



# 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)



Grigory & Pheonix - Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue



Max- Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

## CATS OF THE MONTH

Grigory is a 10-year-old, male, Domestic Short Hair cat. Grigory is bonded with his best friend, Phoenix! Phoenix is a 10-year-old, female, Domestic Medium Hair cat.

Grigory and Phoenix were found together and are available for adoption as a pair.

Both cats have been spayed/neutered, up-to-date on their vaccines, and are microchipped, which will be registered to their new family by Priceless Pet Rescue once they are adopted.

If you are interested in learning more about Grigory and Phoenix or the adoption process, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).

## DOG OF THE MONTH

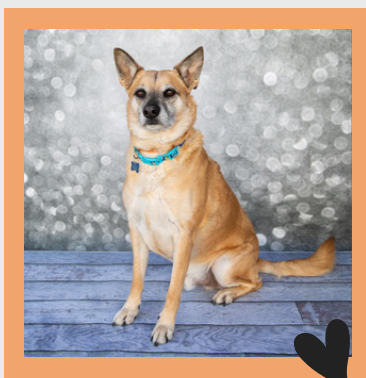
Max is a 4-year-old, male, Schnauzer, who is just as cute in person as he is in the photos. Just come meet him in person to see for yourself!

Max is a happy playful dog and is eager to meet someone to be excited to love him as he will with them!

Max cannot wait to find a family of his own. Max is neutered and up-to-date on his vaccines. He is also microchipped, which will be registered to his new family by Priceless Pet Rescue.

If you are interested in adopting or learning more about Max, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org). Check out his friends there too!

## ADOPTION HIGHLIGHT



### Willie is reunited with his owner after 288 days!

Willie arrived to the Costa Mesa Shelter as a stray and was transferred to Priceless Pet Rescue for adoption in December 2021.

Willie waited patiently for someone to take him home, but in the end, he was waiting for his original owner to find him. Willie was reunited with his owner in September 2022. His real name is Koda and he is once again the happiest boy, and is ready to begin living his best life with his best friend in Utah.



# ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



Giselle - Costa Mesa Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



Wolfi - 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.

## MOVING WITH YOUR PET ASPCA

Moving to a new home may be one of the most stressful life events you'll ever have to tackle. But in the chaos of cardboard boxes, packing tape and moving trucks, you might not realize how stressed your pets feel, too. Read on for ways to make the transition as safe and easy as possible for your furry friends.

### Choosing a New Neighborhood, House or Apartment:

Before you pick out your dream home, make sure your pet will love it just as much as you do. It's a good idea to walk around the neighborhood to determine whether the area seems safe for your pets. Be on the lookout for neighborhood dogs that seem aggressive or are left unattended.

### When it comes to square footage needs, cats and dogs differ:

- For your feline friends, ensure your potential new space allows for plenty of room to build vertically—it's easy to create a lot of vertical space with shelving, such as kitty blocks on top of furniture.
- Consider your dog's needs on a case-by-case basis. Older dogs, puppies and dogs with house training issues will need to go outside often, which might be difficult in an apartment building with lots of stairs or a house without a yard.

### Planning Your Road Trip:

Many pets haven't spent much time in crates or cars. In the weeks or months leading up to the big trip:

- Prepare your pets by gradually acclimating them to their crates. First, place their food inside an open crate, and eventually have them eat their meals in the crate with the door shut.
- Try carrying your pets around the house in the crate or taking a short drive.
- You can help your pets develop a positive association with the crate by providing treats and playtime at the conclusion of crate time.

Taking these steps will make moving day a lot more comfortable for you and your furry friends.

### Pet-Proofing Your New Home:

It is a good idea to pet-proof your new home. Tuck away electrical cords, plug up nooks where your pet could get stuck, make sure that all windows have secure screens, remove any poisonous houseplants and confirm that no pest-control poison traps have been left anywhere in the house.

### Settling In:

When you arrive at your new home at the end of your long journey, it will be tempting to set your dog or cat loose in the house to explore. However, a new and unfamiliar space can be overwhelming to your pets.

