



# AGENDA

## OC ANIMAL CARE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



*Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.*

OC Animal Care  
Learning & Training Center, First Floor  
1630 Victory Road  
Tustin, CA 92782

**Peter Amundson**  
Chair  
Second District

**Danielle Thomas**  
Vice Chair  
Fourth District

**Dr. Leslie Malo**  
Committee Member  
First District

**Kim Kane**  
Committee Member  
Third District

**April Josephson**  
Committee Member  
Fifth District

The Orange County Animal Care Community Outreach Committee welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Committee encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, please complete a Speaker Form identifying the item(s) and return the form to the Clerk of the Committee prior to the item you wish to speak on being called. If you wish to speak on a matter which does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the close of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Committee, please state your name, or a pseudonym if you do not wish to give your name, prior to providing your comments.

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call of Members

Peter Amundson, Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Danielle Thomas, Vice Chair, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Dr. Leslie Malo, Committee Member, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Kim Kane, Committee Member, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
April Josephson, Committee Member, 5<sup>th</sup> District

III. Minutes

Unadopted Minutes of the July 27, 2022, Regular Meeting of the OC Animal Care Community Outreach Committee

Recommended Action: That the Committee approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022, regular meeting.

IV. Regular Business

1. 2023 OC Animal Care Community Outreach Committee Meeting Calendar

This report provides the 2023 regular meeting dates.

Recommended Action: Committee approves 2023 regular meeting calendar.

2. Public Education Program Report

This report summarizes the OC Animal Care Public Education Program, which includes Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Shelter Tours, Shelter and Community Events and Program Updates.

3. Foster Program Report

This report summarizes the third quarter for OC Animal Care's Foster Program.

Recommended Action: Committee receives and files the report.

4. Volunteer Program Administrative Report

This report summarizes the third quarter activities for OC Animal Care's Volunteer Program.

Recommended Action: Committee receives and files the report.

5. Adoption Partner Program Administrative Report

This report summarizes the OC Animal Care Rescue/Adoption Partner program. Through cooperative actions, the Adoption Partner program places injured and un-adoptable animals with organizations that specialize in their rehabilitation and placement. This report also reviews steps being taken to increase and improve adoptions and communication between OC Animal Care and Adoption Partners.

Recommended Action: Committee receives and files the report.

6. Director's Update

OC Animal Care Director, Andi Bernard, will provide information on the shelter, recent news, events, and facility updates.

Recommended Action: No action necessary.

7. Committee Member April Josephson's Discussion

Reopening the shelter grounds and kennel buildings to the public in some form, including a discussion of pros, cons, and suggestions for ways to handle reopening that will address and mitigate any potential concerns.

Recommended Action: Discuss the item.

8. Committee Member April Josephson's Discussion

Reinstatement of the Trap, Neuter, and Return program for Feral cats at OCAC.

Recommended Action: Discuss the item.

V. Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee provided that no action will be taken on any items not on the agenda, unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, and twenty (20) minutes for all comments, unless different time limits are set by the Chairperson, subject to the approval of the Committee.

VI. Board Comments

VII. Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be January 25, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., in the Learning & Training Center Room 100 located at 1630 Victory Road, Tustin, CA 92782.



## SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

### ANIMAL CARE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

*At 11:30 a.m.*

Peter Amundson, Chair, 2nd District  
Danielle Thomas, Vice Chair 4th District  
Dr. Leslie Malo, Committee Member, 1st District  
Kim Kane, Committee Member, 3rd District  
April Josephson, Committee Member, 5th District

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Animal Care Community Outreach Committee was called to order at 11:39 a.m. This meeting was conducted at OC Animal Care Learning and Training Center located at 1630 Victory Rd., Tustin, CA 92782.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present:

Peter Amundson, Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Dr. Leslie Malo, Committee Member, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Kim Kane, Committee Member, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
April Josephson, Committee Member, 5<sup>th</sup> District

Staff Present: Dylan Wright, OCCR Director; Cymantha Atkinson, OCCR Deputy Director; Monica Schmidt(virtually), Assistant Director; Sandy Pantoja, Community Outreach Team Manager

III. Minutes

Regular Meeting, January 26, 2022

The Committee approved the minutes of the January 26, 2022, regular meeting pending the addition that Committee Member Josephson motioned to move public comments and change the speak time from 5 to 3 minutes and Committee Member Thomas seconded. Also, Committee Member Josephson motioned, and Committee Member Kane seconded to receive and file the Community Outreach Report.

