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Orange County takes a walk on the wild side



vices (ACS) Pet Fair 2007, "Take a walk on the wild Serval is on the prowl side," was held on Saturday, May 19th at

the Animal Care Center in Orange. This year's event showcased hundreds of adoptable dogs, cats, rabbits and exotic animals, and adopted out more than 80 animals nearly 20% more than last year's fair! Adopters of the day were provided goody bags from Girl Scout Troops 459 and 1360, and a photo keepsake with their new forever friend. The first 20 dog adoptions of the day were given a handcrafted doghouse donated by Bark Busters.

Fun-filled demonstrations ranged from multitalented Macaws to an African Serval on the prowl. Steve Reverditto's "Tricks without Treats" performance with his Macaws used training techniques with positive reinforcement through affection and voice control, without using treats as a reward. Entertainment and Education (E & E) Animals wowed the audience with their collection and knowledge of wild and exotic animals from around the world. North American Ring Association



made a thrilling display with ACS' own Erin Suggett presenting awesome jumping, complex obedience, and a duel of speed between decoy and dog. Deputy Bolton and his K-9 Deputy Christa showed the audience how they "take a bite outta crime" with their narcotics and explosive detection demonstration. All demonstrations showcased a variety of information on animals and were enjoyed by all who attended.

The event also featured over 40 vendor groups that promoted special animal services, breed rescue information, and the latest in pet care products. Children attending the event had the opportunity to "Take a walk on the wild side" with a safari hunt from booth to booth. ACS staff participated in a fun and friendly competition for "best booth" based on their approach to providing information about the services of ACS. Congratulations to Special Services for taking home first prize for the best booth design of Pet Fair 2007.

ACS volunteers helped by contributing their time decorating the shelter for the event, answering questions from the public, directing vendors to their booths, and assisting with parking. Explorer Post 538 raised money for their program by selling refreshments, snacks, and barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. The event was great fun for all who attended!

A special thank you to all ACS employees, volunteers, and participants for their hard work and support. Everyone played a special part in making this event an incredible success!

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OC Youth Gives Back

he community of Orange County has been making a difference for the animals of Animal Care Services (ACS) one project at a time. Perhaps the most exciting impact has been made by local groups of youth volunteers. With special projects Orange County's youth have been making a difference in a big way. These projects have ranged from making promotional signs for individual animals, to holding a donation drive for blankets and other animal care supplies. ACS has been overjoyed with the impact youth have made for their animals and would like to highlight a few outstanding projects of 2007.

Love Ame Project 2007

One special teen, Amelia Kweitko organized her own 'Love Ame Project 2007' to collect blankets for the animals of ACS. Amelia was able to gather over 50 blankets by collecting donations from family, friends and neighbors in her community. After collecting the blankets she marked each one with a heart signed by her, laun-



dered and folded them with care. Then she found the oldest and youngest dogs in the shelter to present them with handmade blankets to bring them comfort during their stay at ACS. Amelia has plans to continue the project on a yearly basis and has already begun collecting for next year's drive. She hopes each year she will have the opportunity to impact more animals at ACS.



Quinten's Second Chance

One special cat got his second chance when Girl Scout Troop #265 and ACS veterinary staff were able to provide him with a surgery to improve his quality of life and make him available for adoption. Quinten came to ACS as a stray with multiple fractures

of his back left leg. He quickly won the hearts of ACS staff with his playfulness and soft purr. Girl Scout Troop #265 graciously

donated 80 cents per box of cookies they sold to contribute to the costs of Quinten's surgery. After ACS veterinary staff amputated his leg he made a quick recovery and was ready to find a forever home.

A Well Earned Award

Another eager Girl Scout Troop #459 partnered with ACS for the completion of their Girl Scout Bronze Award. Each girl within the troop



completed 15 hours of service with ACS to receive their award. Their contributions to ACS included: handmade decorations for the ACS Pet Fair event, hand sewn bandanas for adopted dogs, signs to promote the adoptable shelter animals, and finally a \$150 donation from cookie sales to provide medical treatment for a special needs animal. Congratulations Troop #459 on your well earned Bronze Award!

A Birthday Wish for Animals

For Destiny's 7th birthday she had a wish to help animals in need by throwing an animal themed birthday party. She asked her party guests to make a donation in her name to animals rather than give her a birthday gift. During her party Destiny shared stories of animals in need and provided ways for her guests to offer assistance to shelter animals. After



collecting over \$450 Destiny was eager to donate the collection to the animals of ACS. Destiny has a huge heart and love for animals!

The year 2007 has begun with a bang in community service. With outstanding projects such as these and many others, the

youth of Orange County are definitely making an impact for the humane treatment of animals. For more information on Community Service Projects call Lindsey Sevigny, Public Education Officer at (714) 935-6301.

