

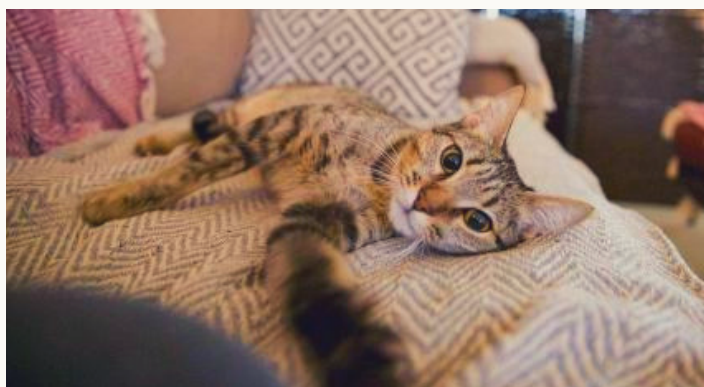


THE SCOOP



Staff Contact: (714) 754-5128
Animal Control: (714) 754-5674

www.costamesaca.gov
www.pricelesspetrescue.org



(Maryland, picture courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

CAT OF THE MONTH

Maryland is a "purrfect" addition to any household. She is a friendly adult tabby who is great with children and is not shy about curling up next to you.

Maryland entered into the Costa Mesa shelter as a stray, pregnant cat who gave birth four days later to six adorable kittens.

Maryland and her kittens recovered in foster care through Priceless Pet Rescue. The kittens have found their new homes and now it's mom's turn. If you are interested in adopting Maryland, please visit www.pricelesspetrescue.org.



(Beauty, picture courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

DOG OF THE MONTH

Beauty is a beauty! She is a lovable senior Pit Bull Terrier mix who loves her squeaky ball. She prefers to be the only pooch in the house and loves the company of people.

Beauty came to the shelter after an unfortunate encounter with a raccoon, which left her in need of many stitches and some extra love.

Beauty recovered quickly thanks to the wonderful treatment at Newport Center Animal Hospital and has since been transferred to Priceless Pet Rescue. If you are interested in adopting Beauty, please visit www.pricelesspetrescue.org.

DOG OBEDIENCE AND SPORTS CLASSES

DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING

- Tuesdays; 4/2-5/14; 6:30-7:30pm; CODE: 13182
- Wednesdays; 4/17-5/29, 7:30-8:30pm; CODE: 13181
- Classes are \$98 plus an additional \$10 material fee

DOG OBEDIENCE REFRESHER & DRILL WORKSHOP

- Tuesdays; 4/9-5/7; 7:30-8:30pm; CODE: 13180
- Class is \$82 plus an additional \$5 material fee

DOG TRAINING - PUPPY KINDERGARTEN

- Wednesdays; 4/17-4/22; 6:30-7:30pm; CODE: 13183
- Class is \$87 plus an additional \$10 material fee

SPORT DOG & AGILITY FUNDAMENTALS

- Mondays; 4/1-5/6; 6:00-7:00pm; CODE: 13294
- Mondays; 4/1-5/6, 7:00-8:00pm; CODE: 13352
- Classes are \$95 plus an additional \$10 material fee

FLYBALL FUN FOR DOGS

- Thursdays; 4/4-5/23; 6:00-7:00pm; CODE: 13187
- Class is \$89

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Online registration: www.cmclassesonline.com
- Email questions to: cmrecinfo@costamesaca.gov
- Call: (714) 754-5300

ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE SETS 2019 GOALS

In December 2018, the Animal Services Committee finalized their 2019 committee goals:

1. Complete contract agreements with Newport Center Animal Hospital and Priceless Pet Rescue in the first quarter of 2019.
2. Produce a public service announcement, in print and in video, related to the three-pronged partnership with Animal Control, Newport Center Animal Hospital, and Priceless Pet Rescue.
3. Educate the public on responsible pet ownership and care, with regard to City ordinances and frequently asked questions, no less than six times per year.

4. Consider and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding ordinances related to the existing TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) Program.
5. Research and create a list of service providers that can provide low-cost vaccinations and/or a voucher program for Costa Mesa residents for spay and neuter.
6. Assist Animal Control with promotion and education related to coyotes and the Coyote Management Plan.
7. Cooperate and coordinate with the Parks and Community Services, Animal Care Services, events, initiatives, and projects.



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

MICROCHIPPING PETS

A microchip is a small, electronic chip enclosed in a glass cylinder that is about the same size as a grain of rice. The microchip is not battery operated; however, it is activated by a scanner that is passed over the area. The chip transmits the identification number to the scanner.

When an animal is found by Animal Control or brought into the shelter, the animal is scanned for a microchip. Officers and shelter staff are able to use microchip databases to find the owner. If the animal has a microchip and the information is current, staff can quickly contact the owner and reunite them with their pet.

Though microchips are a great form of identification that is not easily lost, it does not replace a collar with identification tags. The best way to ensure your pet is returned to your home is to keep up-to-date information and your pet's collar on at all times, even while you are inside.

If you are interested in microchipping your pet or checking to see if your pet is already microchipped, please call your family veterinarian.