It was moved by Committee Member Josephson, seconded by Committee Member Dr. Malo.

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

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The motion passed

## IV. Regular Business

### 1. Community Outreach Team Goals for 2022.

This report summarizes the OC Animal Care Community Outreach Team 2022 goals, which includes overall team goals, Public Education Program goals, Volunteer Program goals, and Adoption Partner Program goals. Committee Member Kane questioned how to apply for internships.

Committee Member Josephson questioned if there will be onsite events.

It was moved by Committee Member Josephson, seconded by Committee Member Kane.

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

The motion passed

### 2. Adoption Partner Program Administrative Report

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Committee Member Josephson inquired what staff member rolls are involved in rescue efforts.

Committee Member Kane inquired what role Noble Friends plays with OC Animal Care.

It was moved by Committee Member Josephson, seconded by Committee Member Dr. Malo.

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

The motion passed

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3. Public Education Program Report - This report summarizes the OC Animal Care Public Education Program, which includes Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Shelter Tours, Shelter and Community Events and Program Updates.

Committee Member Josephson inquired if all Katy Cares events are through the libraries.

Committee Member Josephson inquired process for how school children wrote animal bios.

Committee Member Josephson inquired about having the Adoptions and Licensing departments at her next.

Committee Member Josephson inquired if adoption events will be held within jurisdiction, specifically Anaheim and Santa Ana.

It was moved by Committee Member Josephson, seconded by Committee Member Kane.

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

The motion passed

4. Volunteer Program Administrative Report

This report summarizes the third quarter activities for OC Animal Care's Volunteer Program.

It was moved by Committee Member Josephson, seconded by Committee Member Kane.

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

The motion passed

5. Foster Program Report

This report summarizes the third quarter for OC Animal Care's Foster Program.

Committee Member Josephson inquired about foster recognition.

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Committee Member Josephson inquired about having foster statistics.

Committee Member Kane inquired about outreach for pet owning education for junior high and high school students.

It was moved by Committee Member Josephson, seconded by Committee Member Kane.

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

The motion passed

## 6. Director's Update

OC Animal Care Assistant Director, Monica Schmidt, provided information on the shelter, recent news, events, and facility updates.

Committee Member Josephson inquired on speaker update from Andi Bernard to Monica Schmidt.

Committee Member Josephson inquired regarding director's automatic reply settings.

Committee Member Josephson inquired if chief veterinarian would attend future meetings.

Committee Member Josephson inquired regarding animal specific profile notes.

Committee Member Josephson inquired about kitten pilot program processes.

No action necessary.

## 7. Selection of Animal Care Community Outreach Committee Chair and Vice Chair

To select a member of the Animal Care Community Outreach Committee to serve as Chair and Vice Chair for the next twelve months.

Committee Member Josephson nominated to keep the committee the same another year.

Chair Amundson accepted nomination



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Committee Member Kane seconded the nomination.

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

The motion passed

## V. Public Comment

A member of the public advised about statistics under previous directors and euthanasia rates. Requested TNR program.

A member of the public expressed concerned about adoptability with adoption by appointment system. Advised on euthanasia rates, requesting meetings be moved to evenings.

A member of the public expressed concern on euthanasia rates and the amount of time animals are networked prior to euthanasia. Concerned about adoptability if public cannot walk through kennels.

A member of the public expressed concern of shelter not being open. Expressed want for TNR program to help with over population and reduce bottle baby feeding needs.

A member of public expressed want for a robust volunteer program.

