THESCOO Costa Mesa **ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**

Staff Contact: (714) 754-5128 Animal Control: (714) 754-5674 Animal Licensing: (714) 754-5300

www.costamesaca.gov/pets www.pricelesspetrescue.org www.newportcenterah.com



(Aurora, pictures courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

CAT OF THE MONTH

Aurora is a three-year-old, Domestic Short Hair, female Tabby cat who enjoys a good neck scratch and will purr away in delight.

Aurora is also a cuddle bug, making her the perfect companion to warm those chilly fall nights. She is a sweet cat that would make a great addition to any home.

Aurora first arrived to us in late August and is eagerly awaiting her adoption day. For more information on how to adopt or meet Aurora in person, please visit www.pricelesspetrescue.org.



PET ADOPTION HIGHLIGHT





Blink has been adopted and has found his forever family to take him home!

We first met Blink in mid-August 2021 when he was impounded by Animal Control. Ten days later he was transferred from Newport Center Animal Hospital to Priceless Pet Rescue.

Blink was known by his love of cuddles by PPR volunteers, running around in the sunshine, and being in the presence with people and his fellow dog friends.

We are happy to see that Blink was able to find a family to love!





(Enzo, pictures courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue)

DOGS OF THE MONTH

Enzo is a two-year-old, male, Weimaraner mix who is great with other dogs at Priceless Pet Rescue. This loveable boy is quite the catch!

Not only is Enzo good looking, but he is also a smart cookie! He knows the commands sit, shake, down, and roll over, walks well on a leash, and loves to get exercise.

Enzo enjoys snuggling with his people and looking to show you how affectionate he can be. If you are interested in adopting or learning more about Enzo, please visit www.pricelesspetrescue.org.

ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month! Check out the senior pets who are currently waiting for their forever home at www.pricelesspetrescue.org.





Blue - Claremont Location (Photo Courtesy of PPR)

Tracy - Costa Mesa Location (Photo Courtesy of PPR)



December is National Cat Lovers Month! Check out some amazing cats who are currently waiting for their forever home at www.pricelesspetrescue.org.



Albus - Costa Mesa Location (Photo Courtesy of PPR)



Bia Louisa - Costa Mesa Location (Photo Courtesy of PPR)





Newport Center ANIMAL HOSPITAL & PET HOTEL SUITES

The City of Costa Mesa contracts exclusively with Newport Center Animal Hospital for animal sheltering services. The shelter is located at 1333 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

If you believe that your lost pet may be sheltered at Newport Center Animal Hospital, please call (949) 447-5959 to set up an appointment to visit the shelter in person to identify and reclaim your pet.

In order to reclaim your dog from the shelter, your pet must be licensed with the City of Costa Mesa.

The dog licensing fees are separate from the impounding fees. You may apply for or renew a dog license online, or you can apply in-person with the Parks and Community Services Department located on the 3rd floor at City Hall.

Please provide the payment receipt to the shelter when you reclaim your dog. Cash/check payments for dog licenses will only be accepted at the Parks and Community Services Department, Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Payment by Visa/Mastercard will be required at the shelter and online with a valid email address.

Technical assistance from the Parks & Community Services Department will only be available Monday - Thursday during business hours.

For dog licensing payment questions, please call (714) 754-5300 for assistance.

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



TIPS ON HOW TO PROTECT PETS IN WINTER THE HUMANE SOCIETY

family. Dogs are happiest when taken out frequently for walks and exercise, but kept inside the rest of the time. Don't leave pets outdoors when the temperature drops. If your dog is outdoors much of the day for any reason, they must be protected by a dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough to allow them to move comfortably, but small enough to hold in body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches from the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

2. Bundle up, wipe down - No matter what the temperature is, windchill can threaten a pet's life. Exposed skin on noses, ears, and paw pads are at risk for frostbite and hypothermia during extreme cold snaps. For this reason, short-haired dogs often feel more comfortable wearing a sweater-even during short walks.

1. Keep pets sheltered - Keep your pets inside with you and your 3. Protect outdoor animals -If there are outdoor cats, either owned pets or community cats in your area, remember that they need protection from the elements as well as food and water. It's easy to give them a hand. You can make your own cat shelter quickly and easily with a plastic tub. Cars are one of many hazards to small animals-warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.

> 4. Speak out- If you encounter a pet left in the cold, politely let the owner know you're concerned. Some people genuinely don't know the risk that cold weather poses to their pets or livestock and will be quick to correct any problems you address. If someone you raise these concerns with responds poorly or continues to neglect their animals, follow our steps on reporting winter neglect.



