



RC Pets Scoop

City Animal Care & Services Program Newsletter

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NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

Watch for the unveiling of the new **RCPets.info** website this spring.

From adopting a new member into your family to showing your love as a volunteer or donor, it's all at **www.RCPets.info**.

Visit us online at **RCPets.info** and view the personal profiles and photos of our lovable shelter residents under **RC Pets Available**. Don't forget to checkout the **RC Pets of the Week**.

Lost a pet? Found one? **The RC Pets Lost & Found at RCPets.info** will put you on the way to a reunion.

Find out how to volunteer or donate to help our pet friends on the website at **RC Pet Pals at RCPets.info**.

The **RC Pets Academy** has it all such as pet care information, how-to tips, and training tips.

RC Pets is the pet resource of choice for Rancho Cucamonga residents.



Rancho Cucamonga Animal Shelter:
11780 Arrow Route, at the Rancho
Cucamonga Adult Sports Complex,
(909) 466-PETS (7378)

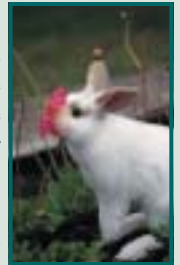


MOVING FORWARD

Hold on to your whiskers-we're moving full speed towards creating a whole new Animal Care and Services Program. The RC Animal Shelter is getting a facelift. Staff is being hired. Supplies and equipment are being purchased. Policies and procedures are being drafted. It's all coming together in time for the May 2006 kickoff of the new Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Services Program.

It's very fitting to launch the new Animal Services Department at this time. It is after all, the Year of the Dog on the Chinese Cal-

endar. Also, the RC Library this summer - along with every other library in the state - is participating in the animal-themed summer reading program *Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales*. You can bet the shelter will be involved in that!



Throughout this process, there has been a tremendous outpouring of support from the community for the efforts happening at the shelter. Thank you!



SHELTER TRANSITION A TRUE TEAM EFFORT



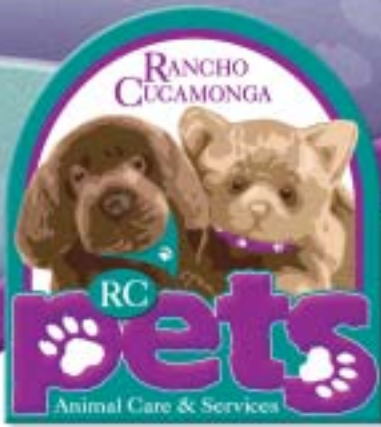
So what's it take to build a new department from scratch? Let's take a "behind the scenes" look at the progress in creating the Animal Care and Services Program. As you'll see, it's a true team effort, involving a multitude of city departments and disciplines.



The **Engineering and Facilities** staff is actively involved in managing the major renovations occurring at the shelter right now. The **IS (Information Systems) Division** is busy getting ready for launching the new Chameleon software that will be utilized by shelter staff on a daily basis as well as making sure that the computer system is installed and running properly for the May opening. **Personnel** staff are diligently recruiting, hiring, and processing the 19 staff members that will make up the new Animal Care and Services Department. The **Public Relations Team** has been hard at work keeping the community informed about the transition efforts as well as designing logos, newsletters, websites, promotional items, and various forms. Planning a new shelter operation also requires the involvement of **Risk Management** in order to make sure that proper policies and procedures are in place in order to create safe working environments at the shelter. Of course, none of this would be possible without the **Finance Department** setting up the budget and different accounts. Involved in all these activities is the **Purchasing** staff who is in the process of buying pencils, furniture, vans, kitty litter, and thousands of other items.

In addition to the multitude of city staff from various departments working on this project, there are also numerous consultants, vendors, and contractors working hard to make this project a reality.

As you can see, all these projects involve many departments working together to meet timelines and deadlines-it's an incredible team effort!



Questions?
 Questions regarding the City's transition efforts or the new Animal Care and Service Program can be addressed to Kimberly Thomas in the City Manager's Office at (909) 477-2700, extension 2008, or email at: kthomas@ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us



SHELTER PARTNERS WITH RC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



The Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation approved its affiliation with the upcoming Animal Care and Services Program at its February 8, 2006 Board meeting.

This partnership allows the RC Animal Shelter to utilize the Foundation's 501(c)3 non-profit status in order to solicit donations and do fundraising activities.

A big thank you goes to the Foundation's Board of Directors for their support and partnership in helping us improve the lives of our pet companions at the shelter.



RC ANIMAL SHELTER GETTING A FACE-LIFT



There's plenty of construction activity going on right now as the shelter is being magically transformed into a scenic park setting complete with a shady tree in the lobby, benches, kites, and colorful murals.

There's also a lot of necessary repairs happening as well such as roof repairs, modifications to the HVAC system, and the conversions of a storage room to an infirmary, the interior courtyard to a "get acquainted" area, and the grooming and intake area to a medical and behavior rehabilitation area.



The goal of the shelter modifications is to provide a welcoming and healthy environment for the animals and public alike.



NEW NAME FOR RC ANIMAL SHELTER

It's official—the people have spoken and the RC Animal Shelter now has a new name. "Operation Pet Project" participants were asked to vote on a new name from a couple of different choices.

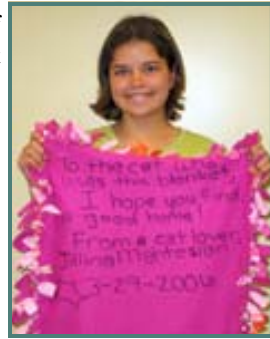
And the winner? The new name for the animal shelter is the **City of Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center**. The new name reflects the City's commitment to providing quality care and finding loving homes for our nonhuman companions.



"OPERATION PET PROJECT" BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO IMPROVE LIVES OF RC PETS



Almost 60 volunteers donated a few hours of their time making blankets and toys for the animals at the RC Animal Shelter as part of "Operation Pet Project" at Central Park on March 29, 2006.



In the end, 64 cat and dog blankets were made, which will increase the comfort of the animals during their stay at the animal shelter. And of course, the animals will gobble up the delicious treats made by the volunteers.



Coordinated by the Community Services Department, the Shelter Transition Team, and RC resident Kelly Heilig, residents of all ages spent the afternoon putting together blankets and making pet treats, to be used by the shelter animals once it is transitioned to a City operation.

"Operation Pet Project" will be one of many on-going opportunities for the community to participate as part of the City's new Animal Care and Services Program. Materials for the projects were provided by the City of Rancho Cucamonga.