A member of the public expressed concern of shelter not being open. Expressed want for more large dog enrichment programs with trainers. Expand out of state rescue partnerships.

A member of the public expressed concern with adoption by appointment process. Expressed concern of record keeping and care of adopted animal.

A member of the public stated she started petition and inquired how many signatures will she need to open shelter. Inquiring how animal bios are visible, requesting director be present during meetings, questioned validity of appointment numbers.

A member of the public requested COT staff provides their section reports so they can answer questions. Requested information regarding where animals are transported to with rescue partners. Advised some rescues may be pulling less than previously. Requested more social media posting of available animals. Expressed concern on foster program. Requested director be present.

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A member of the public expressed concern about public access to animals. Recommended having volunteer escorted visits. Expressed interest in having members of the public view small dog play group.

A member of the public submitted an email comment to express concern over euthanasia processes. Expressed need for more social media postings.

## VI. Board Comments

Committee Member Kane expressed concern about fosters being on surgery schedule prior to return to the shelter.

Committee Member Josephson advised she will discuss spay/neuter protocol for fosters with director and assistant director.

Committee Member Kane inquired about temporary veterinarian staff.

Committee Member Kane inquired on putting all available animals in the same building.

Committee Member Kane advised on having handlers aware of signs of stress in dogs to eliminate stressors or remove dog from situation. Having volunteers or employees do escorted walk throughs to help mitigate having dogs put into harmful/stressful situations.

Committee Member Josephson advised that building 3 is set up to show case available dogs.

Committee Member Kane advised priority is to protect animals which may include not allowing public to walk through.

Committee Member Josephson advised she walks visitors through her rescue and advised OCAC on her processes with volunteers.

Chair Amundson inquired if data is available about how other large shelters facilitate volunteer programs.

Committee Member Kane advised concern for animal health and advised a middle ground needs to be found to mitigate the stress put on animals when visitors walk through.

Chair Amundson acknowledged progress over the past 6 to 8 months to progressively open the shelter and stated hopefully more efforts are made to return to a more normal process with volunteers.

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Committee Member Josephson expressed concern with OCAC's current adoption processes. Advised about benefits of the shelter's facility layout. Recommended collaboration between OCAC upper management and the public. Shared opinion on OCAC Fact Checker document and provided comment on multiple sections.

## VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m. It was moved by Committee Member Josephson, seconded by Committee Member Kane. The next meeting will be October 26, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., in the Learning & Training Center Room 100 located at 1630 Victory Rd. Tustin, CA 92782.



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*Wednesday, October 26, 2022*

**Staff Report**

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**PREPARED BY:** Jackie Tran, Public Information Officer

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**STAFF REPORT SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the bylaws of the OC Animal Care Outreach Committee (Article 5, Section 1). Regular meetings shall be held on a quarterly basis and shall be fixed on the first month of each quarter January, April, July, and October on the fourth Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., unless a majority of the Committee members determine that an alternate fixed meeting day and time within the designated months is required to maximize member attendance.

To that end, the 2023 OC Animal Care Outreach Committee Meetings are scheduled for:

- January 25, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- July 26, 2023
- October 25, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:** Committee approves meeting calendar.



### **Staff Report Summary:**

Highlights and Updates for following:

- Public Education Program
- Foster Program
- Volunteer Program
- Adoption Partner Program

### **Public Education Program**

The primary focus of our Public Education Outreach is to foster relationships with the areas we serve to effectively share valuable information regarding disaster preparedness, animal welfare, proper animal care, and responsible pet ownership. OC Animal Care recognizes the importance of providing essential resources to our community by attending events to provide information. We continue to enhance OC Animal Care's main website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages to make shelter announcements, promote education and adoption, community outreach, and animal safety.

### **Let's Paws**

We continued our bi-monthly Let's Paws campaign, helping educate the public on relevant animal-related pet safety tips. We posted timely information



topics such as snake safety and awareness and various informational posts about hot weather tips during our peak heat waves.

