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GIVING WISELY

Going above and beyond for a puppy who needs surgery, giving a cat with behavior issues a second chance, providing humane education, these are just a few ways in which your support helps transform the lives of animals.

Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center depends on our generous donors to help thousands of animals every year. And giving can help you too!

While most gifts are made with checks or credit cards, if you're 70 ½ or older you can take advantage of tax benefits available to you as a donor. If you must take a minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA account, consider taking advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover option.

Direct gifts from your IRA are not counted as taxable income. To take advantage of this charitable activity, contact your IRA plan administrator to initiate a gift to MSRPAC.

Contact Katie Pickett at 951-688-4340 ext 305 or katie@petsadoption.org for more info.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Often when I tell people I work for the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center they say, "Oh I couldn't work there" suggesting that it is a sad place. But the truth is, we see and experience positive, joyous outcomes each and every day. We get to be involved in impacting animals' lives and the people around them.

Just recently, we got to experience that. Theo, nine-year-old terrier blend with some separation issues became a hard to place dog. Our team pulled together, put a behavior plan in place, scouted for the perfect adopter and ultimately placed Theo in a wonderful new and loving home.

I overheard staff troubleshooting a situation where a pet owner had a mama with a litter of puppies that he wanted to relinquish. We were able to provide spay surgery for mama and accept the puppies into our center. This may not seem like a big deal, but it was significant to the pet owner and for his dog it meant ending the breeding and unwanted litter cycle.

As we begin to look ahead to 2018 and beyond, we will continue providing programs that benefit both animals and people in our community. Our staff, volunteers and board is committed to implementing strategic goals while operating a quality adoption center, low cost spay/neuter clinic, dog training and humane education programs. And, we couldn't do it without you!

For the animals,

Carrie

Carrie Ridgway
Executive Director

DEAF, NEGLECTED AND DUMPED

She can see you but can't hear you. Calli, a deaf blue-eyed beauty, was adopted from MSRPAC as a young pup. Although her new home sounded promising, unforeseen circumstances landed her at the Riverside County Department of Animal Services. Thankfully her microchip was able to alert us that she had been impounded.

Once safely back at the center, we found that Calli had the same kind eyes that she had before; however, fear and distrust were now present. Her white fur was grungy and she shook with fright each time a staff member approached her kennel.

Calli now has the task of learning how to trust wholeheartedly once again. Each day brings progress as staff and volunteers patiently wait at her kennel door while Calli inches her way forward to give a kiss and a little swish of her tail. Calli is still sweet as ever, we're sure she will blossom into a wonderful dog once again.

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ANIMAL KIDS CAMP

We hosted our first ever kids camp! And boy was it a hit, with 47 campers registered ranging in age from 5 to 13. Days were filled with crafts, lessons and animal encounters that included pot belly pigs, mini horses, reptiles and much more! With camp such a success we'll be hosting a winter session January 2 – 5, 2018 and a spring session April 2-5, 2018. Be sure to visit petsadoption.org to register.

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Pet Adoption Center
6165 Industrial Ave
Riverside, CA 92504
951-688-4340

Adoptions
Daily 12pm-7pm

Pet Relinquishments
By appointment
951-688-4340 ext 309

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic
Tuesday-Friday 7:30am-6pm
Appointments Required
951-977-8634

Low Cost Vaccination Clinic
Saturdays 9:30am-11:30am
Walk-Ins

Pet Adoption Thrift Store
6065 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, CA 92506
951-684-6143
10am – 6pm

OUR MISSION

The Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center strives to eliminate the suffering of homeless cats and dogs by providing humane care for pets in transition, facilitating adoptions to good homes, supporting pet overpopulation education, and supporting sterilization of companion animals.

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website: petsadoption.org

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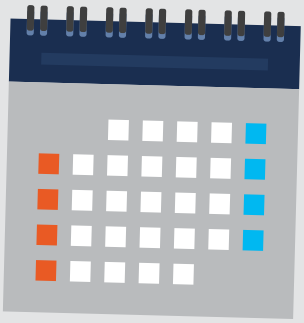

20th Annual Comedy Night

Join us for our 20th Annual Comedy Night celebration at the Riverside Fox Theater on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Comedian Paula Poundstone will help set the stage for a brighter future for pets with the power of laughter when she takes the stage for pets residing at the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center.

Dog Training Classes

Ongoing – petsadoption.org for info & to sign-up

Pet Pictures with Santa – November 17-18, 2017

Sit, stay, pose – get your pet photographed with Santa!

Paw Pal Program

Paw Pals provides a fun opportunity for children to visit the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center and learn about our animal friends. Each month focuses on a different animal or animal-related topic and includes a lesson, activity, and animal interaction geared towards the theme of the month. Visit petsadoption.org for more info.

Birthday's at the MSRPAC

Spend your special day with pets at the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center!
Children enjoy fun games, crafts and animal interactions in an outside shaded area. Party schedules book up very quickly, so please call or email well in advance of your child's birthday for party availability. Parties are for children between the ages of 6-12. For more information visit petsadoption.org or call 951-688-4340 ext. 317.

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