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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As we reflect on the past year, it is heartwarming to think about the many individuals, volunteers, donors and supporters that the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center is fortunate to have cultivated. This recently became all too clear to me, as the animals we care for and the building that houses them was threatened by the raving "46 Fire" on October 31, 2019. Amazingly, as the fire grew, fueled by the adjacent cardboard box business located next door to the Center, so did the many volunteers and citizens who arrived to offer their help.

It's funny how you can feel two very different emotions all at the same time. As afraid as I was that we may lose precious lives or have our property damaged, simultaneously I felt safe knowing that there were many hands to help carry the load whatever that may be. Faces familiar and new rallied around and were available to do whatever was asked of them. Some offered services, many came to evacuate animals, individuals comforted stressed animals, and several acted as liaisons. Those who couldn't be onsite sent kind words of support and service. And I must not forget the amazing work of staff members who did not hesitate for one moment to put the needs and safety of the animals in the forefront.

Thankfully, through the incredible work of first responders no lives were lost, however significant damage was sustained to fencing and the Center's Canine Observation Unit. While insurance will cover the costs, I feel rich in knowing that so many of you cared.

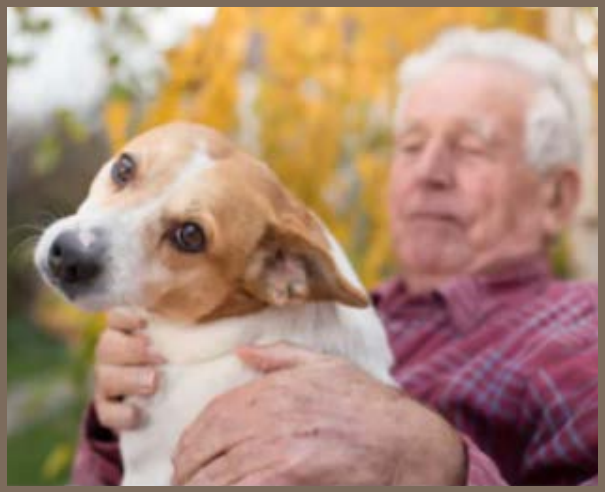
I am truly honored to be a part of such a phenomenal community of animal lovers and cannot wait to see what 2020 brings. I look forward to increasing the number of saved lives through our low cost spay and neuter clinic, multiplying the bonds created in adoptive homes, expanding young minds at Animal Kids Camp and healing hearts with outreach and pet therapy programs. 2020 is a big year, we are ready to meet it with big dreams, big plans and big hearts.

With gratitude,

Carrie

Carrie Ridgway,
Executive Director

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 313 or carrie@petsadoption.org for more info.

WALK WITH THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 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 become 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 walk@petsadoption.org or 951-688-4340 ext 311

MARY S. ROBERTS PET ADOPTION CENTER

28TH ANNUAL WALK WITH THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY. MARCH 28. 2020. 9 AM – 2 PM

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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 for shopping-open for donations
Donations accepted Friday-Sunday 10am-4pm
website: petsadoption.org

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

FOSTER CARE

When you're sick, there's no place like home. The same applies for our four-legged friends. You can help cats and dogs in need of extra care by becoming a medical foster parent. Fosters generally take an animal for an average of two weeks — and help out with everything from giving oral medications to injections, depending on your comfort level. To learn more or to become a medical foster, please email us at fostercare@petsadoption.org

CELEBRATION CHIMES

Are you looking for a way to honor a loved one? Perhaps you need a birthday gift, or maybe need an idea of what to get that "hard to buy for" person who has everything?

No matter the occasion, it's always a great time to contribute something personal and permanent to the Pet Adoption Center, like being a part of our new "Chimes of Celebration." Your gift of a personalized wind chime will be a tribute to that special person or pet, while giving hope to animals needing a second chance.

These standing fixtures, placed around the grounds of the Pet Adoption Center, will be filled by these beautiful, engraved wind chimes. Every gentle breeze encourages a beautiful tinkling of the chimes that fills the air with beautiful music — a song to your loved one.

Your donation will help provide support to homeless pets while honoring or remembering a person or pet. To place an order please visit our website at petsadoption.org.

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