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Angels for Animals!

The animals of Orange County really did have Angels looking out for them on September 12th, in the second annual "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' afternoon game. "Angels for Animals" raised money for local animal shelters and organizations, as well as promoting shelter adoption and responsible pet ownership.



greet OC Animal Care ambassadors like "Harvey" the German Shepherd Mix and "Moose" the Chihuahua, along with 10 other dogs. There were even some Chicago White Sox 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 \$50 mystery bags and \$5 raffle tickets. Each bag contained an

With a booth located under the big Angels caps at the main entrance, fans had a chance to meet and

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.

The proceeds raised from this amazing event will benefit OC Animal Care and other local rescue groups.

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. Six lucky staff members and dogs were chosen to appear on the field before the game.



ANGELS BASEBALL FOUNDATION

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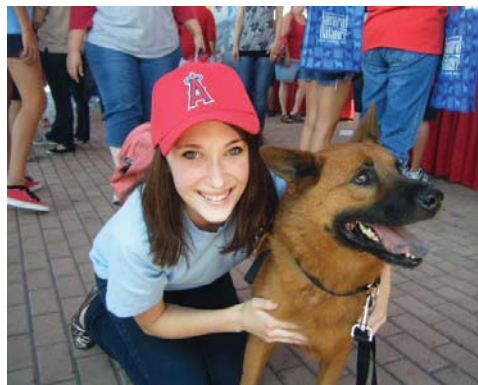
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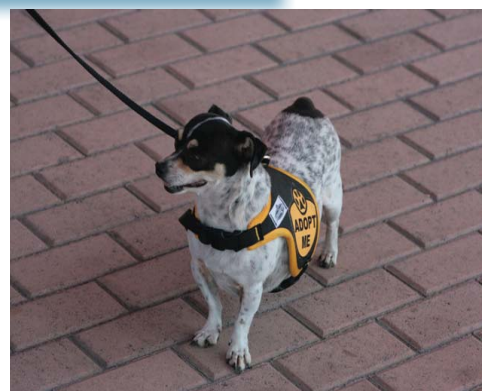


Their faces were displayed high above on the Jumbotron, and all of the fans had a chance to see some of the special residents of OC Animal Care.

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 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 Foundation for making "Angels for Animals" a grand slam event!



Handsome Harvey smiles for the camera!



Magnolia struts her stuff!

Crazy About Catopia!

OC Animal Care sent the Purrfect love home as 49 cats and kittens were adopted during Catopia. On August 29th, OC Animal Care hosted our second annual 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 glitter greeting cards to welcome their new cat to the family. A bake sale benefitting shelter animals was also a huge success. OC Animal Care staff and volunteers celebrated as the dreams of 49 cats and kittens came true in finding the forever homes they had been dreaming about!

This happy couple adopted their forever friend at Catopia!



Helping Kittens Stay Comfy



When Sarah, a local junior high student was looking for a community service project to do for school, she could think of nothing better than to help animals at OC Animal Care. Sarah immediately checked the website and easily found the Community Service packet that is available online. After looking through the projects, she decided that she

would love to make blankets for the animals. Sarah immediately got to work, making 15 blankets to be given to the kittens in the shelter's nursery. Sarah and her mom delivered the blankets and personally gave each litter of kittens a cuddly new blanket to snuggle on. "This was Sarah's first community service project and she loved making the blankets. We really loved interacting with the kittens - what could be better than cuddling those sweet little angels," said Sandy, Sarah's mom. When Sarah left the nursery that day, all of the kittens were sleeping peacefully on their new blankets.

For more information on the Community Service Packet, visit us at, www.ocpetinfo.com.



Adopt-a-Pet



Name: Bruno
ID: A0984079
Age: 4 years
Breed: Pekingese Mix
Bruno's charming smile will win you over instantly! Bring him home today!



Name: Chico
ID: A0981466
Age: 5 years
Breed: DSH
Chico is friendly cat who loves to play. One look and you will fall head over heels!



Name: Samuel
ID: A087277
Age: 1 year
Breed: Border Terrier
Samuel is an energetic dog who is looking for a new friend to play with!



Name: Trinity
ID: A0973170
Age: 6 years
Breed: Japan Bobtail Mix
Trinity is playful cat and would be the purr-fect addition to your family!



Name: Snowball
ID: A0985197
Age: 4 years
Breed: Min. Poodle
Snowball loves to cuddle and is paw-sitively adorable! Visit her today!



Name: Rosie
ID: A0983449
Age: 6 months
Breed: Short Hair
Rosie is a playful rabbit who is looking for her forever home! Meet her today!

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!

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 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

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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!*

Habitat for Humane-ity



On October 22, OC Animal Care was the grateful recipient of two of the first “green” dog houses in the county. The dog houses, a donation from Weber Plywood & Lumber, were built by customers using material supplied by the company. This project came about as a way to

bring customers together and to give something back to the community. “We were responsible for supplying the material for the first green house in Orange County and now we are responsible for supplying the material for the first green dog house. We have a lot of dog lovers in our industry and we realize shelter funding is minimal,” said Valerie Chavez with Weber Plywood & Lumber. Four dog houses were built and donated to local shelters. It took about six hours to cut and assemble the dog houses. Each house is “Eco-friendly”, meaning no nails, glue or finish was used in their production. The dog houses will be on display at OC Animal Care and one will be given away during an opportunity drawing at the shelter’s “Meet Your Mature Match” event on Saturday, November 21.

