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Living With Urban Wildlife

ange County experience occasional visits from local wildlife, especially those that reside in newly developed neighborhoods or areas next to protected parks and wilderness trails. With spring time just around the corner these visits may become more frequent, as this is the breeding season for many wild creatures. While some residents understand that wildlife is being pushed from their natural habitat and take pleasure in these visits, many more consider them are a nuisance because of night forages in trashcans, messes left behind, and the 3. occasional "setting up camp" in or around property.

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receives many calls about wildlife from residents throughout the year. In an effort to alleviate their concerns we have come up with some helpful tips to discourage wildlife activity in their neighborhoods.

- 1. Keep pet food indoors 7. and do not leave food of any kind outside at night. Food left out at night will 8. be taken as a welcome invitation by wildlife, and may prompt a future visit.
- Keep cats and small dogs indoors or in the close presence of an adult.
- 3. Remove any fruit which has fallen to the ground.
- 4. Store trash in covered,

heavy-duty containers.

- Keep yards free from potential shelter such as thick brush and weeds, and enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- Eliminate garbage, debris, lumber piles, etc.
- Check fencing and try to eliminate access points to roof tops.
- Change automatic sprinkler settings regularly.

Taking these preventive measures should help in deterring wildlife from coming onto or near your property. It is always good to remember that if the three life sustaining elements are available (food, water, and shelter) then you are likely to encounter some wildlife in your area.

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Animal Care Services' Foster Program

Do you love animals? Are you interested in learning about the Animal Care field? Want to give more of your time to a good cause? Become a Foster Volunteer for ACS, and you will see that the benefits are endless!

Throughout the year, ACS receives puppies and kittens that require special attention before adoption can take place. This is where Foster Volunteers become so important! Fostering requires a lot of dedication and time. On average, animals that need fostering will need to stay in their foster home for 2-8 weeks. Registered ACS Foster Volunteers help by providing basic care, food and shelter, as well as the necessary time needed to socialize their special needs animal. ACS will provide medical treatment and give literature on caring for underage animals. Once foster care is determined to be complete, the foster animal returns to ACS to be placed for adoption. Foster Volunteers are given the first opportunity to adopt the animal at normal adoption rates.

ACS is currently seeking adults ages 18 and over to join its Foster Volunteer program. In order to become an ACS Foster Volunteer, one must pass an oral interview, go through sanction screening, as well as become a registered ACS volunteer. ACS also requires that Foster Volunteers have adequate transportation to pick-up and return their animals to the shelter. Should you be interested in becoming an ACS Foster Volunteer please contact Natalie Silva at 714-935-6194 for more details.

Little Bow Wow Has Big Heart!

ittle Bow Wow is a non-profit, small-breed dog rescue that has been saving and rehabilitating animals from shelters and private owners since it was established in 2002. It's founder, Vicki Stone, started this rescue with the desire to provide quality care and socialization for all dogs that were acquired. Although Vicki is now retired, her vision still lives on through those that volunteer to provide foster care, treatment, and adoption services to these dogs. Little Bow Wow has a total of 12 volunteers that dedicate their time and effort to the dogs they rescue. Michele Tjaden, a retired Vet Technician, is the current President for Little Bow Wow rescue. For her this is a full-time job. "Our passion is to help animals in need and to give these animals the love, attention, and quality living they deserve."

Little Bow Wow's passion is evident in the number of animals they have taken from Animal Care Services and have been able to place into loving homes. Since Little Bow Wow established a partnership with ACS in 2004, they have rescued 90 dogs and 2 cats! Little Bow Wow currently has 27 dogs and 1 cat that are available for adoption and in need of forever homes.

One of Michele's favorite success stories dates back to August of 2005. Stella, a Kerry Blue Terrier mix, was brought into ACS as a stray. She was in deplorable condition and apparently the victim of abuse. The opinion of the ACS veterinarian was that she had been burned with some sort of chemical. When Little Bow Wow came to meet Stella they were not prepared for how terrible she looked. They were



pleasantly surprised by Stella's personality; this poor little creature was still sweet and trusting although she was obviously in pain. After adopting her, they took Stella directly to their wonderful veterinarian, Dr. Toledo of the Affordable Animal Hospital in Anaheim. He evaluated her condition and said that unless he removed all of the damaged tissue surgically, Stella ran a high risk of infection and she would never grow any fur back on the affected area. He removed all of the dead tissue and pulled her skin over the area and used skin staples to keep the area closed so that it could heal. After the surgery Stella looked a bit like "Franken Dog" but she obviously felt better having all of the damaged tissue removed. She was an absolute angel through all of her treatment and quickly became a favorite of both the rescue volunteers

and Dr. Toledo and his staff. Once she was healed, she enjoyed playing with all of the other foster dogs and loved to run and play chase. Four months after her surgery and recovery, Stella was adopted into a forever home!

Little Bow Wow continues to work with Animal Care Services and together their partnership will make a difference in saving the lives of many more animals. To learn more about Little Bow Wow Rescue, visit their website: www.littlebowwowrescue.com.



Top: Stella when she arrived at ACS.

Right: Stella with her new owner in December 2005.

