



THE SCOOP



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Animal Licensing: (714) 754-5300

www.costamesaca.gov/pets
www.pricelesspetrescue.org
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Porter - Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

CAT OF THE MONTH

Porter is a 4-month-old, male, Domestic Shorthair kitten.

Porter is known to be quiet and curious about his surroundings.

Porter is neutered, up to date on his vaccines and is microchipped, which will be registered to his new family by Priceless Pet Rescue once he is adopted.

If you are interested in adopting or learning more about Porter, please visit www.pricelesspetrescue.org.



Lulu- Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

DOG OF THE MONTH

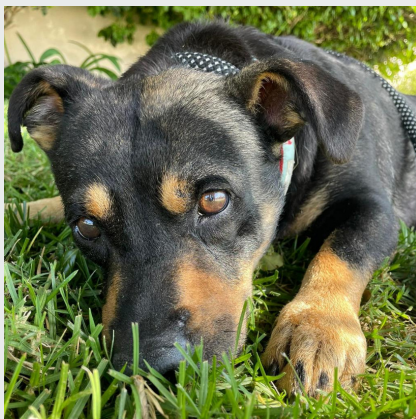
Lulu is an 8-year-old, female, Chihuahua.

Lulu is known to be very shy and often times can appear overwhelmed. Lulu is eager to meet someone who will show her patience and love.

Lulu cannot wait to find a family of her own and to find her confidence again and thrive!

If you are interested in adopting or learning more about Lulu, please visit www.pricelesspetrescue.org.

ADOPTION HIGHLIGHT



Sweet Clementine is adopted!

Clementine has found her forever home! Clementine was brought to the Costa Mesa shelter and transferred to Priceless Pet Rescue in April 2022. She waited patiently for someone to claim and love her. Clementine can now sun bathe and roll on the grass with her forever person.



ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



July 10 is National Kitten Day!



Togepi - Costa Mesa Location
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



August 26 is National Dog Day!



Storm- Foster Care
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)

Check out these pets that are currently waiting for their forever family at 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.
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.

PEOPLE FOODS TO AVOID FEEDING YOUR PETS

ASPCA

Our Animal Poison Control Center experts have put together a handy list of the top toxic people foods to avoid feeding your pet. As always, if you suspect your pet has eaten any of the following foods, please note the amount ingested and contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

Alcohol - Alcoholic beverages and food products containing alcohol can cause vomiting, diarrhea, decreased coordination, central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing, tremors, abnormal blood acidity, coma and even death. Under no circumstances should your pet be given any alcohol. If you suspect that your pet has ingested alcohol, contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center immediately.

Avocado - Avocado is primarily a problem for birds, rabbits, donkeys, horses, and ruminants including sheep and goats. The biggest concern is for cardiovascular damage and death in birds and rabbits. Horses, donkeys and ruminants frequently get swollen, edematous head and neck.

Chocolate, Coffee and Caffeine - These products all contain substances called methylxanthines, which are found in cacao seeds, the fruit of the plant used to make coffee, and in the nuts of an extract used in some sodas. When ingested by pets, methylxanthines can cause vomiting and diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst and urination, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures and even death. Note that darker chocolate is more dangerous than milk chocolate. White chocolate has the lowest level of methylxanthines, while baking chocolate contains the highest.

Citrus - The stems, leaves, peels, fruit and seeds of citrus plants contain varying amounts of citric acid, essential oils that can cause irritation and possibly even central nervous system depression if ingested in significant amounts. Small doses, such as eating the fruit, are not likely to present problems beyond minor stomach upset.

Coconut and Coconut Oil - When ingested in small amounts, coconut and coconut-based products are not likely to cause serious harm to your pet. The flesh and milk of fresh coconuts do contain oils that may cause stomach upset, loose stools or diarrhea. Because of this, we encourage you to use caution when offering your pets these foods. Coconut water is high in potassium and should not be given to your pet.

Xylitol - Xylitol is used as a sweetener in many products, including gum, candy, baked goods and toothpaste. It can cause insulin release in most species, which can lead to liver failure. The increase in insulin leads to hypoglycemia (lowered sugar levels). Initial signs of toxicosis include vomiting, lethargy and loss of coordination. Signs can progress to seizures. Elevated liver enzymes and liver failure can be seen within a few days.

Grapes and Raisins - Although the toxic substance within grapes and raisins is unknown, these fruits can cause kidney failure. Until more information is known about the toxic substance, it is best to avoid feeding grapes and raisins to dogs.

Macadamia Nuts - Macadamia nuts can cause weakness, depression, vomiting, tremors and hyperthermia in dogs. Signs usually appear within 12 hours of ingestion and can last approximately 24 to 48 hours.

Nuts - Nuts, including almonds, pecans, and walnuts, contain high amounts of oils and fats. The fats can cause vomiting and diarrhea, and potentially pancreatitis in pets.

