



# 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)  
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Sugarplum - Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

## CAT OF THE MONTH

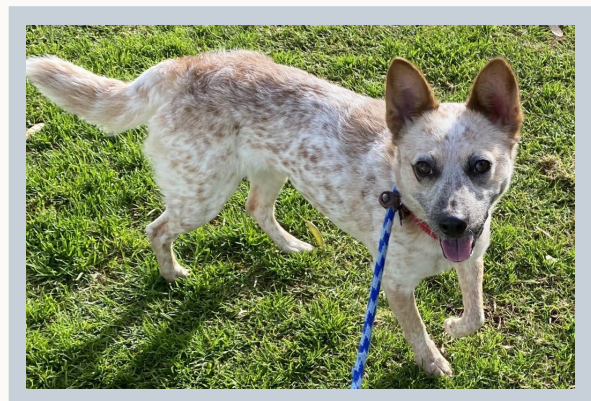
Hello, my name is Sugar Plum!

I am a two-year-old, female, Domestic Short Hair Cat. I am looking forward to meeting my forever family! I cant wait to cuddle and play with you!

Sugar Plum is up to date on her vaccines and is spayed.

If you would like to meet Sugar Plum in person, she is located at The orphanage - Costa Mesa

To view more adoptable pets, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org)



Leia - Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

## DOG OF THE MONTH

Hello, my name is Leia!

I am a four-year-old, female, Red Heeler (Australian Cattle Dog). I am eagerly awaiting for someone to adopt me and take me on many adventures!

Leia is up to date on her vaccines and is spayed.

If you would like to meet Leia in person, she is located at The orphanage - Costa Mesa

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## ADOPTION HIGHLIGHT



### Jinora finds a home!

Jinora arrived to the Costa Mesa Shelter as a stray and was transferred to Priceless Pet Rescue for adoption in July 2022.

Jinora waited patiently for four months but was finally adopted by her forever family in December 2022!

Jinora is now living her best rescue life and giving her new family lots of cuddles!



# ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS

**Priceless  
Pets**  
A no-kill pet rescue



Toffee - Chino Hills Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



Ammo - Costa Mesa Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)

Check out these pets that are currently waiting for their forever family at [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



Newport Center  
**ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
& PET HOTEL SUITES**

## Lost Animals

If you have lost a pet, we highly recommend pet owners to review the following 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 and microchips.
2. View the City of Costa Mesa's Impounded Animals webpage at [www.costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals](http://www.costamesaca.gov/impoundedanimals).
3. Found pets by Animal Control Officers, stray dogs, or pets released by owners are taken to Newport Center Animal Hospital.
4. If a dog is found wearing a current Costa Mesa License, or identification tag, attempts will be made to contact the owner by phone and mail.

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

## POISONOUS HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

### ASPCA

Have you ever wondered if a particular household cleaning product or human medication is poisonous to your pets? The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) has provided the following guide for knowing which cleaning products, human medications and cosmetic items to keep out of your pet's reach. Please remember that this guide is for general information only, and is not intended to help assess or manage animal exposures, or any subsequent time-sensitive medical issues. **If you suspect your pet has been exposed to any poisonous substances, contact your veterinarian or call APCC's hotline at (888) 426-4435 immediately.**

**Bleach** - Pet parents are often curious about the risks associated with cleaning their pets' cages and toys with bleach. The bottom line is this: cleaning your pet's cage or toy with a properly diluted bleach solution, followed by a thorough rinsing and airing out, is not expected to cause harm. If the odor of bleach seems overwhelming, open windows and use fans to air the room. There are many cleaning products on the market, with a variety of different ingredients for cleaners, with varying degrees of safety. Always follow label directions for usage.

**Carpet Fresheners** - Proper use of carpet deodorizing products should not cause significant harm or injury to pets. Minor ingestions of carpet freshener powder generally results in a mild stomach upset. If a small amount is inhaled, minor respiratory irritation may occur, resulting in sneezing, coughing, or a runny nose. Should your pet accidentally come in contact with the freshly applied powder, we recommend washing the paws with mild soap and water to avoid minor skin irritation.

**Essential Oils** - Cats are especially sensitive to essential oils, and effects such as gastrointestinal upset, central nervous system depression and even liver damage could occur if ingested in significant quantities. Inhalation of the oils could lead to aspiration pneumonia. It is recommended to speak with your veterinarian for the approval of the use of oils.

**Fabric Softener Sheets** - Fabric softeners contain cationic detergents. These detergents have the potential to cause significant signs like drooling, vomiting, oral and esophageal ulcers and fever. If an animal ingests enough sheets, used or dry, an intestinal blockage may occur.

**Febreze** - Contrary to rumors alleging that Febreze causes serious illness or death in pets, our veterinary toxicology experts at APCC regard Febreze fabric freshener products to be safe for use in households with pets. As with any product, it is important that you always follow label instructions for use. However, should your pet accidentally come into contact with Febreze when it is still wet, we would not anticipate problems beyond mild skin irritation (which can occur with any product in animals with sensitive skin) or minor stomach upset, if it is ingested.

**Scented Litter** - When used around a healthy cat, scented litter is considered safe. Fragrances, such as lavender, found in scented pet products are usually of synthetic origin and contain only a small amount of oil. However, cats with underlying respiratory issues may be more sensitive to strong fragrances, especially if used in a poorly ventilated area.

To read more on common household products that can pose potential harm to your pets, check out [www.aspcapetcare.com/pet-care/animal-poison-control/poisonous-household-products](http://www.aspcapetcare.com/pet-care/animal-poison-control/poisonous-household-products)



# COSTA MESA BARK PARK

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

## The Bark Park (890 Arlington Dr.)

The Bark Park is be open Thursday - Tuesday 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.

