



# THE SCOOP



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 Animal Control: (714) 754-5674  
 Animal Licensing: (714) 754-5300

[www.costamesaca.gov/pets](http://www.costamesaca.gov/pets)  
[www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org)  
[www.newportcenterah.com](http://www.newportcenterah.com)



(Cleo, picture courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

## CAT OF THE MONTH

Cleo is an adult, domestic short hair mix, with beautiful black markings on her white fur. Once she sets her eyes on you, you will have a purr-fect partner.

Cleo is a volunteer favorite at the adoption center and loves to socialize with other cats. Her favorite activities are playing in the community cat room and meeting people.

On her downtime, Cleo enjoys snuggling on her cat bed and dreaming of her new family. Her friendly nature will warm any home. If you are interested in adopting Cleo, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



(Stanley, picture courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

## DOG OF THE MONTH

Stanley is a three-year-old, Pug/Pomeranian mix, who has an intriguing appearance. He has dark brown fur with golden highlights, and has one bright blue eye and one brown.

Stanley interacts well with other dogs and loves going on walks. Stanley is a sweet boy who needs an experienced owner to help train him and work on his special traits.

He may be timid at first, but once he warms up to new people and surroundings, he is a lovable companion. If you are interested in adopting Stanley, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).

## DOES MY DOG NEED AN ANIMAL LICENSE?

BY BECCA WALLS, COMMITTEE CHAIR

I have always licensed my dogs because it's the law. More importantly to me, it's an easy way to prove that my pets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations. Plus, I receive an annual reminder when it is time to renew.

Microchips and ID tags are also recommended in addition to the license as another tool to locate your pet's home in case they get out. However, Animal Control can easily pull up the tag number through the system to locate the owner much quicker, while also knowing the pet has been vaccinated.

By law, every dog older than four months of age and that is housed in Costa Mesa must be licensed and have a current rabies vaccination. A spayed or neutered dog's license fees drastically decrease over a non-altered dog.

Annually, a dog license will cost you between \$25-\$80 per dog. Owners can apply or renew online, by mail, and in person through the Parks & Community Services Department.

To apply online, please visit the City's website at [www.costamesaca.gov](http://www.costamesaca.gov), hover over the "I Want To" tab, and select "Apply/Renew Animal License." Paper applications can also be printed from the website and are also located in the quarterly Recreation Guide in the the "Pets" section.

If you have any questions regarding pet licensing, please call the Parks & Community Services Department at (714) 754-5300. To apply in person, please visit the 3rd floor of City Hall at 77 Fair Drive.

# ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



## Newport Center ANIMAL HOSPITAL & PET HOTEL SUITES

Newport Center Animal Hospital (NCAH) has received more than 400 impounded animals so far this year. Being in the midst of kitten season, we foresee a steady increase of animals for the next few months, which has already included plenty of adorable dogs, cats, rabbits, and turtles.

One dog that stole our hearts, is a Chihuahua that we named "Hope." Hope came in to the shelter by Animal Control as a stray. During her medical examination, Dr. Anthony Rizk confirmed that Hope had a broken front leg. Rather than amputating the leg, Dr. Rizk opted to repair the leg by implanting plates to heal the bone.

After weeks of recovery, Hope was then transferred to Priceless Pet Rescue. Hope spent time in foster care as she continued to recuperate and acclimate to her new surroundings. On July 3, Hope was adopted by her new family and added another chapter to her incredible journey.



Above: Hope and her new owner



Above: Priceless Pet Rescue Pack Walk



On Saturday, June 29, Priceless Pet Rescue held their annual Pack Walk at TeWinkle Park. This was their sixth fundraiser walk and their first in Costa Mesa, which raised more than \$12,000.

The Pack Walk is the non-profit pet rescue's largest fundraiser of the year and donations help maintain animal care in their three adoption centers in Costa Mesa, Chino Hills, and Claremont, as well as veterinary services and foster care.

Participating walkers and dogs were able to walk a coursed path throughout TeWinkle Park, socialize, enjoy vendors, and win raffle prizes. By the end of the event, there were plenty of smiles and hanging tongues.

## ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE 2019 GOALS

The Animal Services Committee is constantly working to accomplish their 2019 goals. Halfway through the year and the committee is making great progress.

1. Complete contract agreements with Newport Center Animal Hospital and Priceless Pet Rescue in the first quarter of 2019. **COMPLETED** ✓
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.



# THE CITY'S "PETS" WEBPAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Have a question regarding pets, coyotes, Animal Control, or merely looking for an new pet to adopt? Then visit the "Pets" page for your answers.

Go to [www.costamesaca.gov/pets](http://www.costamesaca.gov/pets) and begin viewing useful pet-related information. This includes a link to Animal Control, animal statistics, impounded and adoptable animals, newsletters, and a FAQ list.

The importance of this page is to post stray animals for owners to locate and return back home. Also, the page promotes animal safety and well-being.

Soon, the page will highlight one special cat and dog each month that is looking for a new home. Can't find your answer? Please call Animal Care Services at (714) 754-4918 and staff will be sure to assist you with your needs.



## ANIMAL CONTROL



Being on the I-405 freeway can be a dramatic scene on any given day, with heavy traffic, speedsters, and large trucks. Typically though it is not a traditional location to find a stray animal.

