



City of Los Angeles Animal Services



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FOSTER VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO EXPAND SHELTER WALLS

July 4th Fireworks Expected to Fill Shelters with scared/lost Pets

Los Angeles, CA, June 21, 2016 – LA Animal Services is gearing up for our busiest time of the year and we need YOUR help to create life-saving space in our City shelters.

We know that the July 4th Holiday and FIREWORKS will cause an influx of lost and frightened dogs and cats. You can foster a shelter animal for just four days (or more) and create life-saving space for orphan and abandoned shelter pets.

Last year, the East Valley Animal Shelter, placed 64 dogs out of the shelter, through fosters, adoptions or rescues before the holiday rush. Over the 4th of July weekend, 264 animals came into the shelter and no dogs were euthanized because of the extra space that was made from the generosity of the last minute foster volunteers. LA Animal Services goal is to repeat this again and help even more pets this year at all six of our City animal shelters.

By Monday, July 4th, LA City Animal Shelters will be filled to the brim with scared pets who couldn't find their way home. They will be depending on us to help reunite them with their families.

Meanwhile, other great dogs and cats who have been with us for a while could be at risk if we run out of kennel space and all of our shelters are filled to capacity. We have dogs and cats of all ages and sizes just waiting for an opportunity to crash at your place for a few days to a week around the July 4th holiday weekend. You will be a life-saver!

Brenda Barnette, LA Animal Services General Manager said, "The July 4th holiday is one of the busiest intake periods for municipal shelters. While many people are out celebrating, the shelters will be flooded with pets, many will never find their way home. Our hope is that animal lovers in Los Angeles will come together to help pets in their community by fostering for a few days."

It's easy to become a Foster Volunteer! Just go online to download your application at LAAAnimalServices.com/volunteer/foster-program or go to the City animal shelter nearest you and ask for a Foster Volunteer application. Take your completed form to the shelter and we'll get you fostering a pet right away.

By temporarily opening your home to an animal in need, you are preparing an animal for adoption into a permanent home as well as DIRECTLY SAVING LIVES by fostering animals from our overcrowded shelters.

Or, have you been thinking about adopting but aren't sure? Fostering is a great test drive to see what it is like to have a four-legged addition to your home.

The shelters are open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will be closed on the Fourth of July. To find the shelter closest to you, visit: LAAAnimalServices.com/shelters or call (888) 452-7381. Our heartfelt thanks will be nothing compared to the purrs and kisses you will get from your foster pet.

Los Angeles Department of Animal Services

LA 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. LA Animal Services promotes and protects the health, safety and welfare of animals and people.

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