Milk and Dairy - Because pets do not possess significant amounts of lactase (the enzyme that breaks down lactose in milk), milk and other dairy-based products cause them diarrhea or other digestive upset.

Onions, Garlic, Chives - These vegetables and herbs can cause gastrointestinal irritation and could lead to red blood cell damage and anemia. Although cats are more susceptible, dogs are also at risk if a large enough amount is consumed.

Raw/Undercooked Meat, Eggs and Bones - Raw meat and raw eggs can contain bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli that can be harmful to pets and humans. Raw eggs contain an enzyme called avidin that decreases the absorption of biotin (a B vitamin), which can lead to skin and coat problems. Feeding your pet raw bones may seem like a natural and healthy option that might occur if your pet lived in the wild. However, this can be very dangerous for a domestic pet, who might choke on bones, or sustain a grave injury should the bone splinter and become lodged in or puncture your pet's digestive tract.

Salt and Salty Snack Foods - Large amounts of salt can produce excessive thirst and urination, or even sodium ion poisoning in pets. Signs that your pet may have eaten too many salty foods include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, tremors, elevated body temperature, seizures and even death. As such, we encourage you to avoid feeding salt-heavy snacks like potato chips, pretzels, and salted popcorn to your pets.

Yeast Dough - Yeast dough can rise and cause gas to accumulate in your pet's digestive system. This can be painful and can cause the stomach to bloat, and potentially twist, becoming a life threatening emergency. The yeast produce ethanol as a by-product and a dog ingesting raw bread dough can become drunk (See alcohol).

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Phone Number: (888) 426-4435

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.

Love Your Dog, Love Your Park 

TAKE THE LEAD...



Parks Make Life Better!

& SCOOP THE POOP!

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.

MAY/JUNE 2022
(05/01/22 - 06/30/22)

- Total impounds to shelter: 87
- Animals returned to owners: 25
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 50
- Total adoptions: 38

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

ANIMAL CONTROL



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July 1st is National ID Your Pet Day!
Here are 5 reasons why you should license your dogs.

1. If your dog goes missing, having your pet licensed drastically improves the chances of getting your dog back. Your license proves ownership and assists Animal Control and shelters to quickly identify your dog and get them back to you safely. Dogs that are currently licensed tend to be kept in the shelter longer than unlicensed dogs.
2. Licensing lets people know that your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccinations. A dog cannot be licensed unless it is properly vaccinated. Animal Control or a Good Samaritan will be much more likely to want to handle and care for your missing pup if they know that it is healthy and without rabies.
3. License fees support the efforts of many local animal shelters. Typically, the annual fee that you pay to license your dog helps to keep shelters running and supports the work of your local Animal Control. By paying to properly ID your dog, you are helping to feed and house stray dogs found on the streets within your city. The number of dog licenses issued within a city helps city officials calculate budgets for dog parks, animal services, veterinary services, etc.
4. Dog licenses are updated yearly which gives a dog owner the opportunity to update their information to ensure their pet is returned to them in case they are lost.
5. It's the law. In most states, it's mandatory that dog owners have their pets licensed. If you get caught without a license, which can and does happen, you will face a fine. Dogs must have a renewed license each year, which must be displayed on them at all times. The cost of the license is far less than the penalty for being caught without one. If a city official finds your dog without a license, you face paying a fee of up to \$250. In addition, some cities consider owning an unlicensed dog to be a Class IV misdemeanor.

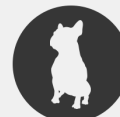


It's Hot Out!

Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!



A car can overheat **even** when the window has been left cracked an inch or two.



Young, overweight or elderly animals, or those with short muzzles or thick or dark-colored coats are **most at risk** for overheating.



Shady spots offer **little** protection on hot days, and move with the sun.

90°

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

102°

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

120°

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.



Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.

ASPCA

If you see an animal trapped in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner or call 911! Stay by the car until assistance arrives.



HOT WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

ASPCA

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger. To prevent your pet from overheating, take these simple precautions provided by ASPCA experts:

- Visit the vet for a spring or early-summer checkup. Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventative medication.
- Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.
- Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.



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

- Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
- Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. Not only can it lead to fatal heat stroke, it is illegal in several states!
- Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool—not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals.
- Open unscreened windows pose a real danger to pets, who often fall out of them. Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed, and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.
- When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.
- Commonly used rodenticides and lawn and garden insecticides can be harmful to cats and dogs if ingested, so keep them out of reach. Keep citronella candles, tiki torch products and insect coils of out pets' reach as well. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect your animal has ingested a poisonous substance.
- Please leave pets at home when you head out to Fourth of July celebrations, and never use fireworks around pets. Exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns or trauma, and even unused fireworks can contain hazardous materials. Many pets are also fearful of loud noises and can become lost, scared or disoriented, so it's best to keep your little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area of your home.

For more information, visit aspca.org/pet-care

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.

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
- Email coyote@costamesaca.gov

Visit www.costamesaca.gov for more information.