**COSTA MESA MUDLINE**  
Ways to access field/park condition information

**MUDLINE OPTIONS**

**HOTLINE** | (714) 754-5041  
**EMAIL**  
WWW.RAINEDOUT.COM AND SEARCH 'COSTA MESA MUDLINE'  
**TEXT**

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS - TEXT 'CMBALLFIELDS' TO 844-83  
SOCCER AND UTILITY FIELDS - TEXT 'CMUTILITYFIELDS' TO 844-83  
SKATE PARK - TEXT 'CMSKATEPARK' TO 844-83  
BARK PARK - TEXT 'CMBARKPARK' TO 844-83

Costa Mesa For Mudline questions, call (714) 754-5300

## 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 2022

(11/01/22 - 12/31/22)

- Total impounds to shelter: 98
- Animals returned to owners: 19
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 62
- Total adoptions: 63

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

# ANIMAL CONTROL



Costa Mesa | (714) 754-5674

## STRAY ANIMAL PROCEDURES



ANIMAL CARE SERVICES  
714-754-4918 | 714-754-5128

### 1 CALL ANIMAL CONTROL

If the animal is contained, call (714) 754-5674 or take the pet to the Costa Mesa Police Department at 99 Fair Drive.

Animal Control will attempt to locate the owner, then transports the animal to the shelter.



The shelter accepts stray animals found in Costa Mesa or by Costa Mesa residents. \*\*All cat strays must be reported to Animal Control before dropping off to the shelter.

### 2 TAKE DIRECTLY TO THE SHELTER\*\*

All impounded animals are brought to the shelter. Animals received vaccinations, a microchip, and are spay/neutered following the seven-day holding period.

### 3 OWNERS ARE NOTIFIED

Animal Control and shelter staff attempt to locate owners by scanning microchips and looking for license and ID tags.



### 4 ADOPTION CARE

Adoptable animals are transferred to Priceless Pet Rescue's adoption center, The Orphanage, located at 1536 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa.

### 5 HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Animals get adopted into their forever homes. Owners are encouraged to license their pets in the city they reside in.



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

Parks Make Life Better!

**& SCOOP THE POOP!**

## VALENTINE'S DAY SAFETY TIPS

### ASPCA

Each year our poison control experts see a rise in cases around February 14, many involving chocolate or lilies, a flower that's potentially fatal to cats. Valentine's Day can be as much fun for pets as it is for humans—as long as dangerous items are kept out of paws' reach!

**Pet-Safe Bouquets:** When sending a floral arrangement to someone with a cat, specify that it contain no lilies—and when receiving an arrangement, sift through and remove all dangerous flora. If your pet is suffering from symptoms such as lethargy, vomiting or diarrhea, he may have ingested an offending flower or plant. Use our online toxic and nontoxic plant libraries as visual guides of what shouldn't be in your bouquets.

**Forbidden Chocolate:** Seasoned pet lovers know that all types of chocolate are potentially life-threatening when ingested by pets. Methylxanthines are caffeine-like stimulants that affect gastrointestinal, neurologic and cardiac function—they can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, seizures and an abnormally elevated heart rate. The high-fat content in lighter chocolates can potentially lead to a life-threatening inflammation of the pancreas. Go ahead and indulge, but don't leave chocolate out for chowhounds to find.

**Careful with Cocktails:** Spilled wine, a half a glass of champagne or some leftover liquor are nothing to cry over until a curious pet laps them up. Because animals are smaller than humans, a little bit of alcohol can do a lot of harm, causing vomiting, diarrhea, lack of coordination, central nervous system depression, tremors, difficulty breathing, metabolic disturbances and even coma. Potentially fatal respiratory failure can also occur if a large amount is ingested.

**Life Is Sweet:** So don't let pets near treats sweetened with xylitol. If ingested, gum, candy and other treats that include this sweetener can result in hypoglycemia (a sudden drop in blood sugar). This can cause your pet to suffer depression, loss of coordination and seizures.

**Every Rose Has Its Thorn:** Don't let pets near roses or other thorny-stemmed flowers. Biting, stepping on or swallowing their sharp, woody spines can cause serious infection if a puncture occurs. De-thorn your roses far away from pets.

**Playing with Fire:** It's nice to set your evening a-glow with candlelight, but put out the fire when you leave the room. Pawing kittens and nosy pooches can burn themselves or cause a fire by knocking over unattended candles.

**Wrap It Up:** Gather up tape, ribbons, bows, wrapping paper, cellophane and balloons after presents have been opened—if swallowed, these long, stringy and “fun-to-chew” items can get lodged in your pet's throat or digestive tract, causing her to choke or vomit.

**The Furry Gift of Life?:** Giving a cuddly puppy or kitten may seem a fitting Valentine's Day gift—however, returning a pet you hadn't planned on is anything but romantic. Companion animals bring with them a lifelong commitment, and choosing a pet for someone else doesn't always turn out right. Those living in the New York City area can let their loved one choose their own cat with a gift certificate to adopt from the ASPCA. If you're not in New York, check your local animal care shelter or take a romantic trip to the shelter together.

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Phone Number:  
(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)

## 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.

## 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
- [www.costamesaca.gov/coyotecacher](http://www.costamesaca.gov/coyotecacher)
- Email [coyote@costamesaca.gov](mailto:coyote@costamesaca.gov)

Visit [www.costamesaca.gov](http://www.costamesaca.gov) for more information.