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Angels for Animals

The animals of Orange County really did have Angels looking out for them on September 13, in the first ever "Angels for Animals" event held at Angel Stadium. OC Animal Care was lucky enough to be chosen as the featured animal organization in this event that was held prior to the Angels' evening game. "Angels for Animals" raised money for local animal shelters and organizations, as well as promoting shelter adoption and responsible pet ownership.

With a booth located under the big Angels caps at the main entrance, 43,000 fans had a chance to meet and greet OC Animal Care ambassadors like "Charlie" the Bassett Hound and "Linus" the American Pit Bull Terrier, along with nine other dogs and four kittens. There were even some Seattle Mariners fans who crossed into Angels territory to grab a glimpse of OC Animal Care's finest.

The idea for the event came from Jody

Kendrick, wife of Angels infielder Howie Kendrick. She and other wives and girlfriends of Angels players sold \$40 mystery bags and \$5 raffle tickets. Each bag contained an autographed ball signed by a player or coach and entering the raffle gave fans the chance to win a team-signed bat and other memorabilia.



An OC Animal Care Veterinarian hopes to find Linus the dog a home

This amazing event raised over \$19,200 with proceeds going to other local animal rescue organizations, including OC Animal Care.

In addition to the animals having a fun-filled day, it was also an exciting day for some very fortunate employees from OC Animal Care. Four lucky staff members and dogs were

chosen to appear on the field before the game. Their faces were displayed high above on the Jumbotron, and all of the fans had a chance to see some of the special residents of OC Animal Care.

Although this was not an adoption event, the Angels organization gave OC Animal Care an amazing platform to educate over 40,000 people about responsible pet ownership and the importance of shelter adoption. Furthermore, on Sunday at the shelter, adoptions

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soared, with many of the adopters showing up before the shelter opened to adopt the dogs they had seen the night before.

Thanks to the compassion and kindness from the Angels Baseball Club and Foundation for making "Angels for Animals" a grand slam event!



Even the littlest fans were checking out the dogs from OC Animal Care



OC Animal Care staff and four-legged critters smile bright at Angels Stadium

Malibu gets her motor purring

When OC Animal Care customer services representative Eileen traveled to work in her Chevy Malibu on October 15th, she was surprised to discover that she had one more passenger in her vehicle than usual. As she drove to work in the morning, she began to hear a faint meow. She continued to drive, but as the cries became louder and increasingly intense, she began to wonder if a cat had stowed away in her vehicle. She pulled over to a nearby barber shop and popped her hood to search for the source of the cries. Her search yielded no results, so she asked a few of the workers from the barber shop to help her search. The barber shop workers could hear no cries and there was no cat in sight. Eileen decided to continue driving in hopes that the cat had made it out safely. But the cries continued shortly after she pulled away. Eileen quickly pulled over again and called her supervisor, Kathy at OC Animal Care. Kathy instructed her to drive slowly to work so that the Animal Control Officers could examine her car more thoroughly.

The moment Eileen pulled up Officers Dykstra and Petit were ready to search for the source of the mysterious cries. Finally they discovered the cries were coming from a tiny kitten lodged between the windshield and the hood of the car. Sergeant Bickelhaupt and Lieutenant Evans removed the hood and found a little six week old calico kitten trapped in the fire wall of the car. By 12:30 p.m.

the kitten was safely out of the vehicle and in the arms of OC Animal Care staff. Surprisingly, the kitten appeared to be in good health with no serious injuries, despite a few grease stains on her pretty white fur.

Since the kitten was too small to be put up for adoption, OC Animal Care dispatcher, Esperanza took the kitten home to foster her. The little stow away is now named "Malibu Marie." Her amazing story and cute-as-can-be temperament has delighted Esperanza so much that she has decided to adopt little Malibu as her forever companion. Eileen was overjoyed that Malibu got her second chance and said "It was a blessing nothing happened to the kitten and that she made it out safely." Hopefully from now on little Malibu will prefer to travel safely inside the vehicle!

