



# THE SCOOP



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 Animal Control: (714) 754-5674  
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[www.costamesaca.gov/pets](http://www.costamesaca.gov/pets)  
[www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org)  
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(Zeppelin, pictures courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

## CAT OF THE MONTH

Zeppelin is an adult, domestic short hair, brown tabby mix. He is an independent cat who struts around the Cat Cafe as if he owns the place.

Zeppelin is a known character among the volunteers and likes knowing each activity and new person who enters his area.

Though he may seem like the boss, he is merely waiting to adopt his new owner. Once he gives you the final approval, he will warm your heart and home. If you are interested in adopting Zeppelin, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



(Mongo, pictures courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

## DOG OF THE MONTH

Mongo is a two-year-old, Husky/Shepherd mix, who is as athletic as he is handsome. He is a large, tri-color dog with one blue eye and one brown.

Mongo knows his basic commands, is house-trained, and walks well on a leash. He interacts well with adults and loves going on hikes.

He is a loyal companion who prefers to be the only animal in the house, but he would love a devoted owner to help him work on his special traits. If you are interested in adopting Mongo, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).

## SEPTEMBER IS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Disaster Preparedness Month and there is no better time to begin thinking ahead than now. As residents living in California, we are prone to wildfires, earthquakes, mudslides, and flooding.

As an animal owner, it is important to also prepare an emergency plan for your pets just as you would for your family and friends. If you evacuate, take your animals with you if possible. Keep in mind that what is best for you is typically what is best for your animals.

Consider having two pet emergency supply kits in your home, one if you stay in place and a smaller one to grab if you need to evacuate quickly. Regularly inspect the kits to ensure items are fresh, especially food and medicines.

Below are suggested items that should be kept in your pet's kits.

- **Food:** Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.
- **Water:** Store at least three days of water for everyone.
- **Medicines and medical records:** Keep an extra supply of medication on a regular basis in a waterproof container.
- **First aid kit:** Consult with your veterinarian about appropriate emergency supplies for your pet.
- **Extra collar with ID tag, harness or leash:** Also include vaccination documents and microchip number.
- **Crate or pet carrier**
- **Sanitation:** Pet litter/box, towels, and plastic trash bags
- **Picture of you and your pet(s) together**
- **Familiar items:** Toys, treats, and bedding to help reduce stress.

For more information on how to prepare your household for an emergency, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

# ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



## Newport Center ANIMAL HOSPITAL & PET HOTEL SUITES

Newport Center Animal Hospital (NCAH) has remained busy this summer. Through the months of June, July, and August, 275 animals entered Costa Mesa's animal shelter. These animals included 184 cats, 86 dogs, 2 birds, 2 reptiles, and 1 rabbit. More than 66% of the animal intakes were cats, predominately underage kittens.

Since only 49 animals were returned to their owners this summer, please remember to collar your pets with a securely attached identification tag. It is also recommended for owners to microchip pets as an additional resource for pets to find their way back home.

To view impounded animals, please visit [www.costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals](http://www.costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals). If you believe your pet is at the shelter, please call (949) 447-5959.



Above: Costa Mesa Animal Shelter's former impounds



Above: Priceless Pet Rescue's adopted and adoptable pets



On Saturday, August 17, Priceless Pet Rescue (PPR) participated in NBC4/KNBC and Telemundo 52's "Clear the Shelters™" adoption event, which strives to reduce the amount of animals in shelters and rescue groups through adoptions.

Donation fees were discounted to \$20 on nearly all animals, which resulted in a whopping 75 adoptions in one day alone between their three adoption centers in Costa Mesa, Chino Hills, and Claremont.

PPR continued their adoption success the following Saturday to "Clear the Cattery", maintaining the \$20 adoption fee for all cats. These two events combined for a total of 34 Costa Mesa animals finding their new forever homes.

To view adoptable animals in person, please visit The Orphanage at 1536 Newport Blvd. in Costa Mesa.

## ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE 2019 GOALS

The Animal Services Committee is constantly working to accomplish their 2019 goals. Nearing the end of the year, the committee has completed a majority of their goals thus far.

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. **COMPLETED** ✓
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. **COMPLETED** ✓

4. Consider and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding ordinances related to the existing TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) Program. **IN PROCESS**
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. **COMPLETED** ✓
6. Assist Animal Control with promotion and education related to coyotes and the Coyote Management Plan. **COMPLETED** ✓
7. Cooperate and coordinate with the Parks and Community Services, Animal Care Services, events, initiatives, and projects. **COMPLETED** ✓

# ANIMAL CONTROL



BY BECCA WELLS,  
COMMITTEE CHAIR

On July 10, Animal Control located a stray, female, black and white chihuahua mix near Harbor Blvd. The dog was older in age and seemed slightly confused, but allowed Animal Control to pick her up and place her in the truck.

Animal Control noticed that the dog did not have an identification tag nor a microchip to provide her owner's information. Animal Control then transported her to the City's animal shelter at Newport Center Animal Hospital.

From there, Dr. Anthony Rizk and his staff monitored her, provided her with a medical examination, updated vaccinations, and implanted a microchip. Throughout her impound period, no owner could be located.

On July 23, she was transferred into the adoption care of Priceless Pet Rescue in search to find a new home. She was named Cortado, given much attention and love by the volunteers, yet she was still uneasy in her new surroundings.

A week later, two women arrived at the adoption center asking about a dog matching the description of Cortado. As it turns out, this adventurous pup, named Bishnu, got loose while visiting from Texas with her family.

Thanks to social media, Bishnu and her owners were able to reunite after being separated for three weeks. Tears of joy were shed by all and Bishnu was home again. As a souvenir, she went home with a registered microchip and an ID tag.



Above: Bishnu and her owner

## MONTHLY STATISTICS

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

### JULY AND AUGUST 2019 (07/01 - 08/31/19)

- Total impounds to shelter: 187
- Animals returned to owners: 32
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 111
- Total adoptions: 98

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

Love Your Dog, Love Your Park  
**TAKE THE LEAD...**

Parks Make Life Better!

**& SCOOP THE POOP!**

### 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 of 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

SAVE THE DATE

## BARKTOBERFEST

Pet Adoptions | Local Pet Vendors | K9 Costume Contest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 11AM-2PM

COSTA MESA BARK PARK | 890 ARLINGTON DRIVE

# LEAVING PETS IN CARS

The summer may be winding down and fall is soon on the horizon; however, the heat will still linger, especially inside a parked vehicle.

When the weather is a mild 70 degrees, the inside of a vehicle can reach nearly 90 degrees in only 10 minutes. Within 30 minutes, the inside temperature can reach more than 100 degrees.

California Penal Code § 597.7 states it is illegal to “leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal.”

Pets are special members of our families and we naturally want to bring them with us to run errands, grab food, and get some fresh air.

If you need to leave your pet for any reason while you are out, it is best to leave them at home where they will be safe and eagerly awaiting your return home.

## CARS HEAT UP FASTER THAN YOU THINK

OUTSIDE TEMP (F)	INSIDE TEMP (F)	
	10 Mins.	30 Mins.
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

## DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET IN A PARKED VEHICLE

Source: Smartsign (above), ASPCA (right)

# It's Hot Out!

## Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!



A car can overheat **even** when the window has been left cracked an inch or two.



Young, overweight or elderly animals, or those with short muzzles or thick or dark-colored coats are **most at risk** for overheating.



Shady spots offer **little** protection on hot days, and move with the sun.

### 90°

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

### 102°

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

### 120°

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.



Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.



## RESOURCES

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**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)

If you see an animal trapped in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner or call 911! **Stay by the car until assistance arrives.**



## 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 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 which 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.