



# THE SCOOP

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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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Licorice - Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

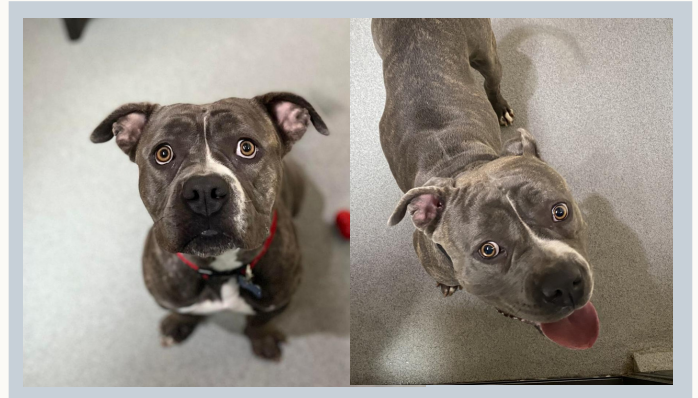
## CAT OF THE MONTH

Licorice is a two-year-old, male, Domestic Short Hair cat who is known to be curious and enjoys people watching. Licorice is described as laid-back and would make a great movie watching companion.

Licorice is neutered, up-to-date on his vaccines, and is microchipped, which will be registered to their new family by Priceless Pet Rescue once they are adopted.

Licorice is looking forward to finding his forever family in time for the holidays!

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



Mila - Photo Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

## DOG OF THE MONTH

Mila is a four-year-old, female, Pit Bull Terrier mix who is known to be friendly, but would prefer to be the only dog in the home so she can get all the love and be spoiled by her future family.

Mila is spayed and up-to-date on her vaccines. She is also microchipped, which will be registered to her new family by Priceless Pet Rescue.

Mila cannot wait to find a family of her own. Mila is described as a god walker and good on a leash too!

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

## ADOPTION HIGHLIGHT

### Bolin finds a home!



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

Bolin was purr-fectly patient and was finally adopted by his forever family in October 2022!

Bolin is now living his best rescue life and giving his new person all the love and cuddles!



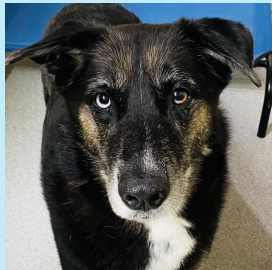
# ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



December 5 is National Shelter Pets Day! Adopt a new furry friend from a local shelter or rescue organization to provide the love and attention these pets deserve. Take a look at these cuties who are currently available at Priceless Pet Rescue.



Rivendell - Costa Mesa Location  
(Photo Courtesy of PPR)



Violet - Chino Hills 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.

## 5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD FOSTER A LARGE DOG

### ASPCA

Though Adopt a Shelter Dog month has come to an end, we could still really use your help for dogs in New York City! The ASPCA has many large-breed dogs in our care, and we are in urgent need of foster caregivers in the tri-state area to share a helping hand on their journeys towards adoption. But why should you become a large dog foster? Well, we've got five great reasons why you should open your heart and home temporarily to a large, lovable dog in need!

#### 1. Fostering creates more space in shelters for other animals in need.

When animals enter loving foster homes, critical shelter resources become available for other animals in need of life-changing support. The help foster caregivers provide animal shelters and rescues is immeasurable! They also help us learn more about the animals in our care, as many dogs blossom outside of the shelter setting and fosters have a front-row seat.

#### 2. Your life becomes a whole lot more fun and interesting!

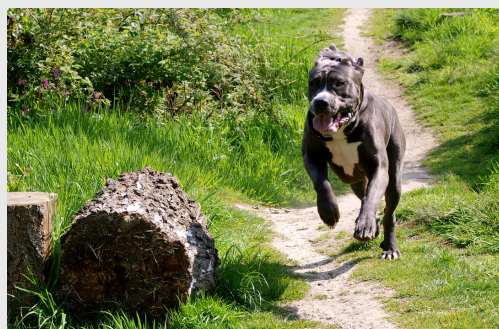
There are so many benefits to become a large dog foster like the reward of knowing you are personally making an impactful difference in an animal's life, as well as companionship, potential snuggles and even the chance to engage in new routines that will benefit you both. Fostering is an opportunity to learn about your foster animal's unique personality and provide them an opportunity to thrive! The shelter will provide you with the support, supplies and resources you need to make the most of your fostering experience.