Esperanza and Eileen with their precious cargo



Adopt-a-Pet



Name: Jasmin
ID: A0802070
Age: 3 years
Breed: Cairn Terrier mix
Jasmin is a silly little girl who will dance to get your attention. She will steal your heart!



Name: Delilah
ID: A0921100
Age: 7 months
Breed: Pit Bull mix
Delilah is a smart little pup. She knows the "sit" command and she is eager to learn more!



Name: Blue
ID: A0921279
Age: 2 years
Breed: Domestic short hair
Blue is a talker. Come visit him and he will be sure to greet you!



Name: Max
ID: A0922729
Age: 6 months
Breed: Domestic short hair
Max loves to nap on a cozy blanket. Make him your cuddle buddy!



Name: Larry
ID: A0915005
Age: 1 year
Breed: New Zealand
Larry is a playful bunny who is always ready to play. Come see him hop about!



Name: Bella
ID: A0919282
Age: 3 years
Breed: Short hair rabbit
Bella is a sweetheart who is patiently waiting for a forever home. She may want to adopt 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!

Katie's Korner

Is your cat eliminating outside of the litter box? Cats can stop using the litter box for several reasons and there is not always a simple answer to this problem. Here are some of the most common causes for this behavior.



- **Your litter box is dirty:** Cats don't like using dirty litter boxes. Make sure that you scoop the litter box daily and fully change the litter every two to four weeks.
- **Your cat may not like the brand of litter you have chosen:** Avoid sudden changes in litter brands and heavily scented litter.
- **The litter box location is not to your cat's liking:** Putting the litter box in a quiet and easy to access location is always a good idea for your cat to feel comfortable.
- **Your cat may be stressed:** Changes in your schedule, adding new pets, construction, and noise can cause your cat to become stressed and begin eliminating in inappropriate areas.
- **Your cat may have a medical problem:** Often times a medical condition, such as a Urinary Tract Infection can be the cause of inappropriate elimination. Make an appointment with a local veterinarian to rule out a medical cause.

Holiday Tips for Pets

Deck 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 box on page 4.

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

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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
- Ivy
- Holly Berries
- Potpourri
- Tinsel
- Alcohol
- Chocolate
- Candy
- Peppermint
- Cookies and Cakes
- Anti-freeze solutions
- Chemical tree life extenders



Catopia was a cats dream come true!



These adopters show off their newest family members!

OC Animal Care sent the Purrfect love home as 41 cats and kittens were adopted during Catopia. On August 23rd, OC Animal Care hosted our first-ever event to promote shelter cats. New adopters received a free spay or neuter for their new feline friend, a free carrier, and pet care supplies. Children attending the event made catnip toys for the cats in the shelter and enjoyed kitten coloring sheets. Best Friends Animal Network, an organization promoting humane treatment of animals, provided information on adoptable animals and opportunities to get involved in their organization. Cat lovers also had the opportunity to view the new kitten nursery at the shelter for kittens too young to be adopted. OC Animal Care staff and volunteers celebrated as the dreams of 41 cats and kittens came true in finding the forever homes they had been dreaming about!

The new nursery gives kittens a fresh start



This volunteer cuddles three nursery residents

Kittens are purring for the new nursery at OC Animal Care. The nursery is a safe place for kittens to stay at the shelter until they are able to be fostered, placed with a rescue organization, or they are ready for adoption. Generous donations from the community and recent shelter construction have helped make this kitten haven possible. The nursery features spacious kennels with specialty shelving, toys for the most playful of kittens, and a socialization area for staff and volunteers to spend quality time with the smallest shelter residents.

The nursery is the perfect addition to OC Animal Care to keep the kittens healthy. Young kittens are highly susceptible to disease with their weak

immune systems and high level of stress in their new surroundings. The nursery provides an extra clean environment for kittens and nursing cats with kittens to be safe from disease.

Staff and volunteers have jumped at the chance to socialize the kittens in the nursery. The calming music, cozy rocking chair, and triple story cat tree make it enjoyable for all. Some OC Animal Care staff spend their breaks in the nursery to play with the tiny felines. With the help of volunteers and staff socializing the kittens and keeping them stimulated throughout the day, they should have the best chance of staying healthy until they are ready to find their forever homes.



