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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

At the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, we take in thousands of animals each year who are surrendered to us for a myriad of reasons. People say they are frustrated, that they don't have time, or that they didn't realize their pet would need so much attention.

It is certainly heartbreaking to see how many pets are surrendered, but we know that in most cases, giving up a pet is not an easy decision. It can be very easy to want to judge those who have surrendered their pet. In many cases being judgmental is justified – but not always.

In reality, unless we know the reasons that could have resulted in the surrender, we should reserve our judgement, and maybe even have a bit of compassion. Don't get me wrong, we come across quite a lot of those who perhaps never should have become a pet owner in the first place, as they did not have knowledge as to what it takes to look after an animal. Conversely, we know there are many out there who were adequately equipped to take on pet ownership - they love their pets, yet have found themselves in a position where they can no longer keep them. Some have encountered financial difficulties, while others may be in poor health, experienced domestic violence, or worse.

Having to surrender a pet for adoption is usually a hard decision, particularly emotionally, for a pet owner to make.

Even though it may be difficult to do, pet owners know that surrendering is often in the best interest of the pet. **No pet lover would ever want to leave their best friend, but sometimes life throws curveballs that are unavoidable, and we all deal with them as best we can.**

At the Pet Adoption Center, staff and volunteers "celebrate" these pet owners - we applaud them for making this tough decision. We are honored that they allow us to become a short-term caretaker, for we know that the alternatives of abandonment, dumping, and neglect would be much worse for the pets that they love. **And, because of you and your support, we can be there as a resource for pet owners.** We are able to provide a safe and loving environment for these surrendered pets, allowing their former owners to "get back on track."

The next time you read a sad story of a pet who has been put up for adoption, please consider the numerous reasons that this could have happened. Sure, it could be a case of disregard for the pet, but also possible, it could be a case of a circumstance with no alternatives.

If you or someone you know is struggling with the decision to surrender a pet, please encourage them to contact the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center for guidance.

With gratitude,

Carrie

Carrie Ridgway, Executive Director

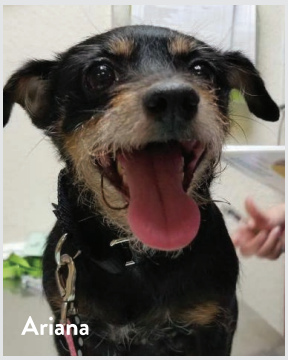
PET FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

You know us for adoptions, but did you also know we provide pet food to low-income pet owners and Meals-On-Wheels participants? We understand that times can be tough, and **our goal is to keep as many pets as possible with their families and out of pet adoption centers and animal shelters.** Our Pet Food Assistance Program is stocked solely by donations! Without the help of our community we could not continue to supply food to those in need. If you are interested in donating feel free to drop off any unopened cat or dog food during our open hours.

If you have an office, school, church or temple group, Scout Troop, charity organization, or social group that would like to lend a helping paw, you can hold your own Pet Food Assistance Program pet food drive! Pet food drives are highly successful and have a huge positive impact on our program! **Your donations will help us to continue our mission of keeping people with their pets without sacrifice.**

COACHELLA SIX-PACK

Just like you, we see cases of animal abuse and neglect on media feeds all of the time. You most likely heard about the animal cruelty case in April 2019 in Coachella, CA. Our partners at the Riverside County Department of Animal Services confiscated 38 dogs from dire conditions within the suspect's house.


Ariana

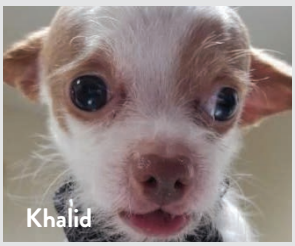
These dogs, ranging in age from 1-6 years old, were surrendered to the County and became available for adoption last week. We were happy to help out and transferred 6 of these dogs to our Pet Adoption Center on Friday, May 2nd. It was obvious that these dogs were not used to being shown affection or kindness, or even used to being around people. They were all friendly, curious, and gladly accepted attention once given the chance to gain confidence and get comfortable with whomever was visiting with them.

As our veterinary team examined them, additional medical needs were discovered and we are pleased to share that we were able to address all of them. Sweet Ariana had a mammary tumor removed, shy Zedd received dental extractions and teeth cleaning, and cautious Khalid was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, meaning he requires more hands-on care.

Zedd

Lucy

Hazel

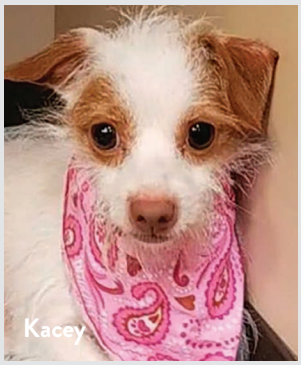

Khalid

We are happy to report that five of the six have already found new and loving homes and are thriving.

Getting these dogs ready for adoption and taking care of their medical concerns was all part of providing them their second chances, but it was an expensive endeavor. **Because of generous supporters like you, the additional medical surgeries that put a strain on our resources were taken care of.**

We are happy to report that five of the six have already found new and loving homes and are thriving. Kacey is still looking. She is a quiet, thoughtful gal who, once she gets to know you, will smooch and happily shower you with love. We are hoping she will find a new family very soon.

As always, we thank you for your support!


Kacey

ARE WE THERE YET?

Yes, Dobbie — you are there, you are home. That's right! Our 'dapper dude that could' made it home. On Dobbie's 150th day in our care, a young gal and her dad walked into our Center hoping to find a dog that could offer emotional support to the girl when needed. The pair took their time looking at and greeting our resident dogs, and listened to our counselors about what pet might be the right fit. After meeting Dobbie, it was decided — they would adopt him and he would retire his longest-term resident title. Paperwork was completed, a going home picture was snapped, staff celebrated this much anticipated adoption, and Dobbie headed home with his family.

That's what it's all about — helping the pets we care for find their new home and family. Dobbie's stay with us wasn't quick like that of a puppy, or full of outings like our Rover dogs, or easy–breezy like many of our residents. Nevertheless, we promised we'd care for him until his adoption day. We had no idea when we transferred Dobbie into our center in January that providing his second chance would mean that we'd take him in for four surgeries. In addition to a neuter surgery, Dobbie underwent surgery for tooth extractions, an infection from his microchip, and to fix his knee. In between, we made sure Dobbie got plenty of socialization, affection, and attention, so that when timing was right, he'd be ready. Congratulations to the lucky family who adopted Dobbie. We express gratefulness to all who shared his story, cared for him, donated toward his care, and more. **You all played a part in helping Dobbie realize that there's no place like home.**

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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.

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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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