- Start by allowing them to adjust to one room—their "home base"—which should include their favorite toys, treats, water and food bowls and litter box for cats.
- When they seem comfortable, gradually introduce them to other rooms in the house, while keeping some doors shut.
- You can relocate your cat's litter box from the "home base" room to a more permanent location by moving it slowly over time. Try moving the litter box one foot forward each day.

With patience, your cat or dog will be king or queen of your new home in no time

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



# COSTA MESA BARK PARK

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

# ANIMAL CONTROL



Costa Mesa | (714) 754-5674

The Bark Park (890 Arlington Dr.)

The Costa Mesa Bark Park is getting renovated!



The renovation of approximately 8,000 sq. ft. of turf in the small dog area at the Bark Park began on Wednesday, September 7.

The small dog area will be closed for the next 4-6 weeks. A section of the large dog park will be fenced off in order to create a temporary small dog area for the duration of the project.

The project will include soil remediation to help reduce salinity,

improve soil structure, oxygenation and water percolation. Kikuyu grass will be installed once the soil has been properly prepped. Kikuyu grass is expected to provide greater wear resistance given the high level of usage of the park.

The Bark Park is 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.

## 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.



**BARKTOBERFEST HALLOWEEN PET EVENT**  
TEWINKLE PARK (970 ARLINGTON DRIVE)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022 11AM-2PM

JOIN ANIMAL CARE SERVICES AT THEIR 4TH ANNUAL BARKTOBERFEST PET EVENT!

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN BE A VENDOR AT THIS EVENT, CALL: 714-754-4918 | 714-754-5128



## 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 2022**  
(07/01/22 - 08/31/22)

- Total impounds to shelter: 156
- Animals returned to owners: 26
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 79
- Total adoptions: 64

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

Love Your Dog, Love Your Park

# TAKE THE LEAD...

Parks Make Life Better!

## & SCOOP THE POOP!

# 10 HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

## 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 10 easy tips.**

### Tip #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 pets confined and away from the door.

Indoors is certainly better than outdoors on Halloween, but your door will be constantly opening and closing, and strangers will be on your doorstep dressed in unusual costumes. This, of course, can be scary for our furry friends, which can result in escape attempts or unexpected aggression. Putting your dog or cat in a secure crate or room away from the front door will reduce stress and prevent them from darting outside into the night...a night when no one wants to be searching for a lost loved one.

### 4. Keep glow sticks away from pets.

While glow sticks can help keep people safe on Halloween night, they can add some unwanted drama to the holiday if a pet chews one open. “Thankfully, the liquid inside glow sticks is non-toxic, so it won’t actually make pets sick,” Coates says, “but it does taste awful.” Pets who get into a glow stick may drool, paw at their mouth, become agitated, and sometimes even vomit. Coates recommends that if your pet does chew on a glow stick, “offer some fresh water or a small meal to help clear the material out of the mouth.”

### 5. 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...

### 6. 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.

### 7. 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.

### 8. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.

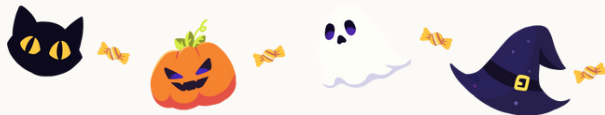
If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costume, make sure it isn’t dangerous or simply annoying to your pet. Costumes should not restrict movement, hearing, eyesight, or the ability to breathe. Coates warns that pets who are wearing a costume should always be supervised by a responsible adult so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

### 9. Try on pet costumes before the big night.

Don’t wait until Halloween night to put your pet in a costume for the first time. “Any time you want to introduce your pet to something new, it’s best to go slowly,” Coates says. Get your pet costumes early, and put them on for short periods of time (and piece by piece, if possible). “Make it a positive experience by offering lots of praise and treats,” Coates adds. If at any time, your pet seems distressed or develops skin problems from contact with a costume, consider letting him go in his “birthday suit.” A festive bandana may be a good compromise.

### 10. 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)

## 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.