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Dog Saved by Los Angeles Animal Services' Officers

On June 2, 2011, the East Valley Animal Services Shelter received a call from a concerned citizen about a dog she saw in the Los Angeles River drainage, at Coldwater Canyon. Reserve Animal Control Officer Paul Maradiaga responded and found a poodle down in the cement drainage channel. Officer Maradiaga contacted Animal Control Officer Stacey Dancy for assistance. Once on scene, Officers Dancy and Maradiaga entered the flood control channel gate and sloshed through the muck to retrieve the scared and trembling little dog. Once back at their Animal Rescue Vehicle, Officer Maradiaga scanned the dog for a microchip, and got a hit. Following up on the information, Officer Maradiaga contacted the owner, and notified her that her dog "Toby" was safe in the custody of Los Angeles Animal Services, after having been rescued by Animal Control Officers in the Los Angeles River. Ms. Ruiz came into the East Valley Shelter and was happily reunited with Toby.

The mission of the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services is to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of animals and people. Call us at 1-888-452LA-PET1/1-888-452-7381 (TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit the website at www.LAAnimalServices.com to learn more.



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