On Tuesday, June 4, Animal Control was alerted by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) of a stray kitten on the 405 NB freeway. The kitten had crawled under a Porsche and into the undercarriage to escape from the numerous speeding cars.

Fortunately, Animal Control Officer Villacana was quickly on-scene to help the frightened kitten. With the assistance of the Santa Ana CHP, an off-duty CalTrans employee, and the Freeway Service Patrol, ACO Villacana was able to retrieve the kitten underneath the lifted vehicle.

Once safely in the care of Animal Control, the kitten was transported to the City's contracted animal shelter at Newport Center Animal Hospital to receive a medical examination.

Another Costa Mesa Animal Control happy ending in the books!



Above: rescued kitten held by ACO Villacana

## 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:

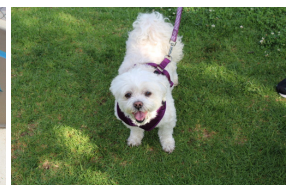
- Haze the coyote by making yourself big and loud.
- Log onto the Coyote Cacher to report your encounter.
- <https://ucanr.edu/sites/CoyoteCacher/>
- Email [coyote@costamesaca.gov](mailto:coyote@costamesaca.gov)

Visit [www.costamesaca.gov](http://www.costamesaca.gov) for more information.

## COSTA MESA BARK PARK

The Bark Park is a great place to take your dog and play out all that extra energy dogs have been storing all day while you are at work. However, even at the Bark Park there are etiquette rules owners should still follow to ensure safety all around.

- Make sure your dog has a secure collar
- Continue to watch your dog(s)
- Pick up their waste
- Keep the leash with you
- Intervene if you see aggressive behavior
- Obey the size limits of each Bark Park area
- Make sure your dog is vaccinated
- Bring water and a bowl if you do not want to use the community water bowls
- Call Animal Control if you witness aggressive behavior: (714) 754-5674
- Call Costa Mesa Police Department to report dog bites and emergency situations: 911



# POTTY TRAINING YOUR DOG

BY LINDA KWOUN, ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Most people will tolerate their dog pulling on their leash, jumping up on people, and counter surfing, but "potty accidents" inside the house are a whole different matter.

Though you want to resolve this issue as soon as possible, remember to be patient and have a sense of humor while teaching your best friend. Also, keep in mind that the time frame to house train can vary.

First, decide where you want your dog to regularly potty. Observe when your pet is ready to go, take them to the area and say your command words, such as "let's go potty."

Stay until they are done or a period of time has lapsed with no results. Once finished, give your dog a treat and praise. Your dog will learn to associate your command words to the action.

Your positive reaction after they finish will reinforce what you asked them to do. Those who have puppies, please be aware that they need to eliminate more frequently and sooner after eating.

During and following the training period, your pet may have accidents in the house. A negative reaction from you may only cause fear in your pet to go potty in front of you.

## MONTHLY STATISTICS (05/01 - 06/30/19)

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

### MAY AND JUNE 2019

- Total impounds to shelter: 166
- Animals returned to owners: 27
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 110
- Total adoptions: 60

For more detailed statistics, please visit:  
[www.costamesaca.gov/pets](http://www.costamesaca.gov/pets)

## DOG FRIENDLY SUMMER EVENTS

COSTA MESA FOUNDATION PRESENTS

# CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2019

FRIDAY, JUNE 28  
FRIDAY, JULY 26  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 28  
STONE SOUL  
FLASHBACK HEART ATTACK  
TIJUANA DOGS



Costa Mesa Parks & Community Services Presents

## Summer Time MOVIES IN THE PARK

Pre-show begins @ 5:45 pm  
Movie begins @ dusk  
FREE FAMILY EVENT  
Bring your blanket or lawn chair to enjoy a movie and food trucks in the park.

GATEHOUSE PROPERTIES

FRIDAY, JUNE 28  
Lions Park | 1570 W 18th Street | 107 minutes | Rated PG

FRIDAY, JULY 26  
RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET  
Video game bad guy Ralph and fellow misfit developer von Schwartz must risk it all by traveling to the World Wide Web in search of a replacement part to save Disney's video game, "Sugar Rush." In way over their heads, Ralph and Van Pelt rely on the citizens of the internet to help navigate their way.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16  
THE LEGO MOVIE 2: THE SECOND PART  
The citizens of Bricksburg face a dangerous new threat when invaders start to wreck everything in their path. The battle to defend the enemy and restore harmony to the LEGO universe takes Ernest, Lucy, Batman and the rest of their friends to faraway, unexplored worlds that test their courage and creativity.

MARY POPPINS RETURNS  
Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.

Tollwinkle Park | 970 Arlington Drive  
Los Alamitos | Rated PG  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16



## 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: 9am - 5pm; Mon-Sat  
Closed Sundays

### Impounded Animals

[www.costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals](http://www.costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals)

### Adoptable Animals

[www.costamesaca.gov/adoptableanimals](http://www.costamesaca.gov/adoptableanimals)

Love Your Dog, Love Your Park

## TAKE THE LEAD...



## & SCOOP THE POOP!

## Barktoberfest

Saturday, October 12, 2019

11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Bark Park

- Costume Contest
- Vendor Fair
- Dog Adoptions

Information: (714) 754-4918

## 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](http://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, and to find out with items are currently needed.
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 [bit.ly/CMPetDonations](http://bit.ly/CMPetDonations) to make an online donation.