

Critter Chronicles



Choose a Chihuahua!



Animal Care is always crazy adorable breed had their very own day of celebration on October 23rd! The "Choose a Chihuahua" event was a fun-filled day that celebrated everything that is wonderful about these pocket-sized cuties! X-Pens were setup in the shelter courtyard to showcase several of our adoptable dogs. In addition, the first annual Chihuahua parade was quite a hit, with many potential adopters waiting to see these miniature models strut their stuff in the finest doggie couture. During the event, 41 dogs were adopted and 28 of them were Chihuahuas! A bake sale benefiting the animals and goodies for new adopt-

ers added to the huge success of this event! Thank you to the volunteers and staff who helped make this a fun and special event!



Checking out the event!



Picture perfect!



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More Pictures from Choose a Chihuahua!













Adopt-a-Pet



Name: Davey ID: A1063998 Age: 8 years Breed: Dachshund Davey has a face that is easy to fall in love with. Make him your forever friend!



Name: Buddy ID: A1063818 Age: 5 years Breed: Min. Poddle Buddy is a sweetheart who is looking for a family to have fun with. Visit him today!



Name: Ladv ID: A1062933 Age: 3 years Breed: Germ. Shep Mx Lady is a sweet, older gal who can't wait to meet you. Give her the second chance she deserves!



Name: Boo Boo ID: A1063757 Age: 8 years Breed: DSH Boo Boo is a doll who is looking for a family to cal her own. Fall in love

Name: Sally

ID: A1063628

Age: 10 years

Breed: Siamese

Sally is a beautiful girl

who is looking for her

forever family. Meet her

today!



Name: Licorice ID: A1010903 Age: 1 year Breed: Long Hair Licorice is an adorable rabbit who can't wait to find her forever family. Could it be you?

OC Animal Care makes every effort to promote all of the wonderful animals we have available for adoption. At the time of publication, these animals were in need of lifelong homes. All adopted animals are spayed/ neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped prior to leaving the shelter. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please visit us online at ocpetinfo.com, or simply come down to the shelter!



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Our Volunteers are One of a Kind!

On Saturday, November 13th, OC Animal Care, in conjunction with OC Parks, hosted the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony was held at Irvine Regional Park and had more than 150 volunteers in attendance. Volunteers were treated to a picnic lunch, free train rides and OC Zoo admission. This event was our way of saying "Thank You" to our dedicated team of hard-working and compassionate volunteers. It was a small reminder of how much they are appreciated!

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make a difference in the lives of our animals!







Special recognition goes to the following OC Animal Care volunteers for their significant accomplishments in 2009 and 2010:

Orange County Excellence in Volunteerism Award

Frances Schuster
Brooke Patchin
Erin McCarthy

OC Animal Care Exceptional Volunteer Award

Rene Bruce
Jody Briggs
Stacey McCormick
Dana Willis
Richard Bouch
Explorer of the Year
Heatherly Lopez
Explorer Supervisor of the Year
Makayla Hall

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Presidential Volunteer Award

Gold Award (Contributed 500 or more hours of service)

Bonnie Blair, James Boire, Michelle Coffelt, Kaycee Concepcion, Jennifer Dentino, Jaye Durkee, Melinda El Guindy, Cathy Franklin, Sharon Frazier, Carrie Gunder, Chris Hill, Nat Mann, Julie Nitkin, Kellie Nitkin, Tish Pabst, Celesta Peterson, Kirk Rodgers, Jeanne Russell, Adrian Sauvageot, Rachel Smith, Nick Winters, Stacey Winters

Silver Award

(Contributed 250 – 500 hours of service)
Richard Bouch, Jody Briggs, Linda Hicks, Leah Lutz,
Jennifer Pitoniak, Anita Samuelson, Frances Schuster,
Janette Thomas, Vicky Velilla, Debbie Barba

Bronze Award

(Contributed 100 – 249 hours of service)

Marcy Beaubelle, Sarah Cheek, Marilee Crosmer, Lena Mercurio-Cutler, Gregg, Garcia, Pat Highfill, Steven Hulbert, Kim Kane, Herman Lerner, Erin McCarthy, Stacey McCormick, Sabrina Melton, Linda Munoz, Buffy O'Hara, Kayla Pitts, Diana Rodgers, Janet Rohm, Kate Schlentz, Greg Schlentz







Raising Money and Awareness for a Great Cause!

Animal Care's Shelter Services team held a Bake Sale earlier this Fall to raise money for breast cancer research and awareness. Their sweet treats and cupcakes brought in over \$100, which was donated to Susan G. Komen. With their big hearts and generous donation, we are hopefully one step closer to finding a cure!



Upcoming Events

- 12/11/10 Santa Photos at OC Animal Care (10 a.m. 2 p.m.)
- 12/12/10 Santa Photos at the Fullerton Petsmart (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
- 12/18/10 Pawliday Adoption Event at OC Animal Care (10 a.m.- 2 p.m.)
- 12/18/10 Santa Photos at OC Animal Care (10 a.m. 2 p.m.)
- 12/19/10 Santa Photos at OC Animal Care (10 a.m. 2 p.m.)
- 12/19/10 Santa Photos at the Fullerton Petsmart (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
- 12/25/10 Merry Christmas OC Animal Care Closed

1/1/11 Happy New Year - OC Animal Care Closed



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Holiday Tips For Your Pet!

eck the halls with balls and bones! The holidays are a wonderful time of year, but it can sometimes be a bit overwhelming for our four-legged friends. To ensure that you and your pet have a happy and healthy holiday season, make sure to follow these helpful tips below.