Kittens explore the toys in the new nursery

Kittens ranging from one week to eight weeks have enjoyed the comforts of the new nursery. The first kittens to graduate from the nursery were adopted on October 3rd and their forever families couldn't be happier!

OC Animal Care is always searching for more volunteers to socialize or foster cats and kittens. If you are interested in joining the volunteer program, please visit our web site at ocpetinfo.com for volunteer opportunities. You could be the newest volunteer team member!



Upcoming Shelter and Mobile Events

OC Animal Care is always looking for ways to promote adoptable animals and bring them into the public eye. One way that we do that 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 OC Animal Care will be participating:

- Mobile Adoption at Civic Center, Fountain Valley, Saturday, October 25, 2008: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Mobile Adoptions at PetSmart, Fullerton, Saturday, November 1, 2008: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Mobile Adoption at Peninsula Park, Newport Beach, Saturday, October 8, 2008: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Community Service Day at OC Animal Care, Saturday, November 15, 2008: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (1st - 6th grade) and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (7th - 12th grade) RSVP to lsevigny@ochca.com.

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- Mobile Adoption at Petco, Fountain Valley, Saturday, November 22, 2008: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Photos with Santa at PetSmart, Fullerton, Saturday - Sunday, December 6 - 7, 2008: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Photos with Santa at PetSmart, Fullerton, Saturday - Sunday, December 20 - 21, 2008: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Volunteer Orientation at OC Animal Care, Orange, Saturday, January 3, 2008: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Volunteer Orientation at OC Animal Care, Orange, Wednesday, January 7, 2008: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

OC Animal Care 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 Elizabeth Alianell, Public Education Officer, 561 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868, e-mail her at ealianell@ochca.com, or call her at (714) 935-7681.



Gypsy gets adopted!

Celebrating Success

OC Animal Care takes great pride in promoting our success in adopting our animals to forever 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 two dogs named Benjamin and Franklin who found their forever home, as told by their new family.

Benjamin (neutered, Australian Shepherd) was adopted from OC Animal Care in January, 2003. We lost our beloved Doberman Pinscher, Simon and Australian Shepherd, Chantilly (adopted from OC Animal Care in 1988) in 2002 and were missing our canine companions. I kept checking the OC Animal Care web site, looking for another Aussie. One day I stopped by the shelter and found the perfect dog. The amazing part of this story is the number 14. In 1985-1988 I was an Animal Control Officer at OC Animal Care and was assigned badge number 14 and drove unit number 14. As I walked up the last aisle that day, I recalled when I found my Chantilly in 1988. As I made my way down that same aisle, there he was in the same run - number 214. On January 14th 2002, I wrote a check for the adoption fee of \$114. Perhaps all a coincidence, however we believe Benjamin was meant to be. Aussie's take a lot of attention, work, and are task oriented. However, with obedience classes, agility classes, patience, and neutering, Benjamin has become the perfect dog.

In 2007, we started looking for a companion for Benjamin. In the summer months, we noticed the media attention to the impounded animals from a local OC pet store and the deplorable conditions they were forced to live in. When the adoption time was announced, we went hoping to come home with the Australian Shepherd puppy. We also noticed a red Doberman Pinscher that reminded us of our beloved Simon, so we placed a ticket in his box for the drawing. The first puppy selected for the drawing was the Dobbie and our ticket was drawn. It must have been destiny.

Benjamin and Franklin (nicknamed 'The Lads') are great buddies and live a wonderful life with their 16 year old cat Sylvie. We select vacation sites that are dog friendly. They spent two weeks at Convict Lake for their summer vacation this year (Benjamin has been there the past five years) and had a great time.

There are so many great adoptable pets at the shelter. It is important to know the breed characteristics and take into consideration the time you will have to spend with your pet. Take advantage of obedience classes for socialization and manners. Thanks OC Animal Care for bringing the Lads into our life. Spay, neuter, microchip, and include your pets and animals in your family disaster plan!

Sincerely,

Terre, Faye, Benjamin, and Franklin



"The Lads" lounging on the deck