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



Upcoming Events

- Family Pet Day at Pittsford Park in Lake Forest, Saturday, November 7th (11 am - 3 pm)
- Veteran’s Day - OC Animal Care Closed, Wednesday, November 11th
- Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic at OC Animal Care, Thursday, November 12, (7 pm - 8:30 pm)
- Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at Irvine Park in Orange, Saturday, November 14th (11 am - 2 pm)
- “Meet Your Mature Match” at OC Animal Care, Saturday, November 21st (10 am - 2 pm)
- Photos with Santa at OC Animal Care, Saturday, November 21st (10 am - 2 pm)
- Happy Thanksgiving - OC Animal Care Closed, Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th
- Santa Photos at Petsmart in Fullerton, Saturday, December 5th, (11 am - 4 pm)
- Santa Photos at Petsmart in Fullerton, Sunday, December 13th, (11 am - 4pm)
- Santa Photos at Petsmart in Fullerton, Saturday, December 19th (11 am - 4 pm)
- Merry Christmas - OC Animal Care Closed, Friday, December 25th
- Happy New Year! - OC Animal Care Closed, Friday, January 1st.



Pawsitive Spotlight: Ginger's Pet Rescue

OC Animal Care would like to recognize the wonderful work of Ginger's Pet Rescue. In the last three and a half year's, Ginger's Pet Rescue has placed over 2,000 dogs into both foster and forever homes. Based in Washington, Ginger works with several shelters in her home state, but her big heart for animals has led her to other states; including California. Her volunteers drive the animals from out-of-state shelters to her home in Seattle.

With a vast network of community members and a highly effective marketing campaign, Ginger has a 100% success rate with placing her animals into loving and responsible homes. Her genuine kindness for animals is clearly evident and making sure that every animal is given the second chance they deserve is her utmost priority.

She is an active participant in OC Animal Care's Adoption Partner Program. She works with shelter staff every couple of months and rescues between 20 and 30 animals at a time. She also takes many special needs animals and gives them a chance to thrive. So far this year, Ginger has rescued 116 dogs from OC Animal Care!

With her heart of gold and amazing attitude, she is a true pleasure to work with. The animals are very lucky to have such a terrific person on their side!

For more information on Ginger's Pet Rescue, please visit their website at www.gingerspetrescue.org.

From OC Animal Care to Seattle...

These special dogs have found their forever homes up north!



Celebrating Success

OC Animal Care takes great pride in promoting our success in adopting our animals into 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 the success story of "Shauna" and how she found her forever home, as told by her new family...

In 2003, I found a loose dog in a shopping center near my business in Garden Grove. Afraid that he'd be hit by a car, I took him back to my office to wait for Animal Control, and later he was picked up and taken to OC Animal Care on The City Drive in Orange.

The next day, I stopped off to check on him, and noticed a husky mix in the adjacent kennel. I noticed her because she was the only dog not barking! I scratched her head, and she gave me a little tail wag, but didn't jump around in excitement. It was like she was thinking, "Well, I don't know...maybe."

Another day passed and saw that she was still there. On the third day, I decided if she was still there, I'd adopt her. Well she was, and I did!

She was a little skinny, and her coat wasn't full, but she was very sociable. I took her to visit my fiancée, and we named her "Shauna." "Shauna" showed her appreciation by immediately pushing open a loose board in the fence and happily trotting off down the driveway! Fortunately, we spotted her and were able to catch her. She never again tried to escape; even when we accidentally left a gate open!

"Shauna" was house-trained, but that's all. I had to train her in all the basic commands. The most challenging was leash training, since huskies are born to run and pull, but she learned! We noticed that we could usually just tell her something once, and she got it. When she discovered the cat's food bowl, she thought, "Hey, this is great stuff," and gobbled it down. But after I told her, "Shauna, you can't eat the cat's food," she never did it again. Similarly, we only had to tell her that our bedroom is off-limits (the cat sleeps in there), and she never enters that room, but stops short at the door. We don't even bother to close the bedroom door when we leave.



Huskies require a lot of exercise and this was at first an issue. A walk just wasn't enough. So, I hesitantly experimented riding my mountain bike with her on a leash. I thought, "I might get myself killed," but it worked out just fine. She learned right away not to try to cross in front of the bike, and to watch out for that front wheel. For six years we've been riding from five to fifteen miles every evening after the sun goes down. She knows left from right and when to go straight ahead. She never goes around on the opposite side of a telephone pole or sign post; without me telling her. She always somehow knows which side I'm going to pass on. I still don't know how!

"Shauna" is the best dog I've ever had, and probably the smartest I've ever seen. She loves everybody, and now is better known in Old Town Tustin than my wife and me. People driving by call out to her by name!

She is now nine years old, and every day I give thanks to OC Animal Care for having made it possible for her to be a part of our lives. And so, I decided this year to volunteer at OC Animal Care. She is only one of many great dogs at the shelter. All they need is a chance, and some calming patience on the part of an adopting family. After all, being brought to a new home, where you don't know the routine, would be difficult for anybody!

~Adrian Sauvageot

