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WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

STATE OF THE ART ANIMAL CARE CENTER OPENS

On July 20, 2016 the Department's first new animal care center since 1976 opened in Palmdale, Calif. Received with great acclaim, the Palmdale ACC features state of the art animal care materials and design. A completely indoor facility (except for outdoor play yards), this center protects the animals, staff, volunteers, and visitors from the extreme weather conditions in the Antelope Valley.

The Palmdale ACC was designed to optimize animal health and well-being as well as the visitor experience to promote adoptions. A courtyard agility area provides for dog training and exercise opportunities. Complete air exchanges protect the animals from upper respiratory illnesses. Epoxy coated floors enhance disease control and sanitation.

This care center was championed by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and Department Director Marcia Mayeda, who recognized the need for an additional animal care center to serve the Antelope Valley. The sole County ACC until this point, in Lancaster, was built in 1959 and was outpaced by the population growth to be able to keep up with demand for services.

"The addition of the Palmdale ACC now doubles our ability to serve the residents and animals in the Antelope Valley," said Marcia Mayeda. "We are thrilled with the success of this project, and are incorporating its design elements in plans for the renovation and replacement of our other aging facilities in the County."

The Palmdale ACC is open seven days a week and is located at 38550 Sierra Highway in the city of Palmdale.



Dog adoption area



This kitty found a home



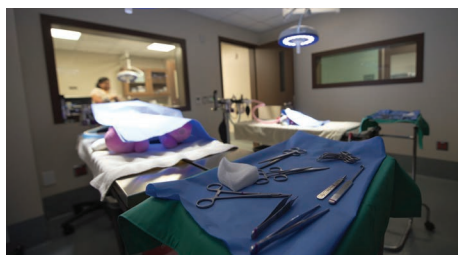
Ribbon cutting ceremony



Volunteers found homes for these foster pups that day



Supervisor Antonovich and Director Mayeda visit with Agoura ACC Manager Denise Rosen and her ambassador, Charlie.



The medical suite



Supervisor Antonovich, Chief Deputy Kathryn Barger, and CEO Sacha Hamai view the cat condos



The dog agility yard

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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 70,000 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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SAND FIRE CAUSES MASSIVE EVACUATION

On July 22, 2016 the Sand Fire broke out near Sand Canyon Road along the northbound Antelope Valley (14) Freeway. More than 41,400 acres burned over the course of 13 days, forcing the evacuation of approximately 20,000 residents. The Department faced its largest animal evacuation and sheltering demand ever – more than 800 animals!

The rural nature of this area meant that many horses, livestock, pets, and exotic animals were in harm's way. The Department quickly jumped into action, establishing five emergency animal sheltering sites where evacuated animals could be safe.

Three large animal sheltering sites were established at Pierce College, the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, and the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. Two small animal sheltering sites were established at Red Cross shelters so pet owners and their dogs and cats could be near each other. Additionally, the Department's animal care centers in Lancaster, Palmdale, Castaic, and Agoura opened their doors to animals in need of refuge. The Department provided these services as no cost to the pet owners.

Many residents were able to evacuate their own animals. However, others that were not at their homes during the evacuation orders relied on the Department to rescue their animals for them. The sheltering sites were staffed 24 hours a day by Department staff and volunteers. The Department's volunteer corps of equine care specialists, the Equine Response Team, was instrumental in establishing the sheltering for the hundreds of horses that were housed during this emergency.

Additionally, the Department was supported by mutual aid requests made to the spcaLA, San Bernardino County Animal Services, the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA, and Riverside County Animal Services.

The animal evacuees included more than 400 horses as well as dogs, cats, donkeys, cows, goats, sheep, pigs, chickens, turkeys, ducks, peafowl, guinea pigs, rabbits, tortoises, a hamster and an alpaca.

The Department urges all animal owners to be prepared to provide for their animals during disasters. Information on disaster preparedness may be found at www.animalcare.lacounty.gov.



Officer Victor Gamont responding to call for service





Officers co-locate with Fire personnel to provide a coordinated response



Horse receiving fluids, with owner, at Pierce College



A Percheron horse evacuee at Hansen Dam

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Opening July 20, 2016
Palmdale Animal Care Center
38550 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550

HAPPY TAILS!

In its ongoing efforts to find new homes for all adoptable animals, the Department participates in many offsite adoption events. Bringing animals into the community makes the animals more accessible and gives potential adopters the opportunity to see the animals in quieter settings.

