

# Critter Chronicles Volume 6, Issue 2 Chronicles March 2011



#### Spay Day USA!





In honor of Spay Day USA, OC Animal Care celebrated with a special event on Saturday, March 12th! New adopters received a free spay/neuter for their new forever friends. In addition, all adopters received free goodies to take home for their new pet. OC Animal Care volunteers and staff were on hand to show off their favorite pets and answer questions. Several volunteers also staffed a bake sale table, which raised more than \$70 for shelter pets. During the event 43 animals found their forever homes. Many of these animals had been at the shelter for several weeks looking for thier perfect fit. Thank you to all of our dedicated staff, volunteer and shelter visitors for your help in making this a successful event!





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#### Sophie's Story

ast year, my wife and I considered getting a dog for our family. We visited a breeder and a couple off the furniture. Thanks to iron clad discipline and

of pet stores, but after looking at OC Animal Care's website, we decided to visit the shelter. I remember when we met "Sophie" for the first time. My children were delighted to meet her. We didn't bother seeing the other dogs we had planned on meeting that day.

"Sophie" came to OC Animal Care in August of 2009 as part of a cruelty investigation. After the previous owner was successfully prosecuted on animal cruelty charges; "Sophie" went up for adoption.









a steely resolve, we were able to keep Sophie off the furniture...for a month! She quickly found her favorite spots on the bed and sofa and I was willing to overlook these minor luxuries because of her troubled puppyhood.

brought Sophie home. We vowed to keep the dog

Sophie has been a wonderful addition to the familv. She was even influential in preventing my son from falling and hitting his head!

We just celebrated the first anniversary of my family adopting her. Thank you OC Animal Care for bringing Sophie into our lives!

OC Animal Care makes ev-

ery effort to promote all of

the wonderful animals we

come down to the shelter!

~ ACO Park

On March 6, 2010, my wife

#### Adopt-a-Pet



Name: Dooley ID: A1078754 Age: 6 years Breed: Min. Poodle Dooley is an absolute doll! Make him your forever friend!



Name: Elvis ID: A0636511 Age: 8 years Breed: Collie Mix Elvis is a sweet boy who loves to walk. Meet him today. You won't be disappointed!



Name: Simba ID: A1076344 Age: 5 years Breed: Shih Tzu Simba has a face that's hard to resist. Make him your new best friend!



Name: Boston ID: A1079423 Age: 2 years Breed: DLH Boston is a friendly gal who loves everyone! She would make a purrfect companion!

Name: Bandit

ID: A1003796

Age: 12 years

Breed: Burmese Mix

Bandit is an older boy

to share. Fall in love

today!



Name: Jerry ID: A1076013 Age: 6 months Breed: Short Hair Jerry is a fun-loving rabbit who will hop into your heart. Make him your forever friend!

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 leavwho still has lots of love ing the shelter. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please visit us online at ocpetinfo.com, or simply



#### Our Amazing Explorers: Straight From the Horse's Mouth

On Sunday March 6th, Sergeant Rachel Holland and her family opened their home to the OC Animal Care Explorers who spent a relaxing day learning about equine safety and handling. Aside from learning basic equine husbandry, the Explorers had the opportunity to hop on and giddy up. The OC Animal Care Explorer Post 538 is a group of young men and women who are interested in pursuing a career in the animal care industry. Sergeant Kyle Werner is the Explorer post leader and, with the assistance of fellow OC Animal Care staff, guide Orange County youth through the many avenues of the animal care industry.





















#### Celebrating Success

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. In her own words, Brandi" shares how she found her forever home...

Hi, my name is Brandi. I would like to thank each one of you for taking care of me while I was staying at OC Animal Care until I found my new family which I love very much. The picture shows me sun bathing by my new pool. As you can tell in the picture the sun felt good.

It was 13 years ago that my new family picked me up at

the shelter. I was 2 years old at the time and now I am 15 years young in dog years.

Love always, Brandi



#### Helping the Kittens of OC



Do you want to help kittens at OC Animal Care? Donate these much needed supplies to support underage kittens in our nursery and in foster care:

3 – 4 lb. bags of premium kitten food
3 oz and 5.5 oz cans of premium kitten food
5 lb. bags of cat litter
Cat toys
Small cat food and water bowls
Litter scoopers
Small litter box
Small cat beds
Small fleece blankets

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator a (714) 935-6194 for more information

#### 2010 in Numbers

483 animals fostered by volunteers

368 volunteers contributed 52,052 total service hours

2,100 animals sent to rescue organizations

144 animals adopted at our Forever Friends for Free event

30 cats adopted at Catopia

10,543 animals adopted from OC Animal Care

#### **Upcoming Events**

- 4/15/11 4/17/11 America's Family Pet Expo at the OC Fair and Events Center. (4/15: 10 a.m. 6 p.m., 4/16: 10 a.m. 7 p.m., 4/17: 10 a.m. 6 p.m)
- 4/23/11 City of Stanton Easter Egg Hunt at Stanton park (9 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
- 5/7/11 VPHS Car Show at Villa Park High School
- (9 a.m. 3 p.m.)
- 5/14/11 Forever Friends for Free at OC Animal Care (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- 5/14/11 "Don't Dog It" Event at Peter's Canyon Park (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

SAVE THE DATE!

