



# RC Pets Scoop



City Animal Care & Services Program Newsletter

October 2005

## WELCOME!



This newsletter is a sneak preview to the upcoming Rancho Cucamonga animal care and services program outreach efforts that is coming soon. This newsletter is our way of making sure that you have the latest "scoop" on what's going on as we transition to a City-operated animal care program. During this transition, we hope to keep you updated – through periodic updates

such as this one - on all the happenings while we craft this exciting new program for our human and non-human friends. Know other pet lovers that may be interested? Forward this newsletter to family and friends.

We also want to hear from you as we "em-bark" on this exciting new path. Contact information is located at the top of page two. Please feel free to give us a call or send an email and be a part of providing quality services for our four-legged friends and other members of the animal kingdom. Imagine the "paws-sibilities"!

## City Hires Specialist to Assist in Transition

The City Council made the decision to transition from a County contract to a City-operated animal shelter by May 2006 and field services by July 2006. San Bernardino County has provided animal shelter services for Rancho Cucamonga since 1995 and field/control services since 1983.

The City hired Nathan J. Winograd of No Kill Solutions to assist in the transition process. Winograd was hired to put together a transition plan, identifying what the City must consider and do before it begins operating the shelter, known as phase I, and second, evaluate the feasibility of running the shelter as a No Kill facility, including helping to draft policies, procedures and protocols, for the second phase.

On August 23, 2005, Nathan Winograd presented phase I of his transition planning report to the City Council and the community. The report discusses the various issues and items needed for a successful transition to a City-operated animal shelter. It examines many important areas such as building improvements to the existing shelter, shelter operations, necessary staffing, and equipment and supply needs.

A copy of the phase I transition report is available on the City website at [www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/animal\\_care/](http://www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/animal_care/).

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

Keep Up to Date!  
Log on to Rancho Cucamonga's developing animal services and care web site for the latest news and updates:  
[www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/animal\\_care/](http://www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/animal_care/)





*If you have any questions, are interested in being a volunteer, have a great idea to share, or would like more info, please contact Pam Easter, Deputy City Manager, or Kimberly Thomas, Management Analyst III, in the City Manager's Office at (909) 477-2700.*

**Quote of the Day:**  
 "In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should own a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him."  
 — Anonymous

**Don't Forget!**

**Consider being a Volunteer:** Because a strong volunteer program will be important for the shelter's success, the City will be developing a broad volunteer program for the animal shelter. Please consider being a volunteer today or please contact us to have your name placed on a volunteer interest list that is being formed.

**Spay and Neuter Voucher Program:** The City offers spay and neuter vouchers to RC residents for up to \$50 for dogs and \$25 for cats. Vouchers are issued on a first-come, first-served basis and are valid for 60 days from date of issue. Pet owners can call POPCO (Pet Over Population Coalition) at (877) 44POPCO to request a voucher.

**Pet Finder:** Have you recently lost your pet or found an animal that looks like it might belong to someone? Check out the City's Lost and Found Pet Bulletin Board at [www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/animal\\_care/](http://www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/animal_care/). Rancho pets are also listed on the Pet Harbor national database at [www.petharbor.com](http://www.petharbor.com).

**What's Next?**



In the upcoming months, the City Council will be discussing a variety of transition issues such as identifying transition costs, approving operating and capital budgets, establishing service levels for animal care, and developing policies and procedures for shelter operations.

The City is also in the process of hiring an Animal Services Director. Interviews are occurring and it is anticipated that the successful candidate will be joining the transition team in late 2005. The City will also be hiring a number of positions for the newly created department in the upcoming months. Be sure to look out for these postings on the City website.

The shelter transition will occur by no later than May 1, 2005, and no later than July 1, 2005 for the transition of field services.

Sign up to receive periodic updates on the City's animal care and services program. Simply send an email with your email address to:  
**[RCPets@ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us](mailto:RCPets@ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us)**

**Your Input is Needed—Attend Upcoming Community Meetings**



Have any great suggestions or any questions? Be sure to attend the two public workshops that are scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 – one from noon to 2:00 p.m. and the other in the evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - at Central Park. These meetings will bring together community members, local and regional animal rescue groups, and city staff to answer any questions, discuss all the exciting changes happening at the RC shelter, and collectively find ways to design a well-run program. To be facilitated by Nathan Winograd, the information gathered from these meetings will be presented to the City Council at a future date to be determined.

The midday meeting will be held in the Creative Corner Room at the Goldy S. Lewis Community Center portion

of the Central Park facility. The 5:00 p.m. meeting will be held in David Dreier Hall at the James L. Brulte Senior Center part of Central Park. Central Park is located at 11200 Base Line Road, at the intersection of Base Line Road and Milliken Avenue, in Rancho Cucamonga.

Nathan Winograd is also asking for input from the community through surveys. Two unique survey forms are available on the City website at [www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/animal\\_care/](http://www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/animal_care/) and at City Hall. The first survey form seeks input from community members while the second survey form encourages input from local and regional animal rescue groups. You may also contact Nathan Winograd at No Kill Solutions by phone at (949) 276-6942 or by email at [info@nokillsolutions.com](mailto:info@nokillsolutions.com) if you have any questions or suggestions.