**Living With Wildlife: Snakes in Summer** *Let's Paws*

The warmer seasons tend to bring out a variety of creatures, including snakes! Follow the tips below to keep our slithery friends away this summer!

**COVER ALL HOLES LEADING TO HOUSES AND GARAGES**  
Snakes love slipping into dark hiding spots inside garages, underneath houses, etc. Keep doors closed and install screens on doors/windows to keep these unwanted guests out.

**MAINTAIN A TIDY YARD**  
Keep a well-maintained garden, lawn, and shed. Ensure wood/rock piles are neatly stacked and dispose of lawn clippings to prevent snakes and rodents from seeking shelter in these areas.

**DISPOSE OF FOOD SCRAPS**  
Use covered bins for trash and refrain from leaving pet food outside to discourage rats and mice—and, therefore, snakes!

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Per the USDA Forest Service, snakes are cold-blooded and must move to a suitable surrounding environment to regulate their body temperature. They can't survive extreme summer heat for more than 10-20 minutes and are rarely found in the open.

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**It's Hot Outside!**  
Watch out for signs of heat stroke in your pet!

**SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE**

- Excessive Panting & Drooling
- Trouble Breathing
- Discolored Gums
- Mobility Problems
- Elevated Body Temperature
- Lethargy
- Vomiting & Diarrhea
- Seizures
- Unconsciousness

**IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR PET IS EXPERIENCING HEAT STROKE:**

- ☐ Contact your vet or local emergency clinic immediately!
- ☐ Move your pet into a cooler area.
- ☐ Apply \*cool wet towels to their head, neck and chest. \*(never use cold or ice water)
- ☐ Offer your pet small drinks of room temperature water. Do not force them to drink.

For more tips, visit [www.ocpetinfo.com/edu/prepare/weather](http://www.ocpetinfo.com/edu/prepare/weather)

## Social Media Insights

OC Animal Care's Facebook/Twitter/Instagram pages play an integral part in promoting our shelter pets for adoption and disseminating essential information to pet owners and the public. We continue to reach and engage tens of thousands of viewers on our social media platforms. Over this last quarter, we have focused on capturing the charming personalities of our animal guests to get them the attention they deserve, and hopefully placement with a forever family. We continued our Pet of the Week campaign and our #FeatureFriday and #HappyTailTuesday posts. See some photographs below of recent posts from our social media.





## Social Media Statistics (April-June)

- Our Facebook likes and follows have increased by 31.4%
- We have gained 852 new followers on Instagram
- Our Facebook page reach has increased by 74.3%
- Our Instagram profile visits have increased by 28.9%
- Our Instagram following is 16,209 and our Facebook Following is 28,070

## Community Events and Partnerships

This quarter, we had the pleasure of continuing to attend more community events such as the Whiskers and Wags adoption event in Downtown Anaheim, and the Kitten Adoption Event at the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library. Additionally, we partnered with Chairman Chaffee and Supervisor Foley for two onsite adoption events.



We also participated in the following community events during this quarter:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7/7/22	Heroes in Animal Care	Garden Grove Library
7/9/22	Pet Food Pantry	OC Animal Care Shelter
7/16/22	Meet and Greet Pack walk	OC Animal Care Shelter
7/23/22	Coffee with Volunteers	OC Animal Care Shelter



