



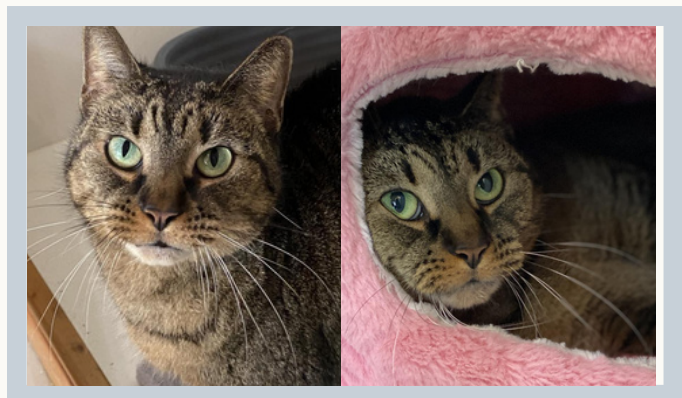
# THE SCOOP



Staff Contact: (714) 754-5128  
Animal Control: (714) 754-5674  
Animal Licensing: (714) 754-5300



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[www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org)  
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Yzma - Photos Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

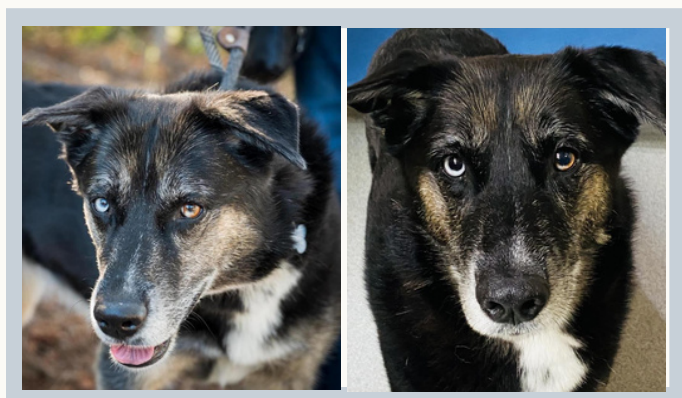
## CAT OF THE MONTH

Hello, my name is Yzma!

I am a three-year-old, female, Domestic Short Hair tabby who is looking forward to meeting my forever family! I cannot wait to cuddle and play with you.

I have beautiful green eyes and a nice coat for you to rub. If you hold out your hand, I'll be sure to lean for some scratches.

Yzma is currently located at The Orphanage - Costa Mesa (1536 Newport Blvd.) with her other feline friends, so stop by and say hi! To view more adoptable pets, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).



Violet - Photos Courtesy of Priceless Pet Rescue

## DOG OF THE MONTH

Hello, my name is Violet!

I am a five-year-old, female, Shepherd who is eagerly awaiting for someone to adopt me and take me on many adventures!

I am a sweet girl who knows a few tricks and am great walking on a leash. I love taking in my environment when out and about, and am I also crate trained.

Violet is currently located at The Orphanage - Claremont (665 E Foothill Blvd E). To view more information on Violet and other adoptable pets waiting for a new home, please visit [www.pricelesspetrescue.org](http://www.pricelesspetrescue.org).

## ADOPTION HIGHLIGHT

### Senior dog, Dan, finds a home!

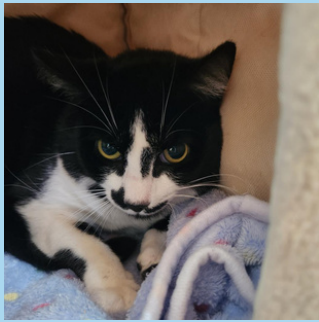
Dan was already 12 years old when he arrived to the Costa Mesa animal shelter as a stray and was transferred to Priceless Pet Rescue for adoption in January 2023.

Although Dan is a senior boy and low energy was expected, Dan was known for his energy and for being a social butterfly! Dan was adopted by his forever family in February 2023!

Dan is now living his best rescue life and giving his new family lots of cuddles!



# ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS



Chaplin - Costa Mesa Location  
Domestic Short Hair  
2 years old  
Male



Kylo - Costa Mesa Location  
Husky Shepherd Mix  
2 year old  
Male

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.