This summer, the Department participated in events at the Antelope Valley Poppy Festival, CSULA, a Habicat Café Event at the Agoura ACC, Clear the Shelters, and many more.



Ringo visiting with Sheriff Department Explorers



Diamond loved the attention and belly rubs by DACC volunteers

SAVING ANIMALS – ONE BATH AT A TIME

When the Lancaster ACC's grooming facility exceeded its useful life and could not be used any further, the Foundation stepped in to ensure animals could still receive the necessary bathing and grooming required to address severe matting and underlying medical issues caused by such neglect.

Since the Lancaster ACC is undergoing renovations, installing a permanent grooming facility was not feasible. Instead, the Foundation purchased a state of the art mobile grooming trailer for the Lancaster ACC to use. Equipped with efficient bathing and drying systems, heat and air conditioning, and other modern amenities, the grooming trailer has been an effective addition to the care center's resources. The Foundation's highly successful Grooming Gives Hope program will continue to operate out of this trailer, as well as at the other animal care centers operated by the Department.



Care Center Manager Raul Rodriguez, Lt. Chris Cinar, and Sgt. Daniel Dibene with their new grooming trailer

PORTRAITS OF HOPE

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control will soon see its facilities revitalized through a remarkable art project by Portraits of Hope (POH). For its latest public art and civic project, POH will be adding lots of color, beauty, and artwork to our animal care centers as a way to highlight them as public destinations and inspire more people to visit and take home a new pet.

This beautification project was spearheaded by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl of the 3rd District, and enthusiastically supported by the entire Board of Supervisors. Developed initially for seriously ill and physically disabled children, the 501 (c)(3) program conceives and develops one-of-a-kind motivational art projects that merge the production of dynamic public art works with creative therapy for hospitalized children and civic education for students of all ages.

The majority of the artwork will be painted by children taking part in Portraits of Hope creative therapy and civic leadership sessions in schools, hospitals, and social service programs, who will paint 2D and 3D art elements for the care centers.

POH anticipates that more than 8,000 people will be involved in this project. Portraits of Hope has involved tens of thousands of children and adults in high profile civic collaborations - in the U.S. and abroad - that have visually and spectacularly transformed everything from airplanes, buildings, and the New York City taxi fleet to blimps, tugboats, and NASCAR racecars.

Installation of the artwork will begin in January, 2017. Please stop by one of the care centers to see the remarkable transformation! For more information please visit Portraits of Hope's website: <http://www.portraitsofhope.org/>.



An LA County lifeguard tower transformed by POH art.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions made in memory of loved ones.

Anthony Alfieri – in memory of Calogero
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Christine Arias – in memory of Oreo & Ditto
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Sharon Pecorelli – in memory of Sugar Yaffee
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Robert Quon – in memory of Helen Fernandez
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Jerry Riley – in memory of Charles Riskin
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Abel Rivas – in memory of Tinker Bell
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Linda Schneider – in memory of Spiker Duran
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Frederic T. Selleck – in memory of Phyllis Selleck
Jeffrey & Beth Stein – in memory of Sasha Poitras
Kurt Sternberg – in memory of Sophie
Elizabeth Stothers – in memory of Chopper, Gerty & Indy
Stacey Tan – in memory of Harley & Bibi's dog Bruno
Mark Thomas – in memory of David Thornton
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Barbara Vaccai – in memory of Jeanne Cutler
Richard & Lesley Watkins – in memory of Spike
Laura Williams – in memory of Pepper
Bitner & Carol Winckler – in memory of Little Bear

HONORARIUM GIFTS

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

Margaret Arnhart – in honor of Wendy Stimson
Carson Barlow – in honor of Smokey
Farah Billah – in honor of Putush Chutush
Diana Carrillo – in honor of Anna Chung
Daria Castellanos – in honor of Hazel
Susanne Coie – in honor of Jacob's Birthday
Joan Getz – in honor of Howard Rosenberg's Birthday
Tom & Joan Getz – in honor of Carol & Howard Rosenberg's
Wedding Anniversary
Jennifer Golden – in honor of Jacob Adler's 10th Birthday
Peter Guan – in honor of Bandit
Michael Hodson – in honor of Candi Hodson
Diane F. Hudson – in honor of Kennon Hudson
Alana Jevort – in honor of Biscuit
Forest Jones – in honor of Michael O'Malley's Birthday &
Jake & Jasper
Karen Kryder – in honor of Kipper

