



RC Pets Scoop

City Animal Care & Services Program Newsletter

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GET YOUR PURPLE GRAPE LICENSE TAG!



July 1st also saw the launch of RC's Animal License Program and the debut of the new stylish purple grape license tags. These fashionable license tags are not only all the rage, but also serve an important purpose.

Your dog's license is proof of its current rabies vaccination, as well as providing a means of identification to ensure your dog gets home safely in the event it becomes lost. Licensing is pet friendly!

All dogs over four months of age must have and wear a current license tag. Cats may be licensed on a voluntary basis. Visit www.rcpets.info for more information.

Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care & Adoption Center: 11780 Arrow Route, at the Rancho Cucamonga Adult Sports Complex, (909) 466-PETS (7387)



A NEW BEGINNING



It's been five months since the May 2nd opening of the newly christened RC Animal Care & Adoption Center. Since then, 700 animals have found loving homes, 200 volunteers of all ages have signed on to help keep our pets loved, exercised, socialized, and active while they seek new homes, and 124 have found some TLC through the growing Foster Care Program.



The Center is run by a core of dedicated hard-working staff whose passion and commit-

ment towards the Center's animals are boundless.

July also saw the introduction of Rancho Cucamonga's Animal Field Services Division and Licensing Program. Be sure to get your purple grape license tag!

This issue of the *RC Pets Scoop* provides a birds-eye view of all these exciting happenings at the newly renamed Animal Care & Adoption Center. Or better yet, come down to the Center and see for yourself.

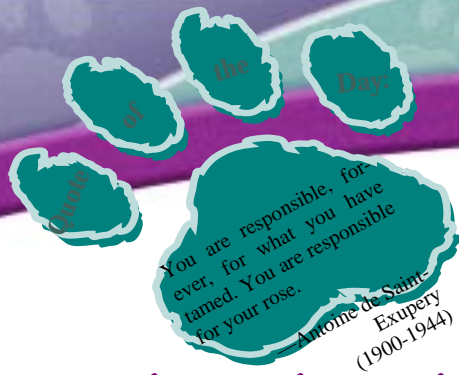
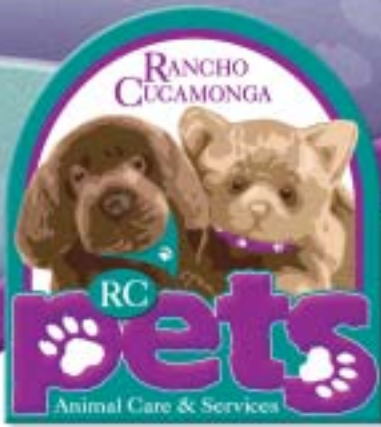


IT'S A SMALL PETS WORLD

Pack your suitcase, grab your passport and join us for international fun, games, and food as we explore the far reaches of earth and the pets that originated from there! The Animal Care & Adoption Center Grand Opening Celebration is all set for Saturday, October 21st. With the theme of "It's a Small Pets World," you can visit Asia, Mexico, Australia, the British Isles, and more and learn more about the pets that originated from these places.



This fun event, officially kicking off the grand opening of the new Center, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the newly renovated Animal Care & Adoption Center, 11780 Arrow Route, just south of the Rancho Cucamonga Epicenter. Besides the international pets displays, pet lovers can visit the many informational booths from local vendors and rescue groups as well as sample free food from different food booths. And they'll be plenty of fun kids activities. Don't forget to check out the Doggie Olympics!



Love Animals?
Consider becoming a Foster Care Parent! Contact Community Programs Coordinator Barbara Hansen at (909) 466-7387, extension 2075 for more details.



HOT DOGS AND QUAKES BASEBALL



The dog days of summer came to the Rancho Cucamonga Epicenter as pet lovers from all over brought their animal companions for some exciting baseball action. Dubbed "Bark in the Park," dogs, snakes, rabbits and their human friends rooted for the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes as they battled California League opponents on August 8 and August 15, 2006.

Animals from the Animal Care and Adoption Center looking for new homes were featured between innings by volunteers and staff, and many were subsequently adopted. A portion of the ticket sales proceeds were generously donated to the Animal Care and Adoption Center. Bark in the Park was a great success!



THE ABC'S WITH ACAC

The Animal Care and Adoption Center teamed up with the RC Library for a howling fun summer! The Center developed a bookmark series as part of the Library's Summer Reading Program "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." A collectible RCPets bookmark was released each week during the six-week reading program. Each fun bookmark profiled a different animal and encourages animal adoptions.



While the summer sun means a break from the books for most students, the RC Animal Care and Adoption Center was reaching kids with presentations about the basics of animal care – from behavior and first aid to wildlife issues and animal – related careers. More than 1,000 kids learned about animals, as well as where to get their next pet.



FIELD SERVICES OFFICERS HIT THE STREETS



From the friendly vans to the cool uniforms, RC's new Animal Services Officers are hitting the street with a fresh attitude and a whole lot of enthusiasm.

The Animal Field Services Division began operation July 1, two months after the animal center transition. Since then, Interim Senior Officer Alfred Ramos and Officer James Reynolds have been readily responding to animal-related calls for service from the community. These real life animal cops have rescued cats from underground pipes, saved dogs from being run over, and rescued opossums, hawks, ducks, and skunks.

RC residents requesting the services of an Animal Services Officer can call the Animal Care & Adoption Center at (909) 466-7387 (PETS). For animal-related emergencies after hours, please call (888) 229-5883.

Find the next love of your life at www.rcpets.info. (Click on "RCPets Available")