



City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services



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Best Gift Ever: Give an Orphaned pet a Home before the Holidays!

Los Angeles, December 16, 2016 - Despite some old ways of thinking, the facts show that more families add a companion animal to their home during the holidays than any other time of the year. In the interest of saving more animals' lives during the holiday season and throughout the year, we don't want to prevent loving families from finding their best friend. We want to get as many orphaned or abandoned animals into good homes as possible.

Studies done by animal welfare experts across the United States have shown no correlation between getting an animal as a gift and an owner's love and attachment to the pet, even if that pet was a surprise gift. Additionally, the results of the study revealed the risk of relinquishment did not increase for dogs and cats received as presents.

If you are ready to add a four-legged friend to your life and you are planning a quiet holiday at home without a lot of company and chaos, then Los Angeles Animal Services encourages you to come meet wonderful adoptable pets at any of our six Los Angeles City Shelters.

Brenda Barnette, LA Animal Services General Manager said, "The holiday season can be the perfect time to find your furry family member. You can get him or her settled in while you have a couple of days off work. At the LA City Shelters, we have a variety of pets in all sizes, ages, and breeds, just waiting for us to find them a new home of their own."

If you have a busy holiday season or will be out of town, but want to add a loving dog or cat to your home or if you want to surprise a family member or a special someone, LA Animal Services offers gift certificates. Gift certificates are a great way to surprise your family with a pet for the holidays and then you can adopt your new pet later when you have more time to dedicate to them. Gift certificates can be used at any of our six LA City Shelters and you and your loved ones can visit as often as it takes to fall in love with your new best friend.

LA City Shelter pets are vaccinated, spayed or neutered, microchipped and ready to go home. What better gift can any of us give during the holiday season than to provide a new life to an orphaned pet? They are definitely the best gift ever and guaranteed to give you a lifetime of love and companionship.

To find the shelter closest to you, visit LAAnimalServices.com/shelters or call (888) 452-7381.

Los Angeles Department of 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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