Lena Layman – in honor of Brandi Rose Layman as "Sandy" in the
Balboa Middle School Drama Production of Annie, Jr. who was
adopted from the Castaic Animal Care Shelter in 2014
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Lorette Moreno – in honor of Olive June Rose's Birthday & Bosco
Teresa Mullens – in honor of Waffles
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Misako & Akemi Takemoto – in honor of Pumpkin
Michelle Wagner – in honor of John Shura
Chris Wampler – in honor of Jet
James Wiley – in honor of Elbie Bacon

DEPARTMENT PARTNERS TO PROVIDE FREE SPAY/NEUTER

The Department has entered into a one year pilot program with local nonprofit organization Spay4LA to provide free spay/neuter, microchip, and vaccinations to pets owned by low income residents in the Department's jurisdiction.

Spearheaded by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and philanthropist Erika Brunson, services will be provided by a mobile medical clinic, which will travel to the underserved areas of Los Angeles County to bring these needed services to the residents.

Funded by the Department of Animal Care and Control, the Coalition for Pets and Public Safety, and the Petco Foundation, this program will improve the health of these animals while preventing the births of unwanted litters.

"Spaying and neutering is the most effective way to end the euthanasia of homeless animals," said Marcia Mayeda, director. "We are grateful for Supervisor Antonovich's leadership and Ms. Brunson's generosity to see this pilot program begin."

For information about obtaining services, call 1-888-SPAY-4-LA (772-9452) or visit the website at www.1888spay4la.org.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for mobile clinic at La Crescenta dog park.

TINY SOUTHERN



When Laurie Southern was looking for a cat to join her family, she returned to the Agoura animal care center because it was there that she adopted her beloved yellow Labrador retriever, "Jack" several years ago. Laurie wanted to give a home to an older cat that might not be as appealing to the average adopter. She fell in love with an older, very large cat that she playfully named "Tiny". Laurie wrote:

"Tiny is WONDERFUL!!!! We love him so much! He has decided the master bedroom belongs to him but he is willing to "share" with our other cat, Mojo and the dog, Jack whenever Jack comes to check on everyone. Each morning when we get up, Tiny comes to greet us and tell us all about the events of the night. What a sweet, lovable guy he is. We could not have asked for a better addition, nor for a more enjoyable adoption process. Denise, your staff are WONDERFUL!!! Mario was so nice and provided us all of the information on Tiny. I have attached a picture of Tiny on his new quilt. Tiny is part of the family, settled in nicely and seems to enjoy his big picture window too. He is an absolute delight and I can't thank you both enough."

Thank YOU, Laurie, for opening your home and heart to a senior kitty!

YOUR DONATIONS SAVED SADIE'S LIFE!

Thanks to the generous donations by Foundation supporters, our Dreams Come True fund continues to provide necessary medical care to save the lives of seriously ill animals.

Sadie was surrendered by her former owner to our Castaic Animal Care Center so she could find a new forever home. Many people were interested in adopting Sadie, but on the day she was scheduled for her spay surgery she tested positive for parvo virus. Parvo virus is an extremely serious illness that can be fatal. All of the potential adopters decided they did not want to adopt her, except for Holly Cahill and her family. The Cahills had fallen in love with Sadie when they met her, and wanted to work with us to save her life.

Castaic staff used Dreams Come True funds to provide specialized medical treatment and supportive care as Sadie was treated for this disease. After several weeks of supportive care and additional treatment for worms and an upper respiratory infection, Sadie made a full recovery. She is a delight to the Cahill family who love her deeply, and will live a long and happy life thanks to your donations!



BARK FOR BOOKS

On September 27, 2016 more than 40 students from Castaic Middle School's "Kids Loving Animals Within Shelters" (KLAWS) club brought books to read to the dogs at the Castaic Animal Shelter, kicking off their first "Bark for Books" program.

An idea developed by Castaic Middle School teacher Karen Gagnon and Castaic ACC manager Karen Stepp, this program was created to help both animals and students. The dogs learn calmness and patience, making them more appealing for adoption. Students polish their literacy skills and learn about the benefits of helping shelter animals.

Introducing the concept of compassion to animals to children increases their empathy not only to animals but each other as well. This was well evident, as the KLAWS students arrived with treats and blankets for the animals.