Pet Fair 2006 is Coming



Wonders of Wildlife founder Cheryl Rendes and her mascot "Carnita" having a blast at Pet Fair 2005.



Marriane Jacobs and her "Westie" friend from West Highland White Terrier Rescue.

In recognition of the American Humane Association's "Be Kind to Animals Week," ACS is preparing to host its annual Pet Fair on **Saturday, May 20th, 2006.** Pet Fair 2006 is **FREE** to attend and will be held at the Orange County Animal Care Center located at 561 The City Drive South, in the city of Orange, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. This year's "Hooray for Hollywood" theme is sure to highlight all of our famous adoptable dogs, cats, rabbits and exotic animals!

As usual, ACS expects to have animal lovers of all kinds: breed rescue groups, wildlife exhibitors, K-9 demonstrations/performances, and vendors with the latest in pet care products to pamper your animals. The Explorer Post 538 junior volunteer program will be selling hotdogs, hamburgers and refreshments, and the "New Leash on Life" volunteer program will have complimentary gift bags for newly adopted animals.

Last year ACS played host to over 20 vendors, 7,000 visitors, and placed over 55 dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, rabbits and other critters into lifelong homes! Plans are already underway and this year ACS anticipates an even bigger turnout. Put your best paw forward and be a part of all the fun and excitement! For more information on this event, or to learn how you can become a vendor, please contact Rachel Gorman, Public Education Officer at 714-935-6301 or via email at rgorman@ochca.com.

Adopt - a - Pet







Name: Triska
ID#: A0734580
Sex: Female
Age: 2 years
Breed: Domestic MH

Name: Aspen
ID#: A0736199
Sex: Neutered
Age: 1 year
Breed: SH Rabbit

Name: Dinah ID#: A0733574 Sex: Female Age: 2 years Breed: Pit Bull Mix







Name: Reba
ID#: A0692630
Sex: Spayed
Age: 8 years
Breed: Australian Shepherd

Name: Buster
ID#: A0746605
Sex: Neutered
Age: 3 years
Breed: Airedale Terrier Mix

Name: Blanca
ID#: A0734844
Sex: Female
Age: 1 year
Breed: Domestic LH

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!

"Adopt a Valentine" Event is a Huge Success



Kathy King and her group did a great job decorating our bunny cages.

lans were made, promotions were set, and as the last Valentine decoration was hung, it was easy to see that Cupid had spread his love throughout the shelter. All that was left was for the public to come through and adopt their Valentine match! On Saturday, February 11th, 2006, Animal Care Services hosted its 1st Annual "Adopt a Valentine" event with much success.

ACS staff and volunteers truly made every effort to make the day special. The most important goal was to draw the public's attention towards the many wonderful animals available for adoption. Prior to the event, ACS was pleased to welcome two separate Girl Scout troops to come through the shelter and deliver Valentines to the animals. The personal notes and cards that were created definitely added a special touch to the shelter's overall presence.

ACS' "New Leash on Life" volunteer program created a photo station where members of the public could have their pictures taken with their newly adopted pets. Visitors were also given Valentine candy bags, activity coloring books, and adoption gift bags courtesy of ACS and the volunteer program. The Explorer Post 538 program raised money by selling food and refreshments.

Love was definitely in the air as the Animal Care Center was able to adopt out over 30 animals on this day! All of the efforts of ACS' staff and volunteers proved to create another great event for our animals and community!



Members of the public found their Valentine match!



Mobile Adoption & Shelter Events for March-May



The Mobile Adoption van makes transporting animals easy and efficient.

Animal 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 that ACS will be participating in:

- PetSmart Mobile Adoptions are as follows for the spring/summer months: (March 4th, May 13th, July 8th) at the following location: 620 W. 17th St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627.
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day Saturday, April 8th. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. in Huntington Beach, CA.
- Pet Expo Mobile Adoption April 21st 23rd at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, CA.
- "Hooray for Hollywood" Pet Fair, May 20, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. held at Orange County Animal Care Center (561 The City Drive, Orange, CA)
- ACS is always looking for new events to participate in. If you have an upcoming community event that you would like us to be a part of, please send your information to Rachel Gorman, Public Education Officer, 561 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868, or call her at (714) 935-6301.

Success Story of the Quarter

Orange County Animal Care Services takes great pride in promoting the successes we have in adopting our animals to lifelong homes. We often get letters 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 letter from "Beauregard," a dog that was given a second chance at a great life!

Dear Animal Care Services,

01/22/06

I want to thank you for finding me a new home... it is just perfect! I now live in the country with lots of room to play. I have enclosed some pictures so you can see for yourselves.

Please don't worry about me not having a fenced yard because I do. My yard is very spacious and gives me a great play area. My new parents take me everywhere! I have already been to Arizona and Nevada and I look forward to more vacations with them.

Please tell everyone who took care of me while I was at the shelter I said thank you! Also, tell my friends who are still there that I hope and pray they find the same kind of caring parents that I have because they all deserve forever homes.

Thanks again,

"Beauregard"



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Beauregard and his new owner.



Beauregard's country-style home has lots of space for him to run and play!