PET FAIR 2011 at OC ANIMAL CARE

SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

#### Happy Holiday Fun!



he holiday spirit was in the air this year at OC Animal Care! With Santa making several special stops the shelter and our mature animals getting a special day; the month of December was a fun and festive time for the animals and staff!

On Saturday, December 4th our mature pets were the stars of the shelter during the 2nd annual "Meet Your Mature Match"

event. We offered a reduced adoption fee with all mature adoptions, along with a bag of goodies. We also held a bake sale, which included free hot chocolate for all visitors, had lots of giveaways for adopters and had a welcome table that was setup at the front entrance. It was a truly great day at the



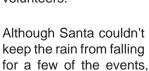
shelter and we adopted 59 animals with 23 of them being a mature pet!



Even during his busiest time of the vear, Santa made lots of time in his schedule to visit the animals of OC Animal Care. Not only did he pose for pictures with his favorite fourlegged friends, (sorry Rudolph), at Petsmart in Fullerton, but he also stopped

by the shelter to greet more of his furry friends. Thanks to Santa's dazzling smile and the generosity of our wonderful community, a total of over \$2000 was raised at both

locations! And although, we couldn't have had an event named "Photos with Santa" without the big man in red, we definitely couldn't have pulled off the magnitude of success without the help of the staff and volunteers.





that didn't deter potential adopters from visiting OC Animal Care on December 18th for the "Pawliday Adoption Event." Sponsored by the Desperate Paws Dog Club of Orange County, the club generously donated \$1000 to help reduce adoption the fees for 20 dogs. Because of the club's generosity, 36 dogs found their forever homes that day; just in time for the holidays!

After his generous participation at our other holiday events, Santa still wasn't finished spreading his holiday cheer to the animals of OC Animal Care. They received a very special visit from a group of local volunteers; of course lead by Santa himself.

Volunteers with Operation Santa Paws delivered sleighloads of donated blankets, towels, dog and cat treats, toys and other animal care supplies. Operation Santa Paws is a non-profit organization established to organize collection drives for animals at shelters during the holiday season. The volunteers spent more than an hour giving treats and love to all of the shelter pets. Volunteers remarked on what a special experience they had collecting their donations and how positive it was to make a difference in a homeless pet's life.

Thank you all for your generosity this holiday season!





### Pawsitive Spotlight: OC Animal Care's Adoption Partners

## Thank you to the Following Adoption Partners for Supporting OC Animal Care in 2010:



A&A Pekingese, A Passion for Paws, Abby Animal Sanctuary, Ace of Hearts, Adopt-A-Chow LA, Adopt-A-Saint, Almost Home, American Maltese, Animal Alliance, Animal Assistance League, Ariel, Barks of Love, Basset Hound Rescue, Beagles & Buddies, Best Friends Animal Society, Bichon Fur Kids, Bill Foundation, Bloodhounds West, Boston Buddies, Boxer LA Rescue, Brittany Foundation, Bumper Foundation, Bunny Bunch, CARE, Caring Friends Cat Rescue, Cats in Need -Fullerton and Yorba Linda, Cats Meow Dogs Bark, Cavalier of the West, CDFEA, Chance's Good Dog Rescue, Coastal German Shepherd Rescue, Critters in Need, California Turtle and Tortoise Club, Dalmatian Rescue of Southern California. Doberman Pinscher Rescue, Dogs Without Borders, Dogue De Bordeaux Society, FOCHP, Friends for Pets, Fuzzy Dog and Cat Rescue, Gena's Friends for Cats, German Shepherd Rescue of OC, Ginger's Pet Rescue, Good Dog Foundation,

Great Pyrenees Association, Golden Retriever Rescue of LA, Heart Bandits, Husky Camp, IMPS, Independent Labrador Rescue, Irvine Animal Shelter, Italian Greyhound Rescue, Karma Rescue, Kitty Katchers, Kool Katz, Labrador Rescuers, Last Day Dog Rescue, Laguna Beach Animal Shelter, Lhasa

Happy Homes, Little Bow Wow, Little Dog Rescue, Love 4 Canines, Lovebugs Rescue, Meoowz RESQ, Mission Viejo Animal Shelter, Modjeska Ranch, Mutts N' Stuff, New Beginnings, New Rattitude, Noah's Bark, NORSLED, OES Southern California, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Rescue, Pet Adoption Fund, Pet Care Center, Pet Hospital, Pet Pro Life, Pet Project Foundation, Peter Zippi Memorial, Poochmatch.com, Pups & Pals, Rabbit Rescue INC, Rescue Alliance, RUFF, Russell Rescue INC, SAFA, San Clemente Animal Control, San Diego Spaniel, Schnauzers & Friends, SCLRR, Scottie/Wheaten Rescue, So Cal Abyssinian, So Cal Bulldog Rescue, So Cal Golden Retriever Rescue, So Cal Pomeranian Rescue, So Cal Shiba Rescue, South Bay Cats, Southland Collie, Southland Sheltie, Take Me Home, The Ark of San Juan, Thumping Tails, Trouble's Den, West Coast Mastiff, Yorkie Club of LA

