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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

THANK YOU to all of you who have supported the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center as we have continued to navigate our way through the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic and the countless ways it has affected all of our lives. We have done our best to remain highly active, while continuing to support local animals and our community during these especially challenging times. Our high-volume Spay/Neuter Clinic has remained open through it all, allowing us to do our part to minimize pet over-population. We are proud to share that the **Clinic has been able to handle the ever-increasing number of appointments and even had a recent record setting day of 76 surgeries.** We continue to conduct dog and cat adoptions with our staff matching an adoptable animal's individual traits with an adoption applicant's family, home, and lifestyle information. We salute our many foster volunteers who continue to provide caring and stimulating environments for hundreds of animals in their private homes. Our development team has been hard at work coming up with innovative ways to stay connected to and interact with our supporters by adding virtual or socially distanced events, like Baby Goat Yoga, all of which generate essential revenue that allows us to continue our mission of providing second chances to pets in need.

In addition, you may have seen or heard of our weekly free Pet Food Assistance Program that distributes food to low-income individuals and those effected by the pandemic. **This program provides pet guardians and their beloved companion animals with free cat and dog food during this time of great need through our contactless drive-through system.**

I especially want to thank those of you who have generously supported us monetarily and with in-kind donations through our Amazon Wish List. Together, the continued operation and accomplishments of the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center would not be possible without you and our exceptionally dedicated donors, staff, and volunteers. Thank you for helping us continue to serve animals and people who need our help now more than ever before.

With gratitude,

Carrie

Carrie Ridgway
Executive Director

"DOGS ARE NOT OUR WHOLE LIFE BUT THEY MAKE OUR LIVES WHOLE" *–Roger Caras*

Charming and bubbly Suki was adopted in February 2018. Born in a litter of seven while under the care of Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, little Suki didn't know what to expect when she arrived at her new home. Honestly, Suki's new family didn't know what to expect, either. They had lost their rescue dog not that long ago, and Suki's new human dad, Frank, was facing a recent Parkinson's and cancer diagnosis. Yet, both Suki and her new family figured out quite quickly that this match was much more than just a good fit.

As their new "baby angel," Suki formed an unbreakable bond with her human dad that started on day one. While Frank was initially hesitant about adopting a pet, Suki soon found herself with a companion during her first few nights at her new home, as Frank slept beside her on the floor to comfort her while she adjusted to crate training. Just how Frank was there for her, Suki has been there for him too. As he fights his ongoing health issues, Suki always lends a paw. The inseparable pair go on 7am walks (rain or shine), and she even helps him work out (see photo). From playing with Suki's many toys to sunbathing outside, the two are quite a pair.

Now in these times where we all seem to be staying in more than going out, Suki still brings overwhelming joy, happiness, and excitement to her family. Suki's mom stated, "My husband occasionally gets discouraged or down with his health issues, and she seems to sense his need for comfort. She will scoot up close to him, nudge his knee with her cold wet nose, meaning, Papa! Time to play!"

To give homes to dogs like Suki, visit petsadoption.org; you and your new pet might form an unbreakable bond just like Frank and Suki.

Left: *Nikki and John*
Center: *Nikki, Bonnie and Clyde*
Right: *Nikki and Kusko*

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME

If you had an extra 200 hours, what would you do with that time? Maybe you'd binge a favorite show, catch a few extra Zzzzzs, learn a new skill, or take a trip — the possibilities are almost limitless. **For Nikki and John, pals of all the pups and people of our Pet Adoption Center, they used their extra 200 hours taking our adoptable dogs on outings as part of our Riverside Rovers program.** This program allows members of the community to "check a dog out" for the day, giving the pet a break for its kennel and giving the Rover some fun time with a great pup. As an added bonus, the staff at the Pet Adoption Center get to use notes from the outing, along with adorable photos and video of the dog showing off its true personality (one that is more true to how the dog will behave once adopted) to help get them adopted. Nikki and John excel at capturing amazing videos and pictures. **It's been just over one year since this awesome pair began 'rovering' for our organization, and in that time, they have given over 200 hours of their time, while providing almost 40 fun filled outings for over 20 dogs (a few dogs have had the privilege of going on more than one adventure with the pair).** With stats like that, it only seemed appropriate to share this big-hearted couple with all of our followers and supporters — as they are truly a friend to all, deserving of recognition that goes beyond tail wags and slobbery kisses.

We set out to get some insider info from this awesome couple, with Nikki giving us the details. **Nikki shared that she saw an ad for the program, which sparked her interest, and she couldn't wait "to be able to spoil a dog like it's their birthday!"**

Some of their favorite activities to do with the dogs are to go on hikes or walks at parks, or other large outdoor areas, and treating them to some soft serve vanilla ice cream. Nikki also enjoys sending her new pals back to the Pet Adoption Center sporting a bandana, bowtie, or flower for their collar.

We found out that Nikki has truly loved all the Rovers she has spent time with, but she does have a few favorites. She loved charming Kusko. Kusko was a long-term resident she took out three times. Nikki fell in love with his personality and "permanent bed head". Then there's sweet Wendy, who Nikki took on two outings. It was Wendy's transformation from being picked up at the Center, shy and slightly timid, to a girl who just wouldn't stop smiling that won Nikki over. Brother and sister, Bonnie and Clyde round out Nikki's top three. She said, "Even though they were about 8 years old, they were a riot; true puppies at heart who loved playing with toys."

From all of us at the Pet Adoption Center — those with wet noses and four legs and those who are behind the scenes or at the front line — we send out a huge heartfelt thank you to Nikki and John. Thank you for helping our dogs get adopted, one fun filled outing at a time.

Schedule a Riverside Rovers outing today by visiting petsadoption.org.

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Riverside, CA 92504
951-688-4340

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

WE'VE MOVED!
Pet Adoption Thrift Store
9462 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, CA 92503
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Monday – Saturday 10am–6pm
Donations accepted until 4pm Friday-Monday

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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WISH LIST

On any given day, there are about 200 dogs and cats in our care at the Pet Adoption Center. Below is the latest list of items that we are in need of to make our adorable adoptables more comfortable while they wait for their new families.

To make it even easier for you, we also have set up an Amazon Wish List for you to purchase from so that our pets can enjoy your gifts right away.

Pet Related Items

- Clay-formula litter
- Nylabones
- Kong toys
- Chicken broth
- Pumpkin puree
- Peanut butter
- Hotdogs
- Microwavable rice packets

General Purpose Items

- Liquid laundry detergent (HE only)
- Copy paper
- Dawn detergent
- Bleach
- Clorox wipes
- Snack & gallon size zip-loc bags
- Merchant gift cards from Home Depot, PetSmart, Target and Staples are also greatly appreciated.

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