## HOW MUCH EXERCISE DOES A DOG NEED EVERY DAY? AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

If you own a dog, you have probably found yourself wondering “How much exercise does a dog need every day?” Depending on your schedule, that question might sometimes sound more like “How much exercise does a dog really need every day?”

As with people, the answer varies from dog to dog and is dependent on age, health, and breed. There are a few standard guidelines you can follow, however, to make sure that your dog is getting all the exercise they need.

### How Much Daily Exercise Does a Puppy Need?

Keep in mind a breed's exercise requirements when choosing a puppy. It is not a good idea to buy an active dog breed unless you already lead an active lifestyle, and it is unrealistic to expect your Toy Poodle to join you for marathon training – unless you are pushing them in a stroller.

You might have noticed that your puppy gets a case of the “zoomies” several times a day. The zoomies are easily identified, and symptoms include madly racing around the house, sometimes at night, followed by collapsing into a puppy pile, preferably in your lap.

Puppies generally have more energy than adult dogs and so require more exercise in short bursts – like the zoomies. Since puppies are constantly growing, including several short walks or play sessions throughout the day is a safer choice than going for one really long walk, as this can be too hard on your puppy's developing body. Ultimately, every puppy is different, and the more time you spend with your pup, the more you will learn about how much exercise and mental stimulation they need to keep them happy – and you sane!

### How Much Exercise Does an Adult Dog Need?

Your dog's breed heavily influences the level of physical activity they need. High-energy breeds, such as Border Collies and Belgian Malinois, require a lot more exercise than lower-energy breeds like the Bulldog or Basset Hound.

Your dog's health is also important. If your adult dog has a medical condition, such as hip dysplasia or heart or respiratory issues, talk with your vet about an appropriate exercise routine that will help them stay healthy without causing discomfort.

### How Much Exercise Does a Senior Dog Need?

Your senior dog might not be able to run as far as they once did, and you might have to eventually restrict their run to a walk, but proper exercise is just as important for your senior dog as it is for your puppy. Talk with your vet about exercising your senior dog, and also observe their behavior. As the owner, you know your dog best and are the best judge of how much exercise your dog can comfortably handle.

Exercise provides all dogs with mental stimulation and keeps them active, which can help prolong their lives and reduce the risk of obesity.

### Tips on Dog Exercise

Taking your dog for a walk around the block is a great start, and it might be enough for breeds with lower exercise requirements. Even couch potatoes appreciate variety every once in a while, however, and there are countless opportunities to exercise your dog in your daily life. Take your dogs on hikes, play fetch, or sign them up for agility classes.

### Indoor Dog Exercises

Inclement weather can throw a wrench in your dog's exercise routine. Hot days, cold days, and rainy days make it difficult to get outside for long periods of time, and may even pose health risks. Here are some indoor dog exercises you and your pup can do to burn off steam and stay in shape. You can play fetch, game of tug, hide-and-seek or even try to train your dog to walk on a treadmill.





# 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.

## Upcoming Animal Care Services Events:

**FREE PET EVENT!** CITY OF COSTA MESA - ANIMAL CARE SERVICES  
**SPRING BARK BASH**  
 970 ARLINGTON DR. COSTA MESA 92626  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 29 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

PET ADOPTIONS	LOCAL PET VENDORS	AIRBRUSH TATTOOS
COSTA MESA PD K-9 UNIT DEMOS <small>K-9 DEMO TIMES ARE 11:35AM, 12:15PM, 1:30PM</small>	BALLOON ANIMAL ARTIST	CARICATURE ARTIST
DOG TRAINING DEMOS <small>WALKING W/OUT PULLING: 11:45AM, CHILL ON THE MAGIC MAT: 12:45PM</small>	PET OWNER RESOURCES	FOOD TRUCKS (ONE WILL BE DOG FRIENDLY)
		PET PAWPRINT BOUQUET CRAFT

"ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH OF 5FT OR LESS WITHIN THE EVENT AREA."

ANIMAL CARE SERVICES WILL BE HOLDING A BLANKET & TOWEL DONATION DRIVE. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE DONATED TO THE CITY'S CONTRACTED ANIMAL SHELTER AND ADOPTION CENTER.

"RECEIVE ONE RAFFLE TICKET FOR YOUR DONATION FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A RAFFLE PRIZE!"

**Costa Mesa ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**

For additional information, or to find out how you can be a vendor, 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.

