



THE SCOOP



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 Animal Control: (714) 754-5674

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(Elliot - left; Cookie - right)

PETS OF THE MONTH

We would like to introduce our senior pair Cookie (Pug mix), and her best pal Elliot(Chihuahua mix).

This tandem enjoys spending their day hanging out with other dogs, going on walks, and getting plenty of love and care from the volunteers at Priceless Pet Rescue.

Cookie and Elliot are both sweet, mellow-mannered, and interact well with children and other pets. If you are interested in adopting, please visit pricelesspetrescue.org.



YEARLY STATISTICS (01/21/18 - 12/31/18)

The Costa Mesa Animal Care Services Division was created in January 2018 to oversee the City's animal sheltering and animal adoption operations. Working closely with Animal Control and the contracted animal services providers, Costa Mesa maintains a 93% live release rate for the entire year.

- Total impounds to shelter: 785
- Animals returned to owners: 161
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 526
- Total adoptions: 400

EATING AT NEWPORT RIB BENEFITS COSTA MESA'S ANIMALS

The Animal Care Services Shelter was recently chosen by the Newport Rib Company as one of 35 charities to participate in their "20 Days of Charity" anniversary celebration event. From November 1st through the 20th, diners were able to select one charity to allocate 20% of their guest check.

As one of the top three charities receiving the most customer directed donations, the Animal Care Services Shelter received \$1,925.89. The entire charity event resulted in \$45,255 in donations from the Costa Mesa restaurant and its sister store Naples Rib Company in Long Beach.

Thank you to the Newport Rib Company and the Ursini Family for including the Animal Care Services Shelter as a chosen charity in the event.



MEET THE ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Animal Services Committee was formed by the City Council in January 2018. The Committee is comprised of seven (7) regular members and two (2) alternate members.

The goals of the Committee are to promote pet welfare, assist in planning animal related events, and provide recommendations to improve animal services.

Members:
Jay Litvak (Chair), Tracy Hughes (Vice Chair), Marilyn Brooks, Harriet Brown, Dana Lavin, Christie McDaniel, and Rebecca Walls.

Alternates:
Linda Kwoun and Angela Minjares

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Newport Center
**ANIMAL HOSPITAL
& PET HOTEL SUITES**

SHELTER STORIES

Where do Costa Mesa's shelter stories begin? At Newport Center Animal Hospital (NCAH), the City's animal shelter services provider, located at 1333 Avocado Ave. in Newport Beach.

Impounded animals are delivered to NCAH in one of two ways, either by the City's wonderful Animal Control officers or by residents who deliver animals directly to the shelter.

Costa Mesa's animals receive great care during their temporary 10-day stay at the shelter. Animals are given a medical examination, receive vaccinations, are spayed/neutered, and are provided with a microchip to help ensure animals have the best chance of finding their new home.

Since January 21, 2018, NCAH has received 763 impounded animals. Of these animals, 286 were brought in directly by residents and good Samaritans within city limits.

Thanks to the City's Animal Control officers, more than 170 animals were returned home or found new homes with residents who found them in their neighborhoods.

The best way to ensure a stray animal finds their way home is to contact Animal Control at (714) 754-5674 as soon as possible. If you have lost your pet, please check with the local shelters. Costa Mesa animals can be found at costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals.

**Priceless
Pets**
A no-kill pet rescue
**WELCOME
TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD**

Priceless Pet Rescue (PPR) is a non-profit pet rescue based out of Chino Hills. Since late January 2018, PPR has been the City's contracted animal adoption services provider and within that period, has found more than 400 forever homes for Costa Mesa's animals.

Though PPR already has two adoption centers named "The Orphanage" located in Chino Hills and Claremont, PPR has opened their newest location in Costa Mesa!

The Costa Mesa "Orphanage" held its grand opening event on Saturday, January 12, which was attended by many residents, City officials, Committee members and staff. The adoption center is located at 1536 Newport Blvd. in Costa Mesa.

We are proud to welcome PPR to Costa Mesa and are thrilled that Costa Mesa's animals will remain in the City, while allowing residents to adopt pets locally. To view available adoptable animals, please visit pricelesspetrescue.org or costamesaca.gov/adoptableanimals.

ANIMALS LEFT IN VEHICLES

BY JAY LITVAK, DVM, COMMITTEE CHAIR

The risk to an animal left unattended in a vehicle depends upon multiple factors: ambient temperature, length of time left unattended, age and general health, relative humidity and so on.

Currently, more than half of our states have statutes that address the dangers of leaving animals unattended in vehicles. California is one of those states.

In California, it is legal for private citizens to remove an animal from an unattended vehicle if they deem that animal is in an unsafe situation. That is pretty cut and dry, right?

