



# THE SCOOP



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



(Leela, pictures courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

## CAT OF THE MONTH

Leela is a four-month-old, Domestic Short Hair, female cat who is a little shy at first but warms up quickly to people and other animals.

Leela loves to receive head scratches. The more scratches she received the more purrs she will give. Leela is a bit of an adventurer and loves to climb.

Leela can't wait to find her forever home. For more information on how to adopt or meet Leela in person, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



(Queen, pictures courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

## DOG OF THE MONTH

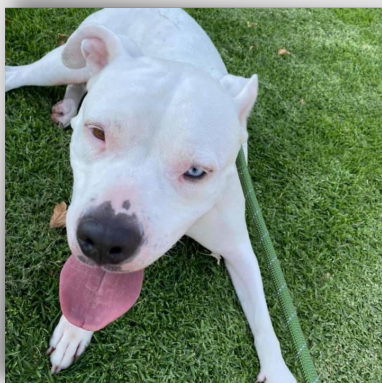
Queen is a happy senior dog! She is a 10-year-old Beagle and Yellow Labrador retriever mix. Queen is a sweet lady and loves to receive all the pets.

Queen is the perfect dog for the person who is looking for a happy and calm companion.

Queen can't wait to meet her forever person. If you are interested in adopting or learning more about Queen, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).

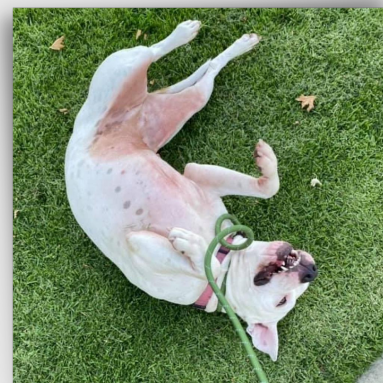


## PET ADOPTION HIGHLIGHT



Mimosa has been adopted after almost three months of patiently waiting for her forever family to take her home! She was transferred from Newport Center Animal Hospital to Priceless Pet Rescue in May 2021. Mimosa was immediately adored by Priceless Pet Rescue staff and volunteers.

Mimosa was known for her playful, sweet, and loving demeanor, which made it a huge surprise to see that she was not swooped up as soon as she arrived! We are happy to see that Mimosa will now be able to find someone to love her as much as she will love them.



# ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



**September** is Cat Month! Check out the cats that are currently waiting for their forever home at [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



Howl - Costa Mesa Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



Oliver - Costa Mesa Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



**October** is Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month! Check out the dogs that are currently waiting for their forever home at [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



Enzo - Costa Mesa Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



Blue - Clairmont Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



## Newport Center ANIMAL HOSPITAL & PET HOTEL SUITES

Below is some information on what you can do if you lost a pet.

### Lost Pets:

We highly recommend lost pet owners to review these steps.

Contact shelter services at Newport Center Animal Hospital (949) 447-5959 and place a lost pet report. You can also leave a poster or photo of your lost pet. (original photos cannot always be returned). Do not depend solely on tags or microchips.

View impounded Animals on the City Website. <https://www.costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals>

Found pets by Animal Control Officers or released by finders are taken to Newport Center Animal Hospital.

If your dog was found wearing a current Costa Mesa Dog License, or identification tag, attempts will be made to contact you by phone and mail. If your owner information is accurate with the microchip company, contact the microchip company and update the information immediately. Keep in mind, found pets are sometimes scared and difficult for shelter personnel to immediately read tags, scan for microchips, or photograph for the lost pet website.

If your pet has a microchip or any other type of owner information, that is accurate, you will be contacted.

It is not uncommon for pets to stray miles and sometimes found in other cities. During your search contact adjacent shelters. Also contact local veterinarians in your area. Your pet may have been taken to a veterinarian by a local neighbor who did not recognize your pet.

Never depend solely on tags on collars. They can easily be removed or lost, or you may have just forgotten they were not on your pet. Microchips can also have wrong information or may have not been registered. Please recheck the information is accurate or registered. The microchip companies also maintain a lost and found report system. If it is a City or County License Tag, please update the information with the issuing agency.

Please remember to license, microchip, and tag your pets!

**If you find a lost pet in Costa Mesa, be sure to call Animal Control immediately at (714) 754-5674.**

## FALL PET CARE TIPS FOR YOUR CATS AND DOGS

### BETTER HOME AND GARDEN

1. Mix it up - Did you know that canned pumpkin is good for your dog's diet? The soluble fiber in pumpkin can help with digestive issues! Try mixing 1-2 teaspoons of canned pumpkin in your dog's food.

2. Get Active - Has the summer heat kept you and your pet from your outdoor activity? If so, your pet might be in need of extra exercise before the cold weather sets in. Take advantage of the beautiful fall days and go for a run or visit your local dog park!

3. Beware of Allergies - You are not the only one who can get allergies in the fall. Your pet can too! If you see your pet itching more than usual, you might want to check with your vet to identify any possible allergies.

4. Coping with shedding - In early fall, pets begin to shed their summer coats to allow room for their winter coat. Brush your pets weekly to allow you to catch most of the unwanted hair before it ends up around your house.

5. Got water? - No matter what the season, always be sure that your pet has access to water. It's important to also keep your pet's water bowls clean to avoid any bacteria from entering your pet's system.

