

# YOU Can Make A Difference for Great Pets



# Dear Animal Lover,

Because you care about the animals, I want to share some wonderful news about our work in Los Angeles to save animals' lives. With the help of our New Hope Partners (rescues), Best Friends and **YOU**, I can share exciting news for the first half of 2012 :

1. 2,035 fewer animals of all kinds were put to death,

2. 1,402 fewer dogs and cats were put to death,

3. 479 more dogs and cats had happy outcomes through adoption, being reunited with their families or going to a private rescues or shelters,

4. 641 fewer dogs and cats entered City shelters,

5. 1,522 more dog and horse licenses were sold to generate critical funding for additional spay/neuter (dog licenses) and equestrian trail maintenance.

We could not have done any of this without the help of good people like you who want to see Los Angeles become a kinder and more humane community for the animals—to make LA a **No Kill City**. We need

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## **GOOD NEWS!**

#### **Fewer Animals Die**

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#### **More Happy Endings**

479 more dogs and cats had happy outcomes through adoption, being reunited with their family or going to a private rescues or shelters, your help. No, the animals need your help more than ever.

Our shelters are filled to the brim. You can make a huge difference if you have the space and time to provide a temporary foster home for a wonderful dog or cat and give them the care and love they deserve. We have amazing cats and dogs who are being passed over for the cute puppies and kittens. They are vaccinated, spayed or neutered and they will be microchipped before you take them home. If you can provide care and food, you will expand the walls of our facilities and the life saving capacity of Los Angeles City shelters.

These pets do not understand why they were abandoned. They are confused and they need a comfortable and safe home while we look for a new home of their own for them. You can help find a home too by introducing them to family members and friends! If you want to learn more about being a foster volunteer, contact Torrie at <u>torrie.strawn@lacity.org</u> or Veronica at <u>veronica.perry@lacity.org</u>.

You can also visit our Facebook page at <u>http://www.facebook.com/LAAnimalServices?ref=hl</u> to see a few of the dogs and cats who are hoping you will give them temporary care.

Another important way you can help is to sponsor a pet kennel at one of the City Shelters. This year, LA Animal Services is facing severe budget cuts. And, summer is when the animals end up at our shelters in record numbers. Our resources are stretched thin. We *need your support* more than ever for the animals.

With your tax-deductible donation of \$300, *you can* sponsor a kennel or cage as an individual or family, honor a friend as a gift for a special occasion, create a memorial to a pet, and recognize your company or community organization. Plaques acknowledging the sponsor/donation will be prepared with your message installed and will remain posted for twelve months after installation. It's easy to do online at by clicking the link <u>http://anidonation.lacity.org/ken\_spons.htm</u>

## **Fewer Enter Shelters**

641 fewer dogs and cats entered our shelters.

#### **More Liscenses Sold**

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LA Animal Services Shelter Locations

North Central Care & Control: 3201 Lacy Street, Los Angeles, CA 90031

South LA Care & Control: 3612 11th Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90018

West Los Angeles Care & Control: 11361 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064 or you can cut and paste it into your browser. You can also call Diane or David at (213) 482-9558.

All donations are tax-deductible under Internal Revenue Service Code 170 (c)(1) and donations will directly benefit the animals and will not be used for administrative costs.

Some of our supporters send regular smaller donations throughout the year and some donate monthly. Others make one significant annual gift. Others foster shelter animals or volunteer in the shelters. There are many ways to help and the animals need us all.

This is a challenging time and this is a hopeful time. With your help, we will give orphaned cats, dogs, bunnies, and critters the care they deserve and we will find them loving homes of their own.

Sincerely, Brenda Barnette General Manager

Los Angeles Animal Services is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the United States with six shelters serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls involving an animal or person in danger each year.

Harbor Care & Control: 957 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

East Valley Care & Control: 14409 Vanowen St, Van Nuys CA 91405

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