Holiday Hazards...Beware! With all of the excitement this time of year, make sure to be cautious of what your pet is ingesting. There are many hazardous things, especially around the holidays, that can be extremely harmful to your pet like plants and berries, chocolate, and water from the tree base. For a more thorough list, please see the below.

Guard Your Gifts! Keep presents in a secure place and make sure that they don't have food items inside them or expect to see wrapping paper all over!

Keep a Regular Routine! During the holidays, our regular routine usually takes a back seat to all of the fun, but try to remember that your furry friend still needs YOU. Exercise and playtime is vital and it will keep your pet more relaxed during all of the holiday commotion. Try taking your pet for at least a 15-minute walk. Not only will this make your pet happy, but it also gives you some time to yourself.

Pet-Proof Your Tree and Holiday Decorations! Christmas trees are exciting for everyone, especially your curious pets. Make sure to pet-proof your holiday tree as much as possible. Hang more valuable and breakable ornaments higher than your pet's paw can reach. Be aware of fallen debris from your tree like pine needles (real or fake) ornaments and tinsel, because all can cause stomach problems. Electrical cords also pose a danger to pets, so keep them out of reach so they aren't used as chew toys. If you're still unsure what your clever canine may be capable of, try using a baby gate or just keep your pet out of that room until Santa has finished his business.

Holiday Sweets Are Not Dog Treats! This time of year, the only thing that should be stuffed is the holiday turkey - not your pet! It may be a time of over indulgence, but remember that certain holiday foods can make your pet susceptible to pancreatitis, constipation, and vomiting. Also, remember that cooked turkey and chicken bones do not make good chew toys because they can easily break and cause choking. Stick to bones that dogs can chew, like treats and toys.

Keep Your Pet Warm and Toasty! We all enjoy the holidays because it's a joyous time to be with your loved ones; and while it may be convenient to put your pets outside when guests arrive for the festivities, falling temperatures can be dangerous to pets. So, secure a dry and warm place for your pets and give them a break in a quiet room with a familiar doggie bed or blanket.

Santa Paws! Your pet is a perfect companion all year round, so make sure you spoil them during the holidays with lots of love and affection. Also, make sure Santa has your pet on his list as well. Toys and treats always make their tails wag with excitement and a new toy will distract them from all of the other things that are going on during the holidays.

'Tis the Season for Love and Giving! The holidays are the perfect time to remember all of the animals at your local animal shelter. Donations are always appreciated and it helps make their holidays brighter.

For more information about donating to OC Animal Care, please visit our web site at ocpetinfo.com or call (714) 935-6848.



** Happy Holidays from OC Animal Care!

Holiday Hazards!

Here's a short list of things that can be found around your home during the holidays that can be toxic or even fatal to your pets:

- Water from the Tree Base
- Pine Needles and Sap
- Poinsettias
- Mistletoe
- Ivv
- Holly Berries
- Potpourri
- Tinsel
- Alcohol
- Chocolate
- Candy
- Peppermint
- Cookies and Cakes
- Anti-freeze solutions
- Chemical tree life extenders





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Baxter's Story

saw Mack's photo in the OC Register in May. He was believed to be a one-year old Rottweiler/Lab mix, and he was recovering from hip surgery at OC Animal Care. "Mack" needed a foster home where he could recover and rebuild muscle. At about the same time, I received an email from the volunteer coordinator, looking for a foster home. So Mack joined our household.

For some reason, I kept mistakenly calling him "Baxter," so we took the easy way out and renamed him. It made no difference to him either way because he didn't respond to any particular name. He didn't seem to have had the experience of someone actually engaging with him, and he had received no training at all.

However, "Baxter" was such a social and intelligent dog and always willing to give it a try. He was easily trained.

Within two days he was completely house-trained, and within a week he was trained in sit/stay, come,

heel around, heel, and, very important, to wait until given a release command before running through an open door! This one was great because at first, he just barged through, knocking my wife and me aside!

The most endearing thing we had seen occurred when I waited too long after his meal to give him his meds; and he threw up. He tried to go outside, but the screen door was closed, so he pushed against the screen and managed to get his snout over the door jamb. All we needed to clean was the front porch! I've never seen a dog do that, with no prompting or shouts from us. Of course, we tried to tell him that it wasn't his fault, it was mine. I think he felt better about it then.

"Baxter's" hip healed very well, and he built muscle by walking or jogging every day. He

> also got exercise by roughhousing with "Shauna," our Husky/Malamute mix. For awhile, we had to keep it to a minimum, to avoid injury to his hip. But, after he healed, he was fully able, and it was always "Baxter" who initiated play by facing "Shauna" and yipping at her. He ran around the dining room table to intercept her, flew through the air at her, and always got a mouthful of shedding sled dog undercoat. She in turn, would play bite his ears and forelegs. And if he got to be too rambunctious, she

would chastise him by grab-biting his muzzle.



Handsome Baxter

"Baxter" will make a great pet for some family (my wife argues for us to be that family.) He never lost his temper or showed any aggression, and he was a happy dog! He would be happiest in a home with another dog about his size for a playmate!

~ Adrian Sauvageot

Update: Baxter is now living happily in his forever home!

