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## LA ANIMAL SERVICES' GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM SAVES LIVES!

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**Los Angeles** – LA Animal Services initiated a new program called “The Good Samaritan Program”. The program is designed to save the lives of sick and injured animals rescued by the department. During these times of fiscal austerity the department does not always have the resources needed to properly treat sick and injured animals in its care.

The solution? Good Samaritans! The program allows compassionate animal lovers to sponsor sick and injured animals. A case in point is Good Samaritan Barbara Huber. Ms. Huber sponsored Charlie Rose, a little Chihuahua who sustained a multiple fractured pelvis and a broken femur as a result of being hit by a car on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at around 9:30 a.m. Charlie Rose was taken to a local clinic for evaluation and possible surgery later this week.

The program entitles Good Samaritans to adopt the animals they sponsor and Ms. Huber has decided to adopt Charlie Rose. Charlie Rose got her name because no one could tell her sex because of her injuries, so “Charlie” was somewhat arbitrarily applied in the department’s haste to get the animal to a veterinarian. While being treated it was discovered that “Charlie” was a female so the name “Rose” was added because she was hit by a car at the corner of Pacific and Rose.

Animal Control Officer Regina Suenaga rescued Charlie Rose after she was hit by a car, ran under another car and somehow lodged herself in the motor area under the hood. “We are very proud of Officer Suenaga who safely and professionally rescued Charlie Rose”, said Ed Boks, general manager of LA Animal Services. “Her compassion for animals is truly evident in this rescue. We are also grateful to Barbara Huber for her compassion that really puts a happy ending on this story. Without Ms. Huber we would no doubt have had to euthanize Charlie Rose. Ms. Huber is an angel of mercy and she saved Charlie Rose’s life.”

“Lt. Castillo needs to be recognized too,” said Ms. Huber. “He was kind enough to call and let me know what was going on with Charlie Rose. If he had not picked up the phone there would have been no other choice for her but euthanasia.”

If you are interested in sponsoring a sick or injured animal like Charlie Rose please contact the LA Animal Care Center nearest you.

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