#### 3. Fostering provides a safe and attentive environment for animals who need extra TLC.

Many of our large dogs will benefit from special support in order to have the best possible chance at finding an adopter. This may be training, a quiet residential environment or special medical or behavioral care. When you foster, you help give these dogs the space, attention, experience and resources they need. You're such an important part of their journey!

#### 4. Fostering saves lives!

We're not exaggerating! Fostering quite literally saves lives. Animals gain valuable experiences in the comfort of safe and loving foster homes and animal shelters have more space and resources to care for more animals in need. It's a win, win! And though it's hard to say goodbye, you can part from your foster dog knowing you changed their life for the better, every step of the way.



# COSTA MESA BARK PARK

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

# ANIMAL CONTROL



Costa Mesa | (714) 754-5674

## BARKTOBERFEST

Animal Care Services hosted its fourth annual Barktoberfest pet event on Saturday, October 22 at TeWinkle Park, sponsored by Top Dog Bakery and Raising Canes. The event attracted more than 600 attendees throughout the day, which featured 18 local pet rescue organizations and vendors.

In addition, Costa Mesa Police Department's K-9 Unit held three demonstrations throughout the event. The much celebrated Halloween Pet Costume Contest had 42 pets and owners registered, with six lucky costume contest winners taking home an award certificate and prize.

During the event, seven dogs and two cats were adopted through various rescues, while Priceless Pet Rescue microchipped 20 pets through their microchip clinic.



## CMPD K-9 UNIT

Costa Mesa Police Department's K-9 Unit provided three demonstrations at the recent Barktoberfest event. Check out Bodi and Aron in action!



## 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 2022 (09/01/22 - 10/31/22)

- Total impounds to shelter: 96
- Animals returned to owners: 16
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 76
- Total adoptions: 73

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

## Celebrate the holidays with family and friends SNOOPY HOUSE

DECEMBER 16-23 | 5:30-8:30 P.M.  
COSTA MESA CITY HALL

### FREE NIGHTLY EVENTS

- PHOTOS WITH SANTA (6-8 P.M.)
- TRAIN RIDES
- LETTERS TO SANTA
- STAGE PERFORMANCES
- SNOOPY HOUSE LIGHTS DISPLAY
- \*REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

### SPECIAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

- KIDS IMAGINE ENTERTAINMENT
- CAROLERS
- MINIATURE SLED HILL
- \*WAIVER REQUIRED



**FOR MORE INFO ABOUT**  
STAGE SCHEDULE AND SLEDDING  
REQUIREMENTS PLEASE VISIT:  
[COSTAMESACA.GOV/SNOOPYHOUSE](http://COSTAMESACA.GOV/SNOOPYHOUSE)  
OR CALL (714) 754-5300

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Costa Mesa

# TAKE THE LEAD...

Parks Make Life Better!

# & SCOOP THE POOP!

## THANKSGIVING 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 undercooked 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 life-threatening 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. Please visit our People Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Pets page for more information.

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)

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

ASPCA

The holiday season is upon us, and many pet parents plan to include their furry companions in the festivities. As you gear up for the holidays, it is important to try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Also, please be sure to steer pets clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations:

- **Oh, Christmas Tree:** Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria, and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.
- **Avoid Mistletoe & Holly:** Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.
- **Tinsel-less Town:** Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.
- **That Holiday Glow:** Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!
- **Wired Up:** Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

Avoid Holiday Food Dangers:

- **Skip the sweets:** By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol.
- **Leave the Leftovers:** Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends.

# Happy Holidays!

### 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.