Animal Care Services hosted the Barktoberfest Event on Saturday, October 23 at TeWinkle Park.

Although the rain may have spooked some people away, it did not keep everyone from attending their favorite pet event!

Thank you to our rescue groups, Priceless Pet Rescue, Furry Canine Rescue, K-9 rescue, Sunny Saints – Saint Bernard Rescue, No Stray Left Behind, FurEver Pawz Rescue, and Second Chances for Blind Dogs for coming out to the event. Three dogs were lucky enough to find their forever homes during the event!

Thank you also to our vendors, Just Food for Dogs, Newport Center Animal Hospital, Bailey's Wellness, and Tiller Tug for coming out to promote your animal products and services to event attendees. More than 350 people attended the event, with "ruff-ly" 30 participants in our wonderfully scary and cute costume contest.

Congratulations to pet costume winners, Chucky the bulldog, Cowboy Chihuahua, and the family of Incredibles!



The Bark Park is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

For park updates during inclement weather, please call the Costa Mesa Mudline at (714) 754-5041.

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.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021 (09/01/21 - 10/31/2021)

- Total impounds to shelter: 89
- Animals returned to owners: 26
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 58
- Total adoptions: 50

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



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Animal Control Resources

Lost Pet:

We highly recommend lost pet owners to review these steps.

1. Contact shelter services at the Newport Center Animal Hospital 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.

Newport Center Animal Hospital

1333 Avocado Avenue Newport Beach, CA 92660 (949) 447-5959

Found Pets:

To insure the safe return and reduce any delays in reuniting pets with their owners, please review these steps.

1. If you have found a pet in the City of Costa Mesa (ONLY), and cannot locate an owner, please notify Costa Mesa Animal Control at (714) 754-5674. An Animal Control Officer can respond to your location.

2. You may also bring lost dogs or exotics to the Costa Mesa Police Department. Healthy cats cannot be accepted at the Police Station.

3. All dogs can also be accepted directly by shelter personnel at the Newport Center Animal Hospital, during shelter business hours.

4. If you find a cat or kitten, please call Animal Control at (714) 754-5674 for an officer to respond to your location to pick up the pet.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LICENSE, MICROCHIP AND TAG YOUR PETS!



THANKSGIVING PET SAFETY TIPS

ASPCA

Thanksgiving is a time for friends, family and holiday feasts but also a time for possible distress for our animal companions. Pets won't be so thankful if they munch on under-cooked turkey or a pet-unfriendly floral arrangement, or if they stumble upon an unattended alcoholic drink.

Check out the following tips for a fulfilling Thanksgiving that your pets can enjoy, too:

Talkin' Turkey: If you decide to feed your pet a small bite of turkey, make sure it's boneless and well-cooked. Don't offer her raw or undercooked turkey, which may contain salmonella bacteria. Do not give your pet the left over carcass-the bones can be problematic for the digestive tract.

No Bread Dough: Don't spoil your pet's holiday by giving him access to raw yeast bread dough. When a dog or cat ingests raw bread dough, the yeast continues to convert the sugars in the dough to carbon dioxide gas and alcohol. This can result in bloated drunken pets, which could become a lifethreatening emergency, requiring hospitalization.

Don't Let Them Eat Cake: If you plan to bake Thanksgiving desserts, be sure your pets keep their noses out of the batter, especially if it includes raw eggs—they could contain salmonella bacteria that may lead to food poisoning.

A Feast Fit for a King: While your family enjoys a special meal, give your cat and dog a small feast of their own. Offer them made-for-pets chew bones. Or stuff their usual dinner—perhaps with a few added tidbits of turkey, vegetables (try sweet potato or green beans) and dribbles of gravy—inside a food puzzle toy. They'll be happily occupied for awhile, working hard to extract their dinner from the toy.

A few small boneless pieces of cooked turkey, a taste of mashed potato or even a lick of pumpkin pie shouldn't pose a problem. However, don't allow your pets to overindulge, as they could wind up with a case of stomach upset, diarrhea or even worse—an inflammatory condition of the pancreas known as pancreatitis. In fact, it's best keep pets on their regular diets during the holidays.





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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

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.

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 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.

3. Make a monetary donation to the Costa Mesa Foundation for Animal Care Services online. Visit bit.ly/CMPetDonations to make an online donation.