



# THE SCOOP



Staff Contact: (714) 754-5128  
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)



Rosie - Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue



Willie - Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

## CAT OF THE MONTH

Rosie is a 1-year-old, Domestic Short Hair, female cat.

Rosie is currently located at Priceless Pet Rescue's Chino Hills location and is eagerly awaiting to be adopted.

Rosie is sweet, gentle, and cannot wait to meet her new family!

If you are interested in adopting or learning more about Rosie in person, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).

## DOG OF THE MONTH

Willie is a 7-year-old, male, Shepherd mix.

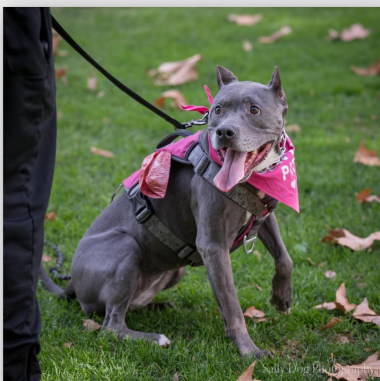
Willie is known to be a little shy at first, but warms up to people over time.

Willie is great on a leash and enjoys going on walks. He cannot wait to have a family of his own!

If you are interested in adopting or learning more about Willie, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



## PET ADOPTION HIGHLIGHT

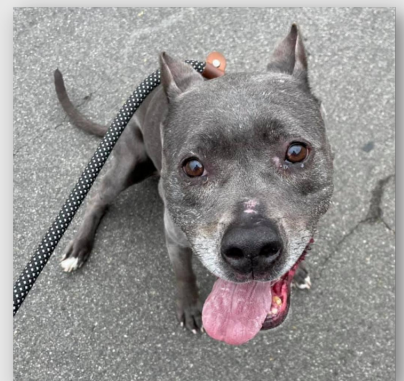


Blueberry has been adopted and has found her forever family!

We first met Blueberry in early April 2021. Blueberry was surrendered by her owner to the City shelter and was transferred into the care of Priceless Pet Rescue.

Blueberry was well loved and a favorite among the PPR volunteers and was described as being gentle and loving.

We are happy to hear that Blueberry was able to find a family to love!



# ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



January is Walk Your Dog Month! Check out these dogs who are currently waiting for their forever family to walk them out to their new home at [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



Rocky - Chino Hills Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



Opal - Costa Mesa Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



February is Adopt a Rescue Rabbit Month! Check out the rabbits who are currently waiting for their forever home at [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



Evy - Claremont Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



Mary - Claremont 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.**

## HOW TO LIVE WITH ALLERGIES AND PETS THE HUMANE SOCIETY

Millions of people enjoy sharing their homes and their lives with pets, even those who are allergic to animals. Unfortunately, some people believe that once they are diagnosed with a pet allergy, they have no choice but to remove their pets from their family.

Thankfully, there are many solutions that can be explored that would allow an allergy sufferer to keep their beloved pets while successfully managing their allergies.

Reduce the allergens and your symptoms: If you are allergic to your pet and your reactions aren't life-threatening, there are many ways to reduce indoor allergens and allergy symptoms so you and your pet can live together more comfortably.

If you or a family member's allergies are simply miserable, but not life-threatening, take these five steps to reduce the symptoms.

**1. Create an "allergy free" zone in your home**—preferably the allergic person's bedroom—and strictly prohibit the pet's access to it. Use a high-efficiency HEPA air cleaner, and consider using impermeable covers for the mattress and pillows.

**2. Use HEPA air cleaners** throughout the rest of the home, and avoid dust-and-dander-catching furnishings such as cloth curtains and blinds and carpeted floors. Clean frequently and thoroughly to remove dust and dander, washing articles, such as couch covers and pillows, curtains, and pet beds.

**3. Bathe your pet on a weekly basis** to reduce the level of allergy-causing dander (shed old skin cells). Cats can get used to being bathed, but it's critical to only use products labeled for them; kittens may need a shampoo safe for kittens. Check with your veterinarian's staff or a good book on pet care for directions about safe bathing. It's a good idea to use a shampoo recommended by your veterinarian or other animal care professional.

**4. Don't be quick to blame the family pet for allergies.** Ask your allergist to specifically test for allergies to pet dander. Many allergy sufferers are sensitive to more than one allergen. Reduce the overall allergen level in your environment by concentrating on all of the causes, not just the pet allergy.

