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Pet Adoption Center
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I want to thank our many supporters who have helped us continue our mission of eliminating 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 the sterilization of companion animals.

As we close out 2021 and look forward to 2022, I am grateful that the Pet Adoption Center continues to be innovative and a resource for our community. We have been hard at work expanding and growing our Humane Education Programs.

If you have a child in grades K - 12 that is passionate about pets, be sure to check out our new kid activities.

Helping Hounds: Geared toward middle school students, ages 11-13. This program allows students to engage in different hands-on opportunities at our Center such as cleaning cages, feeding, and socializing animals, and so much more!

Service Projects and Girl Scout Projects: Scout or service members will come to the Pet Adoption Center to work on a project for the adoptable animals. Girl Scout projects are similar. They will have opportunities to complete projects for MSRPAC and earn up to four levels of patches, ranging from Daisy, Brownie, Junior, and Cadette!

Report Resources: This program allows children to complete student projects that will help them learn and grow within the animal welfare world. They will gain insight through hands-on experiences such as interviews with our staff, tours of the Center and more!

Center Helper: Kiddos can do various activities to be considered a Center Helper at MSRPAC. These range from hosting a supply or penny drive, running a bake sale and so much more!

The pawsibilities for your child to lend a paw are endless.

Learn more about each of these programs and sign up today at petsadoption.org!

Wags & Purrs,

Carrie Ridgway

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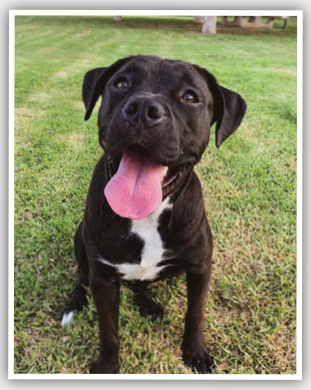
Executive Director

THE STORY OF WINNIE & LYZ

*"All of these lines across my face, tell you the story of who I am. So many stories of where I've been, and how I got to where I am. But these stories don't mean anything when you've got no one to tell them to. It's true … I was made for you"**

We all come with our own story, written by the experiences, adventures, love, and losses we go through. Fortunately, our individual stories often connect, overlap, and intertwine, leading us to continue down paths accompanied by friends, family, and our beloved pets. Such is the case with Lyz and her dog, Winnie.

In June, Lyz adopted Winnie (formerly known as Abby) when she was just six months old. Even though Lyz originally came to the Center looking to meet a completely different pet, she knew as soon as she locked eyes with Winnie that she would take her home. While first getting acquainted in a meet and greet room, Winnie was timid and shy; she had a hard time not wanting to stay with our adoption counselors. Soon enough, Winnie warmed up to Lyz and her adoption was completed. As Winnie was transferred to our Pet Adoption Center from a partnering agency, the background we had on her was not very detailed. Lyz says she often wonders about Winnie's past, what led her to become homeless, and how she got the scars on her face and paws. As in the lyrics at left, our flaws and imperfections make us who we are and lead us to where we need to be. So, while we may never know Winnie's story before her time at Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, we know the story of Winnie and Lyz is a beautiful one and they truly are meant to be.



Adopted life has treated Winnie well. Lyz says Winnie is very friendly and affectionate, and always gets compliments any time they go to the dog park. This pair is a perfect match and have been there for each other when they needed it the most. Lyz shares, "When I think about the struggles we face at home, I think about how I've had to come face to face with my own faults. She's just like me. Happy and friendly to the outside world but at home we share the same anxiety and fear of abandonment. We are impatient. And we get into all sorts of trouble when bored. But all this is giving us the opportunity to grow together. Love this girl forever."

**Lyrics quoted from: Carlile, Brandi. "The Story"*

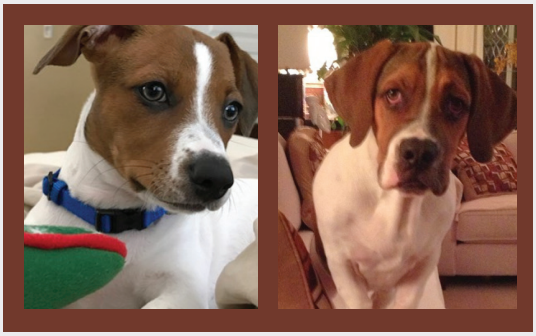
CALENDAR CONTEST

With 122 entries and 17,388 votes, our first ever Calendar Contest raised $13,000! The proceeds from the contest and money raised from the sale of the 2022 calendar will make a lifesaving difference for pets who are relying on MSRPAC for a second chance.

Please consider ordering a calendar. A 2022 MSRPAC calendar makes a great gift or special surprise for any of the animal lovers in your life. This will help us purchase the right number of calendars, so we don't waste valuable funds on extra stock.

Visit petsadoption.org to order your calendar today!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONTEST WINNERS Buddy & Bella!



WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?!

We did! In fact, we've been letting the dogs out for most of this last quarter as part of our dog Play Group, a initiative we were happy to reintroduce to our pets and Center in August. Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center is following the Dogs Playing For Life! model, which stresses the consideration of the whole animal: physically, emotionally and behaviorally. Our play groups, which are done seven days a week, multiple times a day, have been successful for the pets and many departments at our Center.

Play groups let dogs be dogs, which is beneficial in a number of ways. In addition to exercise and social interactions, play groups provide opportunities for enrichment, assessment, training, and behavior modification. Since our play groups have been back at the Center, we've learned so much about our adoptable pets. This invaluable insight gives tools to adoption counselors, allowing them to more easily match families or individuals with an available dog. When dogs can be dogs, they share even more of their personality (parts that aren't often on display while spending time in a kennel environment). We relay this to our patrons who want to feel confident in their choice to adopt.

These play groups give multiple dogs a chance to have fun and expend energy all at the same time. With several dogs out of their kennels, cleaning is done quicker, and volunteer time is better utilized. Did you know that a 30-minute playtime equates to approximately a 2-hour leash walk? We challenge you to come up with a better way to get some pent-up energy out of an adoptable dog. When dogs are more calm in their kennel, it's easier for our adopters to picture having them at their homes.

Plus, play groups are just plain fun. Throughout play group sessions, our staff and volunteers take their role in ensuring safety of all involved seriously, but we know on the inside they're all smiling. Seeing these dogs enjoy each other's company is truly a highlight of the day, and knowing that these play groups are helping the dogs find homes faster is another reason to smile.

All staff and volunteer members of our Play Group team have thoroughly been trained and educated in play group dos and don'ts. Additionally, all team members shadowed staff leads until confident in their positions of notetaker, runner, assistant or leader.

VEHICLE DONATION

If you are thinking about selling or getting rid of a car but hate to think about all the hassle and paperwork involved, a car donation to MSRPAC may be the best choice for you! All the funds from your car donation go toward our life-saving programs.

Making a car donation is easy! Donate your vehicle by **calling 855-500-RIDE (7433)** or fill out a donation form on our website and we will handle everything from pickup to paperwork.

Once your vehicle is sold, the proceeds will be donated to Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center in your name and a receipt will be sent to you for your taxes.

If you have any questions just call our Donor Relations Stewardship Coordinator at 951-688-4340 ext 311.

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Adoptions
Daily 12pm-7pm
Closed Tuesdays

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 9am-1pm Walk-Ins

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OUR MISSION

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