



RC Pets Scoop

City Animal Care & Services Program Newsletter

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RC ANIMALS GET AIR TIME



Get ready to fall in love as Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center animals and their “movie-star” looks are hitting the silver screen on RCTV3, the government cable Channel 3 for Rancho Cucamonga. A collection of adoptable dogs, cats, bunnies, and other Center animals looking for their forever homes are featured on a weekly basis on Channel 3. RCTV Channel 3 is available to cable subscribers in Rancho Cucamonga.



MESSAGE FROM THE ANIMAL SERVICES DIRECTOR



Since my arrival in Rancho Cucamonga, I have been very grateful for the warm welcome and outpouring of support I have received in the Sunshine State. It is very exciting to be a part of a team which is working towards creating a community in which every adoptable pet finds a home. The key word here is *community* because, just as it takes a village to raise a child, it will take the talents and resources of all of the animal lovers in Rancho Cucamonga, contributing their unique gifts, to achieve our challenging goal. There are many opportunities to volunteer both at the Center and at other locations. Because we keep

our pets for longer periods, we need volunteers to enrich their environments. Just walking a dog or playing with a cat can help them to stay healthier and keep them friendly and alert. If someone has more experience, they can help to teach dogs better manners or make under socialized cats friendlier and thus more adoptable. For those who do not want to volunteer at the Center, there are many events that we attend and locations throughout Rancho Cucamonga where we take our wonderful pets so that they can be seen by a wider audience. If you are a computer wiz, there are many opportunities on the web to display homeless pets. If time is limited, donations can fund medical treatment or help special programs.

No matter what your time, taste or talent, there is a contribution you can make to the homeless pets in Rancho Cucamonga. Like pieces in a puzzle, if everyone offers their individual contribution, with time and patience we can create a community in which every adoptable pet can find a forever home.

—Joe Pulcinella, Animal Services Director



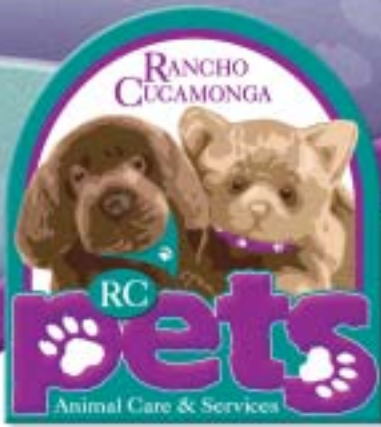
THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME — ADOPTION SUCCESS STORIES

On December 2, 2006, a small and adorable, cream colored Norwich Terrier type dog was found wandering down Spinel Avenue by a kind Rancho Cucamonga resident. The resident brought the dog to the Center where he was named Wendell by staff. After scanning for a microchip, and discovering that Wendell didn't have one, our Vet Techs examined him and found that he had a broken leg. Apparently, he had been wandering around with this painful condition for several days. He was sent to one of our local vets who examined the little guy, set the fracture and put on a cast.

Wendell spent the next few weeks in the front office interacting with the staff and visitors, and endearing himself to everyone with his affectionate and feisty personality. He even accompanied the new Animal Services Director to a City Council meeting where he charmed everyone. Unfortunately, no one felt that he was the right match for them and Wendell stayed at the center until the holiday season.

Taun Brooks, one of our dedicated staff members, decided to take Wendell home and foster him for the holidays. Once there, it was love at first sight when Wendell met Taun's grandchildren. They became instantly attached to Wendell and decided that they had to keep him. Taun came back to work after the holidays and filled out the adoption paperwork. Wendell could not have found a better home since Taun is an exceptionally gifted animal lover who will make a commitment to her pets for life. As Taun's grandson said, “Wendell has found his forever home.”





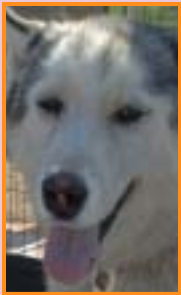
Whole of the Day
 "We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals"
 -Immanuel Kant

Looking for Love?
 Check out www.RCPets.info and fall in love with one of the many wonderful animals featured!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



BE A GOOD PET OWNER, GOOD NEIGHBOR!



Bring Your Dog in At Night: Dogs naturally want to belong to a pack. Bringing them into your home at night, instead of leaving them outside, helps them feel like part of your family, your "pack." It will also prevent them from disturbing your neighbors if they bark at night.

Pick Up After Your Dog: Cleaning up after your dog will help keep the community clean for everyone to enjoy.

Obedience Training: If you want your dog to display good manners when out in public, or even in the home, it's important for your dog to have obedience training. With training, your dog will be less prone to jump on others, disturb other dogs or cats, or bark.

Make Sure Your Dog is Always Under Control: Dogs should always be in the care of someone who can handle them, so they won't run off. Keep your dog on a leash at all times, and make sure that they won't be able to get away from the person who is watching or walking them, such as a small child.

Keeping Cats Indoors: Cats love to roam. Keeping them in your home will prevent them from getting lost, wandering through your neighbor's yard, getting into fights with other animals, and will in general, keep them safer.



In August 2006, the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center was extremely fortunate to add **David Gulla** to our dedicated volunteer staff. David knew he wanted to do something meaningful with his spare time, and after searching online for places to volunteer, he knew that the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center was the best place he could be! He was especially drawn to the Center for its continual move towards becoming a "no-kill" facility. David is very good at handling larger dogs. David's dedication and hard work is essential in keeping the dogs socialized and well behaved, thus helping them find their new forever homes. Thank you, David!



VACCINATING YOUR PETS



An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This is especially true with pet vaccinations, which can help protect your pets from a number of potentially serious and even fatal diseases. As we approach the spring and summer vacation season, it becomes increasingly important to vaccinate your pet as families will be spending more time outside with their pets, increasing their exposure to disease. Vaccinations have proven to be the simplest, safest, and most effective means of protecting pets.

For dogs, rabies vaccinations are mandated by law. It is highly recommended that dogs also receive Parvo, Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, and Bordetella. Additional vaccines such as Leptospirosis, Lyme, Corona, and Giardia may be necessary based on the particular pet's environment.

For cats, rabies vaccinations are also required by law. Panleukopenia, Calicivirus, Rhinotracheitis, & Chlamydia are also highly recommended. For cats who go outdoors, Leukemia, Bordetella, Feline Infectious Peritonitis (or FIP) and Giardia may be necessary.

The Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center sponsors low cost vaccination clinics to help citizens with this important pet care responsibility.

Upcoming vaccination clinics
 Sunday, February 11
 Sunday, March 11
 12pm - 2pm
 Rancho Cucamonga
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 11780 Arrow Route
 Additional clinics will also be scheduled regularly throughout the year. Check the rcpets.info website or call the Center.

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