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
8/2/22	D4 filming for adoption event	OC Animal Care Shelter
8/13/22	Pet Food Pantry	OC Animal Care Shelter
8/13/22	Adoption event with Chairman Chafee	OC Animal Care Shelter
8/18/22	Summer Paw-ty	OC Animal Care Shelter
8/20/22	Whiskers & wags Adoption Event	Anaheim
8/23/22	Husky Mush pack walk	OC Animal Care Shelter
8/24/22	Coffee with Volunteers	OC Animal Care Shelter
8/27/22	Pack Walk	OC Animal Care Shelter
8/31/22	Katy Kares	Pacific city reading reef
9/8/22	UCI Health Adoption Event	Orange
9/10/22	Pet Food Pantry	OC Animal Care Shelter
9/10/22	Adoption event with Supervisor Foley	OC Animal Care Shelter
9/17/22	Tustin PD 2022 Open House	Tustin
9/20/22	Kitten adoption event	Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library
9/23/22	Coffee with a volunteer	OC Animal Care Shelter
9/24/22	Pack walk meet and greet	OC Animal Care Shelter
10/1/22	Cypress Festival Pet Adoptions	Cypress
10/7/22	D5 Photo Shoot	OC Animal Care Shelter
10/8/22	Pet Food Pantry	OC Animal Care Shelter
10/9/22	Irvine Valley Vet Hospital -Adoption Event	Irvine
10/14/22	Katy Kares OC Rescue Mission	Tustin
10/15/22	Anaheim Fire: Wildfire Preparedness	Anaheim
10/15/22	Volunteer Orientation	OC Animal Care Shelter





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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/21/22	Coffee with a Volunteer	OC Animal Care Shelter
10/22/22	Barktoberfest Pet Event- adoption	Costa Mesa
10/22/22	Play for the Pups event	Newport Beach
10/28/22	Meet and Greet Pack walk	OC Animal Care Shelter
10/31/22	Halloween Howl event	Tustin

## Pet Food Pantry

Our monthly Pet Food Pantry continues to be a vital community resource for pet owners in need. This quarter 66 volunteers contributed 404 hours to staging, directing traffic, giving great customer service to people in our community, taking stats, offering education opportunities, and handing out over 60,280 pounds of food to over 3,295 animals in need. We could never make this type of impact without this dedicated crew of people. The Pantry continues to grow bigger and bigger each month and the volunteer contribution is vital. In addition, to the Garden Grove students, we have collaborated with Marsh McLennan Agency, Cornerstone Treatment, and Home Team California in this past quarter.





## **Foster Program**

Animals are placed into foster homes for various reasons. They may be too young or too sick for adoption, they could be receiving treatment, or they need additional socialization. OC Animal Care's foster caretakers offer sanctuary for these animals in their homes, and provide around the clock care, comfort, and socialization until the pet is ready for adoption. They are specially selected by our veterinary staff for their health and temperament and just need a little personal attention and time before they are ready to make their adoption debut! The foster caretakers are a vital piece of the OC Animal Care family. This quarter, there has been a total of 797 animals in foster care. Our foster caretakers are saving lives!

## **Program support**

The Foster Program onboarded 3 new Foster Interns and an additional full time extra support for the very busy kitten season. The Foster Program received two additional incubators and foster kitten supplies to accommodate for this busy kitten seasons. The foster office and areas were painted and organized, which will create a more welcoming space for both our staff and volunteer caretakers!

In the month of August, the Foster Team had multiple influxes of kittens averaging about 29 underaged kittens per day. They were able to find placement (foster or guardian or rescue) for all kittens that were foster candidates.



In addition, we have been able to improve our pet's adoption profile pictures by taking pictures at the comfort of their homes and making our fosters part of the pets' adoption process.



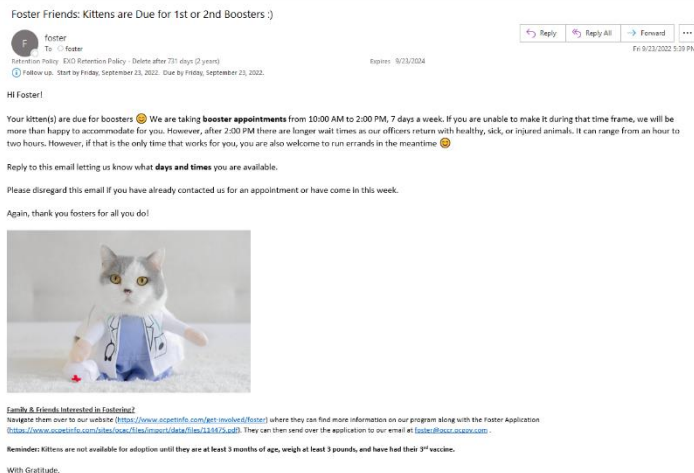
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## Program Logistics

The Foster Program has developed a Chameleon Report to indicate what kittens are due vaccines. Alongside, they have created email reminders that are sent out every two weeks for the health and safety of our foster pets.

