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Pet Adoption Center

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"With your support and engagement, together, we are accomplishing great things."

How can we help each other wake up more fully to the power that is in us to effect change, to do good work, to save lives, to ensure our children's children will have a good future? Think of the epic journey the hobbits took in The Lord of the Rings. It was "the fellowship of the ring."

You are part of the fellowship advancing the welfare of animals. You are the champions of animals. You know the real magic of the human-animal bond...because you understand that animals are also a part of the fellowship also.

When we take dogs, from our Helping Paws Program, to visit residents in convalescent homes and mental health care facilities, who are struggling, the dogs don't judge them. They are present, and in the moment giving of themselves. It is transformative and humbling to witness.

These dogs innately understand the Golden Rule, offering the patients affection, playfulness, and an open-hearted presence.

If you volunteer at the Pet Adoption Center, you offer that same affection and presence to animals who have, for a variety of reasons, had a major disruption in their lives and have landed with MSRPAC, on their way to a new future.

Some will stay with us only a few days, some will stay for months, because their needs are greater. But you come and offer them your love and open-hearted presence—and perhaps even a treat or sparkly cat toy.

If you are a supporter, donating monthly or annually, or giving items you no longer use to our thrift store, you are a gift from the gods.

No journey or quest can be accomplished without help. At some point, each one of you in the fellowship has been faced with a challenge, a trial, and struggled to keep faith in the goal. Yet, when the way seemed dark, the number of animals suffering seemed endless, you did not turn away. Instead, you stepped forward and offered to help.

This journey to save every dog and cat in need, and to connect pets and people for the benefit of all beings, is the journey you chose. And Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center is the vehicle you chose to get there. With your support and engagement, together, we are accomplishing great things. **I am so honored to be in this fellowship with you!**

With gratitude,

Carrie

Carrie Ridgway
Executive Director

WALK WITH THE ANIMALS

Saturday, March 23, 2019
petsadoption.org

What if sending an email, posting on Facebook, or talking to family and friends could save the life of an orphaned pet? **It can!** As always, the financial success of our annual **Walk with the Animals** depends on you, our supporters. When you decide to become a fundraiser and reach out to your family and friends, the number of people helping homeless animals in our community expands exponentially. Our online tools make it easy to reach out to everyone you know and if you have questions, we'll help you get started. **Please register to be a fundraiser today – make this the year you decide to go the extra mile for animals!** Walk info is available on our website at petsadoption.org under Events > Walk with the Animals.

Or do you have a business you'd like to feature? We offer vendor and sponsorship opportunities for both. Contact us at fundraising@petsadoption.org or 951-688-4340 ext 311.

A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP

When a call came to our center on September 17, it contained an out of the ordinary request. For on this day, we were contacted by an individual (who for the sake of this story, we'll call Karen) wanting to adopt Ivan, a dog she had seen online. However, Karen was living in Georgia and wanted to adopt a senior dog that was being held by the Department of Animal Services - in Riverside. **Ivan had been there since late July and was sad, lonely and scared.** While we were up for a challenge and certainly interested in helping out a dog in need, we weren't quite sure how we could logistically accomplish this.

After a conversation discussing details, a team from MSRPAC brought Ivan to our center the very next day. At our facility, Ivan received the medical care he needed, which included stitching a small cut above his left eye. He was also neutered and micro-chipped. Additionally, like all of our resident dogs, Ivan was socialized by staff and volunteers and was taken on regular walks. **It took a little while, but Ivan started to feel a bit more comfortable and confident, and we noticed that his tail was resting higher and he often had a small trot in his stride.**

Fast forward to October 3rd when Ivan was ready to meet Karen at Los Angeles International Airport to begin his journey to Atlanta, Georgia. Staff from the Pet Adoption Center drove to the airport on that dreary Wednesday morning, hoping that the meeting between Ivan and his new mom would go well. So, there they waited, two staff members and Ivan anxiously looking for Karen. The scene that played out next was truly heartwarming. She appeared - Karen approached all of us and immediately knelt down to the floor in order to meet Ivan. **As she gently stroked his fur, and Ivan sniffed and smelled this new person, a few tears streamed down Karen's face.** You see, Karen was still recovering from the loss of her dog in June, and had not even pet another dog since that loss. It was clear that Karen would be the best dog mom for Ivan and provide him with all that he needed. And, it seemed as if Ivan was quickly warming up to Karen. Ivan's adoption was done right there - on the floor of the American Airline departure terminal. Staff then assisted in getting Ivan and Karen checked in, and it was time to leave. Ivan's eye was healing, he had his health certificate in hand (er, in paw), he had been freshly bathed, newly adopted, and was cleared for takeoff.

Ivan safely made it to his new home, Karen's home, in Georgia. We were happy to receive some pictures the next day, which clearly showed how much Ivan was enjoying his new surroundings and how he was already bonding with his new mom.

We are very appreciative of the assistance we received from the Riverside Department of Animal Services. We are truly thankful for Karen and her interest in rescuing Ivan. It was amazing to play a part in this long distance adoption, while witnessing the start of a fur-ever happy ending and the healing of two hearts.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Ryan Gaines

August 28, 1990 – April 27, 2018

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

Adoptions
Daily 12pm-7pm
CLOSED Tuesday

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
Monday – Friday 10am – 6pm
Saturday 10am – 4pm
CLOSED Sunday (donations accepted)
Donations accepted
Friday – Monday 10am – 4pm

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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