



THE SCOOP



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(Sally, pictures courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

CAT OF THE MONTH

Sally is a young, female, domestic short hair mix. She is quiet and may be shy at first, but will warm up to you once she feels comfortable in her new surroundings.

Sally's favorite activity is lounging in the sun on her blanket. She is a sweet cat, who interacts well with other cats, loves dogs, and enjoys her toys just like a kitten.

Sally has been in the care of Priceless Pet Rescue since May 2019 and is patiently awaiting her adoption day. For more information on Sally and how to adopt her, please visit www.pricelesspetrescue.org.



(Larry, pictures courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

DOG OF THE MONTH

Larry is a 9-year-old black German Shepherd who is the sweetest and most intelligent guy. In fact, he even knows commands in German and English.

Larry would do best in an animal free household, and would love nothing more than to find his new home. He loves to take walks, hang out with people, and sunbathe in the yard.

This large boy loves human interaction, and belly rubs, so much he is even great with toddlers and babies. If you are interested in adopting or learning more about Larry, please visit www.pricelesspetrescue.org.

2019 ANALYSIS OF ANIMAL OPERATIONS

2019 marked another successful year for Costa Mesa's Animal Care Services operations. The three-pronged approach involving Animal Control, Newport Center Animal Hospital, and Priceless Pet Rescue continues to provide great care to the City's impounded and adoptable animals.

Animal Care Services and the Animal Services Committee have remained busy providing pet-related events, introduced the Paws 101 video series, and continue promoting impounded and adoptable animals.

Costa Mesa contracts with Newport Center Animal Hospital to provide animal shelter services. The shelter is located at 1333 Avocado Avenue in Newport Beach. Priceless Pet Rescue provide the contracted animal adoption services and their adoption center, The Orphanage, is located at 1536 Newport Blvd. in Costa Mesa.

The Animal Services Committee meets bimonthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Below are highlighted 2019 statistics:

- Impounds: 828
 - Dogs: 318
 - Cats: 486
 - Other (Rabbits, birds, etc.): 24
- Returned to Owner: 158
- Euthanized: 65
- Transferred to Adoption Care: 523
- Adoptions: 505
 - Dogs: 157
 - Cats: 334
 - Other (Rabbits, birds, etc.): 12
- Live Release Rate: 92.2%

ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



Newport Center ANIMAL HOSPITAL & PET HOTEL SUITES

February is "Spay/Neuter Awareness Month." Not only does spaying or neutering your pet help decrease the amount of homeless animals in shelters, but it also provides medical and behavioral benefits.

A spayed female pet will live a longer, healthier life, which helps decrease the chance of uterine infections and breast tumors. Spaying before your pet's first heat is highly recommended. For male pets, neutering prevents testicular cancer and prostate problems.

Behaviorally, females will not go into heat and males are less likely to roam away from the home looking for a mate. In fact, the cost of the procedure is much cheaper than caring for a litter. In addition, male dogs and cats may behave better once neutered.

Dogs and cats vary on age when to spay or neuter your pet. For cats, kittens can undergo the surgery as early as eight weeks old. Dogs on the other hand, traditionally wait until six to nine months; however, puppies are able to be spayed or neutered earlier as long as they are healthy.

Please consult your veterinarian to determine the best time to spay or neuter your pet.



F^{OREVER} YOURS

DOG ADOPTION EVENT

FEB 8, 2020
10AM-1PM
LIONS PARK
EVENT LAWN
1855 PARK AVE
ANIMAL CARE SERVICES
(714) 754-4918

Priceless Pets
A no-kill pet rescue

Take home your "forever" valentine at the "Forever Yours Dog Adoption Event" on Saturday, February 8 at the Lions Park Event Lawn (1855 Park Avenue). Priceless Pet Rescue and Animal Care Services will be on site with adoptable dogs available at The Orphanage.

To learn more about this event, please call Animal Care Services at (714) 754-4918.

ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE GOALS

The Animal Services Committee has accomplished a majority of their 2019 goals. As they move into the new year, the Committee plans to renew their goals for 2020 in January.

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 DOG LICENSING



Being a dog owner requires a variety of responsibility, but often times the one that goes overlooked is licensing your pet. Licensing your dog is quick, affordable, and necessary.

So what are the benefits to licensing your dog?

It's the Law

The State of California and the City of Costa Mesa require that all dogs four months of age that reside within City limits must be licensed on a yearly basis. A dog license must be worn at all times, attached to a collar or harness.

Properly Vaccinated

When licensing a dog, the owner must provide an updated rabies vaccination certificate.

Quicker Return Home

Licensing your dog increases the chance of your dog's return home. Stray dogs who are licensed are returned home often times before the dog is taken to the shelter.

Affordable

Dog licenses are affordable. For a spayed/neutered dog the annual fee is \$25, while an unaltered dog is \$80. If you are 62 years old or older, the fees are discounted to \$10 and \$40. These fees are much cheaper than receiving a fine.

Simple and Easy

Licensing is so simple, you don't even have to leave home. You can apply online at www.costamesaca.gov or you can scan the QR code below to be directed to the website. You can also apply in person with the Parks and Community Services Department on the 3rd Floor of City Hall.

Take the responsibility and license your dog today!



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

Visit www.costamesaca.gov for more information.

COSTA MESA BARK PARK

Save the date for Animal Care Services' annual Spring Bark Bash on Saturday, May 2, 2020. The Bark Park will be filled with local pet vendors, animal rescue groups, and will feature a canine costume contest.

Friendly dogs on a leash are welcome, but please respect the animal rescue groups when walking near the adoptable dogs.



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.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019 (11/01 - 12/31/19)

- Total impounds to shelter: 93
- Animals returned to owners: 21
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 79
- Total adoptions: 97

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

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

BY DIANA GARDINER, COMMITTEE MEMBER

Even though we reside in a highly urbanized area of Southern California, if we pay close attention, we can still enjoy abundant wildlife. This is especially true of our local bird life, both permanent and migratory.

One local favorite is the lovely White-crowned Sparrow. These wonderful birds inhabit our Newport-Mesa area from October to April of every year. There's nothing more exciting, and beautiful, than to hear their songs in the neighborhood.

In my neighborhood, the flock roosts in a particular ficus tree about three houses down from my house. During the day, the flock circles the street going from yard to yard in search of food.

Then around sundown, the birds all convene in the ficus for a glorious song fest. I often find myself drawn to that tree in the early evening, mesmerized by the beautiful tones. Not a bad way to end the day.



By April, the flock leaves our region, heading north to the Sierras and Rockies to breed. If you have a feeder, they are fond of sunflower and other seeds, but they also search for interesting things to eat on the ground.

Listen for the beautiful sounds of the White-crowned Sparrow in your neighborhood. Multiple videos can be found on the internet to help you identify their lovely sounds outside your home.

Simply query White-crowned Sparrow and enjoy!



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
Closed Sundays

Impounded Animals

www.costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals

Adoptable Animals

www.costamesaca.gov/adoptableanimals

VOLUNTEER & FOSTER CARE ORIENTATION

Balearic Community Center

1975 Balearic Drive, Costa Mesa

For information or questions, please call (714) 754-4918.



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Costa Mesa ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

SATURDAY, FEB 1, 2020 | 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

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 Animal Care Services which will be distributed between the animal shelter and the adoption center. Call (714) 754-4918 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 to make an online donation.