**Priceless
Pets**
A no-kill pet rescue

LOST TO ADOPTED

BY REBECCA WALLS,
COMMITTEE MEMBER

Many Costa Mesa residents rely on social media to get the latest city news. Recently, a dog named Pepa was temporarily lost at our adoption partner Priceless Pet Rescue's facility, The Orphanage.

There is some confusion we would like to clear up regarding this incident. In actuality, Pepa did not escape from the facility, rather her leash was accidentally dropped while her walker lost balance.

Priceless Pet Rescue (PPR) has multiple built in systems to prevent an actual escape. Pepa was out on a walk and simply got loose. The good news is that thanks to the transparency of PPR, social media, a great group of volunteers, and our amazing community, Pepa was found by the next morning.

The even better news is that Pepa was adopted shortly after this adventure and now has a home of her own! We are grateful for the quick response from PPR in identifying that Pepa got away and all of the volunteers who came out to find her and helped post on social media. Thank you Costa Mesa for being such a great community!



REPORTING ANIMAL ABUSE

BY LINDA KWOUN, ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Animal abuse is among the most underreported and undercharged crimes in our society. California Penal Code 597 protects domesticated pets, stray animals and farmed animals.

Animal abusers may be charged for crimes such as, but limited to, cruelty, neglect, malicious and intentional injury or death, endangerment, poisoning, abandonment, and more.

Our community needs to understand the importance of reporting animal abusers for an additional reason. Animal abusers are likely to have already or will commit violence against humans.

There are numerous documented studies showing a direct link between cruelty to animals and violence against humans. Many state statutes now allow pets to be included in protective orders.

I was fortunate to adopt an abused dog, who was abandoned by his former owners. Sammy still flinches when I touch him after four years, but at least he enjoys his rides to the Bark Park.

However, for the animal abuser to be convicted, the public needs to be observant and report the abuse. If you suspect animal abuse, please call Animal Control at (714) 754-5674.



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

We certainly have had an eventful wet winter that has effected the Bark Park, resulting in numerous closures to dry out the park grounds. We appreciate your patience as we continue to preserve the Bark Park and prevent extended repairs in the future.

Staff are excited to invite you to the Spring Bark Bash K9 Costume and Pet Adoption Event on Saturday, May 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bark Park. This free event will feature a costume contest for dogs and their owners, a vendor fair, prizes, and pet adoptions from local rescue groups.

Please remember to supervise your dog and to help clean up their waste. This helps prevent the spread of diseases and keeps our park well maintained.

Bark Park hours: 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays for maintenance
Location: 890 Arlington Drive



ANIMAL CONTROL



Thanks to the teamwork of the Costa Mesa Animal Control and Newport Center Animal Hospital, more pets are finding their way back home.

Since January 2019, more than 20 animals have been redeemed by their owners, while in 2018 a total of 161 animals were reunited with their families.

When a stray animal is found by Animal Control, the animals are examined for identification/licensing tags, scanned for microchips, and photographed to place on the City's impounded animals webpage.

Once the contact information is found, Animal Control notifies the owner.

To ensure the safe return of lost Costa Mesa pets to their owners, please call Animal Control at (714) 754-5674.

WHY DO DOGS BARK?

BY MARILYN BROOKS, COMMITTEE MEMBER

Dogs bark for a number of reasons: play, defending territory, separation anxiety, boredom, etc. Allowing a dog to bark in certain situations, such as the mailman arriving, can lead to dog aggression.

The best thing to do is to deal with barking problems as soon as possible. The longer you wait, the more ingrained the behavior becomes. I have a few suggestions that have helped my dog.

When your dog begins to bark, say "quiet" in a calm, firm voice. Wait until the dog stops, even if it is for a brief moment to take a breath, praise him and give them a treat.

You can also signal your dog to stop barking with non-verbal commands. Dogs often pick up on body signals and gestures quickly. Holding your index finger to your lips might do the trick.

Practice these commands both when your dog is calm and also during moments when they need to learn to stop barking at your command. Be patient; don't give up. Fido will learn.

Lastly, a tired dog is a quiet dog. If you know Fido will bark when you leave, tire him out before you go. Long walks, a trip to the Bark Park, games in the yard, or a good run will be highly beneficial.

MONTHLY STATISTICS (01/01 - 02/28/19)

Animal Care Services provides monthly statistics to track the animals entering the shelter, returning to their owners, transferring into the adoption center, and adoptions.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

- Total impounds to shelter: 90
- Animals returned to owners: 22
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 56
- Total adoptions: 114

For more detailed statistics, please visit:
www.costamesaca.gov/pets



RESOURCES

Animal Care Services

(714) 754-5128
(714) 754-4918

Costa Mesa Animal Control

(714) 754-5674

Newport Center Animal Hospital (shelter)

1333 Avocado, NB
(949) 447-5959

Hours: 10am - 5pm; Mon-Sat

Impounded Animals

www.costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals

Adoptable Animals

www.costamesaca.gov/adoptableanimals

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.

Apply or renew online at:

www.costamesaca.gov/i-want-to/apply-renew-animal-license

Licenses are issued on an annual basis.