Unfortunately, I can foresee some "grey areas" that would place some of our well-meaning citizens in difficult situations they are not accustomed to dealing with.

Please do not leave your pet unattended in your vehicle. Let's prevent our pets from enduring unsafe conditions and keep our well-meaning citizens from having to make those tough decisions.

It only takes a few minutes to reach dangerous temperatures, even on a nice day. So just remember, if you are going somewhere where your pet cannot enter, please leave them at home.



COYOTE SAFETY

Tips to keep coyotes away:

- Do not leave small pets in the backyard unattended
- Feed your pets indoors and do not leave pet food outside
- Pick up fallen fruit from trees off the ground
- Protect all water sources including pools

If you spot a coyote:

- Haze the coyote by making yourself big and loud
- Log onto the Coyote Cacher to report your encounter
- <https://ucanr.edu/sites/CoyoteCacher/>

Visit www.costamesaca.gov for more information.

COSTA MESA BARK PARK

The Costa Mesa Bark Park was voted as one of the top three dog parks in Orange County by the "Best of OC 2018" magazine.

As one of the more populated dog parks in the County, we value Costa Mesa's resident and non-resident visitors.

Here are some friendly reminders when visiting the Bark Park:

- Supervise your dog's behavior
- Clean up after your dog
- Leash your dog at arrival and departure of the park
- Food and drinks are prohibited
- Bark Park hours: 7:30am - 8:45pm
- Closed Wednesdays for maintenance
- Location: 890 Arlington Drive

Please note that modified morning maintenance at this park may require a delay in the opening of the facility.



ANIMAL CONTROL



Animal Control is a resource to the Costa Mesa community, who work to protect stray, injured, abused, and unwanted animals.

Animal Control is the first step in protecting stray animals. Calling Animal Control immediately increases the chances of reuniting pets with their rightful owners.

Stray animals are checked for ID tags, scanned for microchips, and transported to Newport Center Animal Hospital, the City's contracted animal shelter.

Animal control officers require knowledge of anti-cruelty procedures, animal diseases, zoonotic diseases, state laws, health and safety standards, and basic rules of criminal procedures.

Animal Control Dispatch: (714) 754-5674

PET RESCUE AND ADOPTION ACT

BY LINDA KWOUN, ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBER

As of January 1, 2019, California pet store owners are required to only sell dogs, cats, and rabbits that are obtained from animal shelters or non-profit rescue organizations.

One of the goals of this bill is to reduce the trafficking of animals from commercial breeding facilities that mass-produce animals for retail sale to the public through pet stores.

Furthermore, the bill will help promote the re-homing of animals in our local animal care centers. Though regulations have increased nationwide, California is the first state to pass such legislation.

The new law also requires pet stores to maintain records documenting the source of each dog, cat, or rabbit the pet store houses or sells, for at least one year.

On the crate or enclosure of each dog, cat, or rabbit, the pet stores are required to post signs listing the name of the entity from where each animal was obtained.

The Pet Rescue and Adoption Act was introduced by Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell and signed into law by California Governor Jerry Brown in October 2017.



RESOURCES

Animal Care Services
(714) 754-5128

Costa Mesa Animal Control
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Newport Center Animal
Hospital (shelter)
1333 Avocado, NB
(949) 447-5959
Hours: 9am - 5pm; Mon-Sat

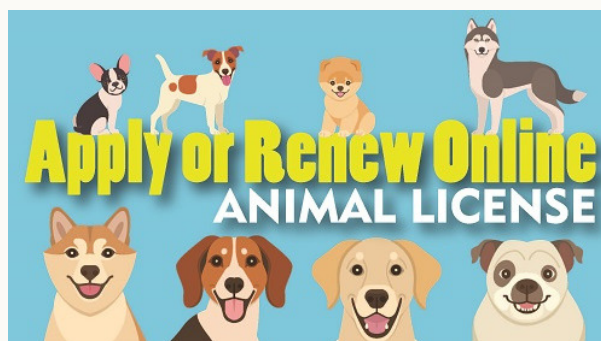
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LOOKING TO DONATE?

Donating to assist in the well-being and care of Costa Mesa's sheltered and adoptable animals is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Donate your time by becoming a volunteer with Priceless Pet Rescue. Visit www.pricelesspetrescue.org for more information on how to volunteer.
2. Donate pet supplies to the Animal Care Services which will be distributed between the animal shelter and the adoption center. Call (714) 754-5128 for more information on how to help.
3. Make a monetary donation to the Costa Mesa Foundation for Animal Care Services online or in person at City Hall or the Downtown Recreation Center. Visit www.cmclassesonline.com to make an online donation.



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