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

(01/01/23 - 02/28/23)

- Total impounds to shelter: 70
- Animals returned to owners: 13
- Animals transferred to adoption care: 35
- Total adoptions: 45

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

# ANIMAL CONTROL



Costa Mesa | (714) 754-5674

## 5 reasons to MICROCHIP YOUR PETS

- Microchips are permanent.
- Microchips that are registered can prove you are the pet owner.
- Microchips increase the odds of a pet's homecoming.
- Some Microchip manufacturers offer lost-pet alerts.
- Microchipping saves lives! A microchip is forever: Your vet can scan it yearly to ensure its placement.

**Costa Mesa ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**

## COSTA MESA MUDLINE

For all field, barkpark, and skatepark closures due to rain, call:

**(714) 754-5041**



For Mudline questions, call (714) 754-5300

Love Your Dog, Love Your Park



## TAKE THE LEAD...



**& SCOOP THE POOP!**

# SPRINGTIME SAFETY TIPS

## ASPCA

Spring has sprung, and with the change of season, our thoughts turn to Easter celebrations, spring cleaning and much-needed home improvement projects. Before you embark on seasonal chores or outdoor revelry, take inventory of potential springtime hazards for your furry friends.

### Easter Treats and Decorations

Keep lilies and candy in check—chocolate goodies are toxic to cats and dogs, and all true lilies can be fatal if ingested by cats. And be mindful, kitties love to nibble on colorful plastic grass, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting and dehydration. Moreover, while live bunnies, chicks and other festive animals are adorable, resist the urge to buy them—these cute babies grow up fast and often require specialized care!

### Screen Yourself

Many pet parents welcome the breezy days of spring by opening their windows. Unfortunately, they also unknowingly put their pets at risk—especially cats, who are apt to jump or fall through unscreened windows. Be sure to install snug and sturdy screens in all of your windows.

### Buckle Up!

While most dogs love to feel the wind on their furry faces, allowing them to ride in the beds of pick-up trucks or stick their heads out of moving-car windows is dangerous. Flying debris and insects can cause inner ear or eye injuries and lung infections, and abrupt stops or turns can cause major injury, or worse! Pets riding in cars should always be secured in a crate or wearing a seatbelt harness designed especially for them.

### Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning is a time-honored tradition in many households, but be sure to keep all cleaners and chemicals out of your pets' way! Almost all cleaning products, even all natural ones, contain chemicals that may be harmful to pets. The key to using them safely is to read and follow label directions for proper use and storage.

\*If you suspect your pet may have come in contact with or ingested a potentially poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center immediately at (888) 426-4435.

### Home Improvement 101

Products such as paints, mineral spirits and solvents can be toxic to your pets and cause severe irritation or chemical burns. Carefully read all labels to see if the product is safe to use around your furry friends. Also, be cautious of physical hazards, including nails, staples, insulation, blades and power tools. It may be wise to confine your dog or cat to a designated pet-friendly room during home improvement projects.

### Let Your Garden Grow—With Care

Pet parents, take care—fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides keep our plants and lawns healthy and green, but their ingredients may be dangerous if your pet ingests them. Always store these products in out-of-the-way places and follow label instructions carefully. Many popular springtime plants—including rhododendron and azaleas—are also highly toxic to pets and can prove fatal if eaten.

### Ah-Ah-Achoo!

Like us, pets can be allergic to foods, dust, plants and pollens. Allergic reactions in dogs and cats can cause itching, minor sniffing and sneezing, or life-threatening anaphylactic shock to insect bites and stings. If you suspect your pet has a springtime allergy, please visit your veterinarian as soon as possible.

### Pesky Little Critters

April showers bring May flowers—and an onslaught of bugs! Make sure your pet is on year-round heartworm preventive medication, as well as a flea and tick control program. Ask your doctor to recommend a plan designed specifically for your pet.

### Out and About

Warmer weather means more trips to the park, longer walks and more chances for your pet to wander off! Make sure your dog or cat has a microchip for identification and wears a tag imprinted with your home address, cell phone and any other relevant contact information.

## 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 - 4pm; Mon-Fri

10am - 3pm; Sat

### 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 wish list 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 at City Hall, Balearic Community Center, or Downtown Recreation Center.

## 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.