




RC Pets Scoop

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 The Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center has partnered with Petsmart to promote animal adoptions!

So far the combined partnership has been a huge success with several pets finding new loving homes on a daily basis. How great! In both locations combined, San Bernardino and Ontario, we have adopted out 241 pets between September 2007 thru May 2008. The partnership combines Rancho Cucamonga's forward-looking pet adoption policies with Petsmart's longtime commitment to helping homeless animals.



 Thanks to Los Osos High School Key Club!

Since October 2007, Los Osos High School Key Club has been dedicating their time and commitment to assist the needy animals of the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center. Every Tuesday a group of about 10 students lead by President Ann Wang volunteer for about 2 hours doing various jobs. From the simple job of laundry to helping in the vet tech room, the club members were more than willing to do their best at any job. Steven Hsu, a sophomore volunteer who hopes to one day become a veterinarian, has put in over 30 hours of service doing various jobs such as assisting the vet technicians, cleaning the play yards and kennels, and walking dogs. The members have learned valuable skills in handling, caring for and loving animals, while also assisting with clerical duties. The club hopes to continue to volunteer at the Animal Care and Adoption Center throughout the year, for not only do the students enjoy volunteering, the animals also benefit greatly from the relationships.



 It's Baby Boom Time in the Inland Empire!



... and all kinds of wild creatures are starting their young families around us! Just like kids everywhere, many of these little ones will get into trouble every year, falling afoul of cats, dogs, and cars, as well as late storms and spring carpentry projects. What is the best way you can help Wildlife? Learn to know the difference between an animal "doing what comes naturally" and one that really is sick, injured, or in trouble. Here's some hints:

Baby Rabbits. Unless they're injured, most baby rabbits are fine alone; Mom only comes to feed them twice a day, so that predators don't follow her and find her babies. If you want to make sure, put a string over the nest. If the string has not moved by the following morning, Mom hasn't returned, and the babies need help.

Baby Birds. Baby birds stay in the nest until their feathers and muscles develop enough to learn to fly, then spend a few days on the ground learning this necessary skill. If the baby you've found has no feathers, or very fluffy down, he still needs to be in the nest. Parent birds will **not** reject their babies after a human has touched them, so you can put him (gently) right back there. If you can't see his nest, or can't reach it, make a substitute nest out of a strawberry basket lined with tissue paper. Hang it within 8 feet of the original nest, and watch to make sure mom comes back to feed her little one – she should return within 30 minutes at the most. If the

baby you've found on the ground has smooth feathers, with a little bit of down on them at the most, he's learning to fly. If he's safe where he is, leave him alone.

Baby Squirrels. Young squirrels stay in the nest until they are so quick on their feet that you would never be able to catch one! If a young squirrel has been knocked out of her nest during a windstorm, but is still warm and uninjured, put her in a box and set it at the base of her tree, then leave her alone. Watch and make sure Mom comes to get her baby and take her back up the tree.



Save the Date...
Low Cost Vaccine Clinics
at the RC Animal Care and
Adoption Center

Sunday, July 13
Sunday, July 27
Sunday, August 10
Sunday, August 14
Sunday, September 7

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Featured Pets



Alfie (A611085)

Come see me and let your heart lead the way. I am a neutered male, Labrador Retriever mix breed, 1 year 3 months old. Although I am a bit timid, I am a wonderful, sweet boy with medium energy that would make a good family dog. I am people friendly, a real people pleaser. I've been here since September so I am waiting for you to help me find true love.

Cat Fact

Keeping fur clean and in prime condition is worth a lot of time to a cat. This is because it is essential for protection against the elements and in providing camouflage.

Dog Word

Mottled: bi-colored coat pattern with dark, roundish blotches superimposed on a lighter background.

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Upcoming Events:

Bark in the Ballpark: Wednesday July 23 and Wednesday August 6.

The ACAC needs cardboard box flats...

We are looking for volunteers to pick them up from grocery stores, Costco, Beverages & More, etc. and bring them here into our Center.

Please contact Barbara (909) 466-7387 ext. 2075 or bhansen@cityofrc.us



Volunteer Spotlight - Susan Keithly



Susan began volunteering in January 2007 and now teaches dog walking classes to other volunteers. She is an accounting manager, has two wonderful daughters and the proud owner of three shelter dogs.

"Watching episodes of the Dog Whisperer brought out my love of dogs and encouraged me to volunteer. It is rewarding though bittersweet to work with the dogs under these circumstances. Heartbreaking to know how some have suffered and may never have a home, but we can offer them exercise, love and affection.

The staff knows each dog by name as I am bringing them out; sometimes asking me to walk a particular dog they are concerned about. That is what's so rewarding about volunteering; how with love and affection a dog that was scared will begin to trust you and blossom. My

absolute favorites are the Pit Bulls, so smart and affectionate.

I encourage anyone who likes dogs and cats to come and volunteer. You will bring much needed joy to an animal. I am proud that the City of Rancho Cucamonga supports the shelter and hope they continue with more in the future. Thank you to the staff and other volunteers for all you do."