They Came, They Saw, They Adopted

hat do you get when you combine thousands of animal lovers with thousands of adorable animals? Well, if you attended this year's Pet Expo at the Orange County Fairgrounds, you might have taken home one of the nineteen animals Orange County Animal Care Services (ACS) brought for adoption. The goals of the Pet Expo - adoption, education and fun - were exceeded due to the efforts of many dedicated people.

The hard working staff at ACS made it possible for one bird, two rabbits, seven cats and nine dogs to find new forever homes dur-

ing the Pet Expo. Additionally the wide selection of multi-language educational materials, enabled, attendees

terials enabled attendees to learn about subjects such as indigenous wildlife, spaying and neutering and disaster preparation for pets.

wilduterparaarpe makes "Darwin"

Peter Sharpe makes "Darwin" his forever friend!

Adopt - a - Pet



Deena
ID#: A0826074
Sex: Spayed
Age: 5 years
Breed: Chihuahua
I am a super cute girl
who loves people!



Sugar Baby
ID#: A0828433
Sex: Spayed
Age: 7 months
Breed: Cocker spaniel
mix
I am a friendly little
pup who enjoys kids!



Buddy
ID#: A0826287
Sex: Neutered
Age: 6 years
Breed: Domestic
shorthair
am a cool cat with a
great personality!



Angel ID#: A0829337 Sex: Female Age: 1 year Breed: Siamese I love to cuddle and I get along well with other cats!



Melody
ID#: A0829155
Sex: Female
Age: 1 year
Breed: Shorthair rabbit
I am a friendly girl
who loves treats!



Doodle
ID#: A0822957
Sex: Female
Age: 7 months
Breed: Angora rabbit
I am a silly bunny who
loves to play!

Orange County Animal Care Services 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 www.ocpetinfo.com, or simply come down to the shelter!

4TH of July – Fun for you but not your pets!



Fireworks displays on the 4th of July are spectacular and enjoyed by almost everyone. Unfortunately, what appeals to us terrifies most animals. Every year hundreds of pets run away trying to escape the loud noises and flashes of light from the fireworks outside. Because the sense of hearing of animals is much more sensitive than ours, the noise of the fireworks usually scares and annoys them. There are things you can do to help your pet get through the night of festivities.

If your dog or cat is normally kept outside you should consider bring-

ing them in the house or the garage until after the fireworks shows. There have been cases of dogs running through glass patio doors or jumping through windows to escape. A room with the blinds or

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Katie's Korner

Is your dog's chewing habit getting expensive? Try these simple tips to teach your dog what to chew on.

- Keep items you don't want in your dog's mouth out of his reach or secured in a safe place.
- Provide lots of appropriate chew toys for your dog at all times. Make sure to praise him when he uses them.
- Don't confuse your dog by offering him shoes or socks to play with.
- When you are not at home, confine your dog to a safe place that's "dog proof" with plenty of appropriate chew toys.
- If and only if you catch your dog chewing up something of value, distract him with a loud noise and then give him one of his own toys to chew on. Never correct your dog for chewing up something after the fact.



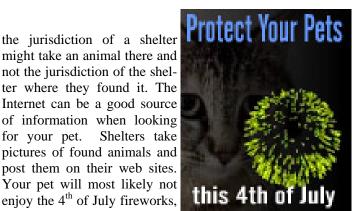
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curtains closed, the light off and a spot for the animal to hide is ideal. Some people stay with their pets to reassure and comfort them during the shows. Another suggestion would be to board your pet at a veterinary or boarding facility. Some people hire pet sitters to stay with their dog or cat. If your pet seems extraordinarily sensitive to fireworks your veterinarian may prescribe a mild sedative for them that night.

Finally, make sure your pet has a collar with current contact information and a microchip. If they run away, having these items will ensure you can be notified by anyone who finds them. Animals found without identification will most likely be taken to a shelter. Make sure to visit all local shelters when searching for your lost animal. Someone who lives in

might take an animal there and not the jurisdiction of the shelter where they found it. The Internet can be a good source of information when looking for your pet. Shelters take pictures of found animals and post them on their web sites. Your pet will most likely not enjoy the 4th of July fireworks, but you can make sure they will be safe.



Don't forget your pets this fire season!

A aking care of your pet's needs is part of your daily routine. But, in the event of a fire, do you know what to do so your pet will be safe? If you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pet is to evacuate them, too. Leaving pets behind, even if you try to create a safe place for them, is likely to result in them being injured, lost, or worse. So prepare now for the day when you and your pets may have to leave your home with very little notice.



