caretakers who generously donate their time to care for these vulnerable kittens. Donations will cover the cost of kitten formula, bottles, and other vital supplies needed for kitten care.

By contributing, you will play a crucial role in ensuring that these kittens receive the love and care they need to grow and thrive. Your support makes a significant difference in their lives.

Please consider donating to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation today. Together, we can make a positive impact during this critical time.



CELEBRATING OUR SHARED COMPASSION

As we revel in the beauty of California—whether through beach gatherings with friends or serene hikes in our mountains—we are reminded of the countless small moments that enrich our lives. Amidst these joys, we find ourselves especially grateful for individuals like you, whose compassion for animals shines brightly. Your unwavering support over the years has touched the lives of countless companion animals in our community.

We wanted to take this opportunity to share an inspiring possibility with you: our Forever Friends Planned Giving Program. As more individuals prioritize their estate plans, leaving a donation or bequest to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation ensures that your legacy of helping animals in need will endure for years to come.

Recently, a generous supporter shared her plans to include a meaningful gift to support homeless and neglected animals after providing for her loved ones. This thoughtful act exemplifies the profound impact of planned gifts on our mission. Whether through a bequest, appreciated stocks or property, annuities, or life insurance policies, your foresight and generosity today guarantee ongoing care for cats, dogs, and companion animals. What a beautiful legacy to leave!

Your kindness can continue to transform lives, ensuring that every dollar given to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation supports our vital work—finding loving homes for abused and neglected animals, providing essential spay and neuter services, and educating our communities. We deeply appreciate your thoughtful consideration and recognize that the power to create lasting change begins with you. You can find out more about Planned Giving by visiting www.lacountyanimals.org/way-to-give/planned-giving



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