Mary S. Roberts
Pet Adoption Center

Serving Since 1897

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

If you have received this newsletter and are taking the time to read this message, then we know something very important about you. You're one of us. You have great compassion for animals and share our vision of ensuring their well-being and creating a future where every dog, cat, puppy and kitten has a loving home.

There is truly nothing more powerful than a shared vision and this is evidenced by the rapid progress we are making as an organization. Our staff, volunteers, donors, and adopters have made it possible for the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center to serve more animals and people than ever before! Our adoption program, spay/neuter clinic, and humane education program are completing a record-breaking year.

As an animal lover you always want to know how you can help. Your support is needed to fund the day-to-day costs of caring for up to 2,000 animals seeking safe haven and new homes this year. Funds are needed to help us ensure that spay/neuter services are truly accessible and affordable to those who need them. Donations are needed to provide services that meet the needs of our community. Volunteers are needed to help out in virtually all areas of our operation. Adopters are needed to stream through our doors and provide permanent, loving homes for our pets. As one of us, as a member of Team MSRPAC, we know you stand shoulder to shoulder with us to help us make extraordinary progress for the animals.

We are so grateful that we can count on your support.

For the Animals,

Carrie

Carrie Ridgway
Executive Director

TAKE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

We know you love each other but honestly, could things be better? Perhaps you both lack the confidence to navigate certain social situations so you just end up staying at home and you've stopped inviting people over because it's just easier that way. Or, maybe you just need a new activity to put some life back into your time together.

We've got the answer! Positive reinforcement training facilitated by our partners at InsideOut Dog Training builds confidence, improves communication, enhances your mutual bond, and adds enrichment to your lives. So...why wouldn't you?

Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center continues to grow and innovate. We now offer as many as three classes each week. There's something for everyone – from Puppy-K to Adult Group classes. Please make a date with your special someone to spend some quality time at the Pet Adoption Center. You'll both be glad you did.

Learn more at petsadoption.org. Questions? Call us at (951) 335-0982

THE LIFESAVING WORK OF FOSTER VOLUNTEERS

College students, home-schoolers, retirees, folks who work from home and even a few with very accommodating work places...these are some of the people who volunteer to serve as fosters. This spring and summer over 340 tiny kittens have found refuge in 50 foster homes!

Kittens must be spayed or neutered before they can be adopted and they need to weigh at least two pounds before they can have surgery so finding foster care is crucial. Like all babies these tiny kittens need lots of care so they can thrive and grow.

Starting in the late spring and through most of the summer, we receive calls looking for help with kittens almost every day. We can't take them all but with the help of our amazing team of foster volunteers we do our best. Sometimes the babies arrive with their mom – that's the best because she does most of the work for the first month. Other times we'll be presented with newborns who, even with round- the-clock care, have to fight for survival. For the first few weeks these tiniest ones will need to be bottle fed every two hours – truly a labor of love. As they grow and transition to solid food they still need lots of attention and socialization so they'll be healthy, happy, well-adjusted and ready for a new and loving family.

If you have an interest in joining this dedicated team please contact our Foster Coordinator at fostercare@petsadoption.org.

WALK WITH THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

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 being 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 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.

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FACILITY LOCATIONS

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
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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.

CONNECT

website: petsadoption.org

ANIMAL KIDS CAMP

Animal Kids Camp is our day camp for kids who love animals. We offer camp in the summer and during the local winter and spring breaks. If your kids want to spend time with animals and learn even more about them, this camp is for them!

Spend hands-on time with our pet adoption center cats, dogs, puppies and kittens. Learn fun and new facts about our animals. Participate in animal-themed crafts, activities and games. Hear from fantastic guest speakers who work with animals. Make new friends who love what you love – the animals, of course!

For session dates and additional info. Please visit our website at petsadoption.org or email community@petsadoption.org.

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