How will you evacuate safely with your pet? Plan your pet's safe evacuation in advance. It's important to keep household pets inside during days of high fire danger so they are on hand in case of evacuation. Make sure your pet is always wearing tags and is microchipped and keep your contact informa-

tion current. Put pet alert fire rescue decals on your windows. Obedience-trained dogs will be more likely to cooperate with their owner during an evacuation and ensuing chaos. If possible, make sure your pet is used to traveling in a car from an early age. Remember your pet's usual hiding and sleeping places. During a fire, they'll be scared, and are likely to hide in their favorite retreats. If possible, escort your pet to safety on a leash, or in a crate or cage. Pets can suffer from serious smoke inhalation in a matter of minutes, and may burn their fur or feathers, so pay close attention to your pet during and after a fire.

Where will you evacuate to with your pet? Remember that most disaster shelters cannot accept pets. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to find shelter for your animals in

the midst of a fire, so plan ahead. Do not wait until a fire strikes to do your research. Ask family and friends outside of your area if they could temporarily shelter your pets. Prepare a list of veterinarians and boarding facilities outside of your area that could shelter your pets and include 24-hour phone numbers. Check with hotels and motels outside of your area about their pet policies.

What will you bring with you to take care of your pet away from home? Planning ahead and stocking up on supplies is essential. Pack a pet evacuation kit that includes food, can opener and spoon, water, medications, cage or carrier labeled with your contact information, blanket, towel, favorite toys and treats, leash and collar with current identification tags, muzzle, no-spill food and water dishes, pet first aid kit, comb and brush, copies of veterinary records, proof of ownership and microchip pa-

perwork in water proof document holder, plastic bags for pet waste, and disinfectant wipes.

Our pets enrich our lives in more ways than we can count. In turn, they depend on us for their safety and well-being. Please help your pet be prepared!





Mobile Adoption & Shelter Events for June-August



A nimal Care Services is always looking for ways to promote adoptable animals and bring them into the public eye. One way that we do this is through our participation in local community events. Each week we prepare animals at our shelter to go out into the public and potentially find a new home. Mobile adoptions are a great way to promote animals, provide information to the public, and inform our local communities of the services we provide. Here is a list of the upcoming mobile events in which ACS will be participating:

- Saturday, June 2, 2007 : C.O.P.S. Expo, Mobile Adoptions (11 am 5 pm) The Block in Orange.
- Saturday, June 9, 2007: Tustin Police Dept. Open House, Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm), Tustin.
- Sunday, June 10, 2007: Family Pet Day, Mobile Adoptions (12 am 4 pm) Lake Forest.
- Saturday, June 16, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) PetSmart Fullerton.
- Sunday, June 17, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) PetSmart Brea.
- Saturday, June 23, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) PetSmart Lake Forest.

- Saturday, June 30, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am
 3 pm) PetSmart Rancho Santa Margarita.
- Saturday, July 7, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) PetSmart Lake Forest.
- Saturday, July 7, 2007: Volunteer Orientation (10 am 11 am) Animal Care Services, Orange.
- Wednesday, July 11, 2007: Volunteer Orientation (6 pm 7 pm) Animal Care Services, Orange.
- Saturday, July 14, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) PetSmart Aliso Viejo.
- Saturday, July 21, 2007: Family Campout (7 pm 8 pm) Aliso Viejo Family Resource Center.
- Sunday, July 22, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am -3 pm) PetSmart Brea.
- Saturday, July 28, 2007 Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) Cypress Festival.
- Sunday, July 29, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) PetSmart Fullerton.
- Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 29, 31 and August 1, 2007 (12 pm 11 pm) Orange County Fair, Orange County Fairgrounds.
- Saturday, August 4, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) PetSmart Aliso Viejo.
- Saturday, August 11, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (3 pm 10 pm) Stanton.
- Sunday, August 19, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) PetSmart Brea.
- Saturday, August 25, 2007: Mobile Adoptions (11 am 3 pm) PetSmart Fullerton.

ACS is always looking to participate in new events. If you have an upcoming community event that you would like us to be a part of, please send your information to JJ Johnson, Public Education Officer, 561 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868, email him at jjjohnson@ochca.com or call him at (714) 935-7681.

Celebrating Success

Orange County Animal Care Services takes great pride in promoting our success in adopting our animals to lifelong homes. We often receive updates from visitors that tell us heart warming stories of how they were either reunited with their lost pet, or had found the perfect companion to take home. Here is a story of a cat named Jade who has found her forever home.

This is the best kitty in the whole wide world! We came to the shelter to look for a kitten, although we were a bit early for "kitten season." We had previously put our cat (Rudy) to sleep because he had cancer. Now we were ready for another kitty to love. Almost immediately when we walked into the cat trailer we heard a banging on a cage. And then a little cry "mew." The source was this tiny black and white cat with magnificent green eyes. She was rubbing her head on the cage door and just wanted attention. She was purring all the time; we loved her so much that we adopted her. She has been one of the best cats we have ever had! Thank you so much for adding more love to our family!

Jade gets a big hug from Cheyanne

Cheyanne and Leesha Arason