**5. Try treatments.** Additional treatments for allergies to pets include immunotherapy (allergy shots), steroidal and antihistamine nose sprays and antihistamine pills. It is important to find an allergist who understands your commitment to living with your pet. A combination of approaches—medical control of symptoms, good housecleaning methods, and immunotherapy—is most likely to succeed in allowing an allergic person to live with pets.

**Be glad you didn't let allergies break up a beautiful relationship.**

It is worth it to preserve the bond between you and your pet by checking if you are truly allergic to your pet and, if you are, to try these solutions. Join the large number of animal lovers who manage their allergies and live happily and healthily with their beloved pets.

# COSTA MESA BARK PARK

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

# ANIMAL CONTROL



Costa Mesa | (714) 754-5674

## The Bark Park

The Bark Park is be open (M/T/TH/F) from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. The park is closed on Wednesdays for regular maintenance.

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



### Upcoming Animal Care Services Event:

CITY OF COSTA MESA  
ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

# SPRING BARK BASH

TeWinkle Park 970 Arlington Drive

Saturday, May 14, 2022  
11am-2pm

## SAVE THE DATE

Costa Mesa  
ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

### 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!**

## 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/DECEMBER 2021 (11/01/21 - 12/31/2021)

- Total impounds to shelter: 72
- Animals returned to owners: 13
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 40
- Total adoptions: 46

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

Love Your Dog, Love Your Park

# TAKE THE LEAD...

Costa Mesa

Parks Make Life Better!

## & SCOOP THE POOP!

# WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET GETS INTO CHOCOLATE

## ASPCA

While you will see most chocolate come around in the month of February, January 10 is National Bittersweet Chocolate Day - and we'll take any excuse to chow down on something sweet! Unfortunately, humans are not the only ones who like chocolate, and it can cause serious problems for our furry friends. In fact, chocolate is consistently on the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's (APCC) list of top pet toxins each year. So, the burning question is, what should you do if your dog eats chocolate?

### Collect the evidence

The first thing you should do is collect any remaining packaging from the chocolate treats to help your veterinarian or APCC determine what type of chocolate it was and how much your dog may have ingested. Note whether the chocolates had any sort of fillings, including raisins or macadamia nuts, as they can also be toxic. If the chocolate is sugar-free, it could also contain xylitol, a toxin that can cause low blood sugar and liver damage in our dog friends.

### Reach out for help

If your dog is not showing any signs or having mild symptoms (vomiting, diarrhea, increased thirst, hyperactivity), you will want to call APCC at (888) 426-4435 or your regular veterinarian. Your veterinarian or APCC staff will use the information you gathered along with your dog's weight and medical history to understand and explain to you what concerns they may have for your pet. The concerns may range from mild vomiting and diarrhea to more serious issues like increased or irregular heart rate and rhythm, muscle tremors and seizures.

### Determine what treatment is needed

Once the veterinarian has determined which concerns may be applicable to your pet, they will guide you on what must be done next for treatment. If the situation is not serious, they may have you simply monitor your pet at home. If it is more concerning, they may advise that you induce vomiting. If serious or life-threatening signs could develop, your pet may need to stay in a veterinary hospital for monitoring and treatment.

### Does it really matter what type of chocolate it is

The short answer is, YES! Chocolate contains a compound called theobromine that dogs are sensitive to. Theobromine is in the same class of compounds as caffeine, so when dogs ingest chocolate in large quantities, the theobromine may cause hyperactivity or agitation, an increase in heart rate, muscle tremors and seizures. Generally, the darker the chocolate, the more theobromine it will contain, meaning it will take less dark chocolate to pose a problem for your dog. White chocolate has almost no theobromine, but some dogs may be sensitive to the amount of sugar and fat and ingesting any type of chocolate may lead to inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis). It's also important to remember that it will take much less chocolate to be a problem for smaller dogs than larger dogs, so take any ingestion seriously and make sure you take the proper steps to helping your pet.

### What about cats?

Cats are sensitive to theobromine just like dogs, so if a cat ingests chocolate it can be dangerous for them as well. Fortunately, cats lack sweet taste buds, so they tend to not be readily drawn to chocolate. Cats also tend to be more discerning in what they eat and are less likely to consume larger quantities of chocolate. However, if your cat does eat chocolate, it is best to follow the above recommendations as well. If you suspect your pet may have ingested chocolate or another hazardous substance, please contact your veterinarian or call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.



## 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.