The Foster Team has also been able to better fit fosters with kittens with our new Nursery Inventory Chart based on the maximum number of kittens our fosters can accommodate, if our fosters are comfortable with friendly, shy, or spicy kittens, and if our fosters are comfortable or not giving medication.



<b>N01</b> Intake: _____ _____ Kittens _____ Weeks Old Last Booster: _____ Meds Until: _____	<b>N02</b> Intake: _____ _____ Kittens _____ Weeks Old Last Booster: _____ Meds Until: _____	<b>N03</b> Intake: _____ _____ Kittens _____ Weeks Old Last Booster: _____ Meds Until: _____	<b>N04</b> Intake: _____ _____ Kittens _____ Weeks Old Last Booster: _____ Meds Until: _____	<b>N05</b> Intake: _____ _____ Kittens _____ Weeks Old Last Booster: _____ Meds Until: _____
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## Volunteer Program

This report summarizes this quarter's activities for OC Animal Care's Volunteer Program and includes contribution hours, program enhancements/ opportunities, and volunteer participation. Volunteers contributed to exercising, grooming, handling, training/ socializing, and enriching available animals, as well as cleaning, laundry, socializing kittens in the nursery, and volunteering at our monthly Pet Food Pantry. This quarter 131 volunteers have provided 2,935 hours at the shelter.

## New Volunteers

This past quarter we have ramped up onboarding new volunteers. We began slowly, hand picking a select group, and moved on to full-fledged recruitment efforts. We have welcomed 40 new volunteers with many more in process and are excited about our new group of animal lovers!

## Pack Walk

Pack walks have ramped up our adoptions! In July, we decided to incorporate a "Meet and Greet" into our walks and invited the public to meet our pooches at our halfway resting point behind the Mess Hall in a beautiful park. We have had lots of visitors join us to walk back to the shelter to adopt. Due in part to the high exposure on social media of our pack walk dogs, 26 of the 37 dogs from this quarter's walks have found their forever homes. In August, we even added a bonus Pack Walk in addition to our regular one. We had an all-Husky walk called Husky Mush. We will be adding more breed specific Pack Walks in the future





## Volunteer Coffee

Our volunteer coffee is a great way for volunteers and department managers to connect. This quarter's special guests included: Our Customer Service team manager, Enrique Moreno, supervisors Amy Hernandez, and Pablo Acosta. Manager Link and Lt. Moon gave a great presentation about Field Services. We will have them again, the information they provide was very valuable. Last month, our Shelter Director Andi Bernard, attend our coffee, and answered a lot of question our volunteers had. We will continue hosting our monthly coffee chats.

## Volunteer of the Month

We continue to celebrate our volunteers' contributions by awarding Volunteer of the Month. Our Volunteers of the Month for:



## Grooming

In September, we welcomed back our volunteer groomers. Ann and Tim have been tireless in getting our shelter dogs in tip top shape. They are long-time professionals who had their own grooming business for 30 years. They logged 28 hours just in September and are still going strong. This has been a HUGE help, not only with making dogs presentable and clean for events and adoptions, but also in helping our dogs who need medicated baths.



## **Adoption Partners Program**

Through cooperative actions, the Adoption Partner Program seeks placement for animals which need rehabilitation or additional support to be successful in their forever home. This report also reviews steps being taken to increase and improve adoptions and communication between OC Animal Care and Adoption Partners.

### Transports/Multiple Pet Adoptions

In July we worked with the Greater Good Foundation to transport a large group of kittens by plane to multiple rescue groups in Washington. We thank our staff, volunteers, and the Noble Friends Foundation for OC Animal Care for getting everything ready in advance and delivering the kittens to the airport. We thank the Greater Good Foundation for setting up the flight and inviting us to take part in this incredible effort to help our kittens find homes.