6. Bundle up - Fall months can bring chilly days and colder nights. If your pet lives outside, make sure they have a warm place to go at night and bring in your pets during storms if possible.



# COSTA MESA BARK PARK

890 Arlington Drive | Costa Mesa | (714) 754-5041

**BARKTOBERFEST**

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN PET FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021**  
**11 AM - 2 PM**  
**TEWINKLE PARK | 970 ARLINGTON DRIVE**  
**(NEXT TO TENNIS CENTER)**

*Pet Adoptions, Pet Costume Contests, Vendors, Dog Training Introductory Class, and MUCH MORE!*

**COSTA MESA BARK PARK** **Costa Mesa ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**

For More Information Call: 714-754-4918 or 714-754-5128

Barktoberfest returns on Saturday, October 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at TeWinkle Park in the bowl area next to the Tennis Center.

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

## 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 / AUGUST 2021**  
 (07/01/21 - 08/31/2021)

- Total impounds to shelter: 125
- Animals returned to owners: 27
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 71
- Total adoptions: 51

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

## ANIMAL CONTROL



Costa Mesa | (714) 754-5674

### Why Get A Dog License?

It's the Law! CA Health and Safety Code (121690) requires all dogs over the age of 4-months to be vaccinated for rabies and obtain a dog license.

#### Who needs a dog license?

Any resident who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog over 4-months old. Tags must be worn as proof of licensing.

#### What is considered a "compliant" dog license?

- Annual dog license payment
  - Up-to-date rabies vaccine
- \*Additional Documents may be required.

#### Where can I make a payment?

Payments can be made online or mailed in.  
 \*If more than 1-year is owed, a check/money order is required.

#### Where can I apply?

There's a direct link on the City's website!  
<https://www.costamesaca.gov/doglicense>

#### Where can I find information regarding the City's animal licensing regulations?

[http://qcode.us/codes/costamesa/Search, Title 3 - Animal Regulations.](http://qcode.us/codes/costamesa/Search,Title3-AnimalRegulations)

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 Animal Licensing | (714) 754-5300  
[animal.license@costamesaca.gov](mailto:animal.license@costamesaca.gov)



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



### & SCOOP THE POOP!



# HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS



PETMD

Halloween can be a festive and fun time for children and families. But for pets? Let's face it, it can be a nightmare. Skip the stress and keep your pets safe this year by following these easy tips.

1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets. All forms of chocolate—especially baking or dark chocolate—can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of chocolate poisoning may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures. Halloween candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar and subsequent loss of coordination and seizures. "Xylitol ingestion can also cause liver failure in dogs, even if they don't develop symptoms associated with low blood sugar," adds Dr. Jennifer Coates, veterinary advisor with petMD. And while xylitol toxicity in cats has yet to be established, it's better to be safe than sorry.

2. Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween. Vicious pranksters have been known to tease, injure, steal, and even kill pets on Halloween night. Inexcusable? Yes! But preventable nonetheless. Black cats are especially at risk from pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. In fact, many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October as a safety precaution. Make sure your black cats are safely housed indoors around Halloween.

3. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach. While small amounts of corn and pumpkin can be fed safely to many pets, ingesting uncooked, potentially moldy Halloween pumpkins or corn displays can cause big problems. Gastrointestinal upset is a possibility whenever pets eat something they aren't used to, and intestinal blockage can occur if large pieces are swallowed. Coates adds that "some types of mold produce mycotoxins that can cause neurologic problems in dogs and cats." So, keep the pumpkins and corn stalks away from your pets. And speaking of pumpkins...

4. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets. If you are using candles to light your jack-o-lanterns or other Halloween decorations, make sure to place them well out of reach of your pets. Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or causing a fire.

5. Keep electric and battery-powered Halloween decorations out of reach. Electric and battery-powered Halloween decorations are certainly safer than open candles, but they still can present a risk to pets. Pets who chew on electrical cords can receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock or burn. Batteries may cause chemical burns when chewed open or gastrointestinal blockage if swallowed. Shards of glass or plastic can cause lacerations anywhere on the body or, if swallowed, within the gastrointestinal tract.

6. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it. If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costume, make sure it isn't dangerous or simply annoying to your pet. Costumes should not restrict movement, hearing, eyesight, or the ability to breathe. Coates warns that pets who are wearing a costume should always be supervised by a responsible adult so that if something goes wrong, it can be addressed right away.

7. IDs, please! If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that he or she will be returned. Collars and tags are ideal if a Good Samaritan is able to collect your wayward pet, but microchips offer permanent identification should the collar or tag fall off. Just make sure the information is up-to-date. Use Halloween as a yearly reminder to double check your address and phone number on tags and with the company who supports pet microchips.



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

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

## 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.

## 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 or foster caretaker with Priceless Pet Rescue. Visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org) for more information on how to volunteer.
2. Purchase pet supplies through Priceless Pet Rescue's Chewy.com and Amazon wish lists or donate directly to their organization. For more information, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org/donate](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org/donate).
3. Make a monetary donation to the Costa Mesa Foundation for Animal Care Services online. Visit [bit.ly/CMPetDonations](http://bit.ly/CMPetDonations) to make an online donation.