This quarter we also sent 13 dogs to a senior rescue in Oregon. With the help of staff and volunteers we were able set up multiple transports in July, August, and September. We are so happy to see our favorite seniors find placement.



In July, we took in a group of large hookbill birds as part of a case. We were able to provide them specialized veterinary care and eventually were able to place them with a rescue group that specialized in caring for birds of their type.



## Partner Adoptions

This quarter, 846 animals (142 dogs, 535 cats, 169 exotic/other animals) were placed with non-profit rescue groups, local veterinarians, or with partnered municipal and/or humane organizations.

## Shelter Medical Pets Program

We continue to use the Shelter Medical Pets Program to help injured pets that come into OC Animal Care. We continue to reach out to veterinarians and welcome their interest in participating. This quarter nine pets received outside medical treatment, and the estimate for care for those pets was \$17,175.

With the help of the Noble Friends Foundation for OC Animal Care, private donations, and our wonderful participating surgeons who have given us generous discounts on surgeries, we have been able to help these pets get the specialized care they needed to increase their adoptability.



Pancho

Pet's Name	Medical Condition	Estimate for Medical Care
Pancho	Multiple fractures	\$ 2,500.00
Loki	ruptured achilles tendon	\$ 2,500.00
Kevin	fractured leg	\$ 1,000.00
August	severely fractured leg	\$ 2,000.00
Apollo	diaphragmatic hernia	\$ 2,500.00
Callista	fractured leg	\$ 975.00
Sunflower	fractured leg	\$ 1,200.00
Charlotte	prolapsed rectum	\$ 2,000.00
Lucie	open fracture, ear injury	\$ 2,500.00

## Success Story

We love hearing about stories that have happy endings. This little baby was very sick when he came in. He tested positive for parvo virus. We reached out to all of our partners and networkers and by the end of the day we found a rescue willing to take a chance on him. He was immediately transferred to a veterinarian for round the clock care and was eventually released to a foster home. He was so tiny when he left, and we had no idea if he would survive. We were pleasantly surprised to get an update from the rescue that took him. He has grown up to be a very handsome pet for someone. We are so thankful when our partners can help pets that we have get the specialized care that they need.





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**Recommended Action:** The Committee receives and files the report.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS: AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8**

**WRITTEN BY:** Committee Member April Josephson

Reinstatement of the Trap, Neuter, and Return program for Feral cats at OCAC. The OCAC Tustin shelter was built with state-of-the-art facilities that planned for and included the only capacity for TNR in the county to operate this vital program. The cities and County taxpayers are paying for the facility with the intention to that this program would continue. Discontinuation has overwhelmed the streets with cats, causing many detrimental side effects, including spreading of diseases on the streets. It's a growing public health issue.

The reasons cited for not providing this service now are not valid, as the San Diego Humane Society lawsuit is strictly regarding friendly community cats, and the Cease and Desist Letter recently referenced in the press as a reason for stopping the program both specifically state that the parties want TNR to continue and expand, while discontinuing Return to Field of friendly cats that cannot fend for themselves only. In fact, Sharon Logan herself attended the July 2022 COC meeting and asked for reinstatement of TNR.

Moreover, the section of the penal code cited as creating potential liability for abandonment describes the conditions of feral cats as an exclusion to the definition of abandonment. Other counties throughout the state are operating TNR programs. If there is any validity to your claims that this is a controversial position, California case law needs to be brought to our discussion as every other cited reason is not accurate.

Finally, OCAC tells the public to return healthy, friendly cats who likely cannot fend for themselves to the streets, and regularly tell the public when they arrive onsite at the shelter to take the cats and dump them in the empty lots that are just offsite from the OCAC property—while promising that they will not prosecute them. This is 100% in opposition to OCAC's fears of potential liability for operating a TNR program. Besides, wouldn't OCAC be the agency referring any potential cases to the DA for prosecution. It would be simple to create a County policy position that this is not something subject to prosecution.