Mary S. Roberts
Pet Adoption Center
Serving Since 1897

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YOUR SUPPORT & IMPACT

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YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR THE LIFESAVERS AT MARY S. ROBERTS PET ADOPTION CENTER

As the landscape of animal sheltering evolves and the relentless need persists, the demands on our efforts at Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center (MSRPAC) have dramatically increased.

Our work continues amidst the ongoing national crisis, and our team of passionate professionals and devoted volunteers are doing their best to meet these demands. Our mission — to eliminate the suffering of homeless cats and dogs — has never been more critical than it is today. However, we cannot succeed without your help.

Every day we witness the pressing need for help within our community as we work to assist struggling families who can't provide for their pets, abandoned animals in dire need of medical intervention, and pets who simply want a second chance at happiness. Unfortunately, without your support, we are unable to help these voiceless creatures.

According to the national database, Shelter Animals Count, **the U.S. animal shelter population grew by nearly a quarter million in 2023.** This rang true at MSRPAC, as we saw a significant increase in dog and cat rehoming requests from pet owners and intake requests from our local animal control agencies.

How Can You Help? Your contribution, whether monetary, material, or of your time, means everything to our organization and the pets we serve. **When it comes to saving lives and giving our pets a better future, every dollar, every minute, every donation counts.**

Make a difference today:

1. **Monetary Donation:** To contribute funds toward all efforts of our organizations, please visit us online at petsadoption.org.
2. **Donating Supplies:** Our Center is always in need of various pet supplies. Please visit our wish list on our website for more details about what we need and how you can help.
3. **Volunteering:** There are so many opportunities to use your time to help. Join the volunteer team to assist with socializing pets, attend events, aid in animal care and much more. Even a couple of hours a week can make a big impact.

Remember, no form of support is insignificant. Whether big or small, each gesture goes a long way in providing relief to homeless pets. It's without a doubt that your generosity means a world of difference to these souls in need.

Come join us in our undying fight against pet homelessness and suffering, and make a meaningful and long-term positive change in the lives of our four-legged friends.

Thank you for your kindness and support,

Carrie Ridgway

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Executive Director

GIVING THANKS TO THOSE WHO GIVE THEIR TIME

We were so happy to come together on Saturday May 18 for a special Volunteer Appreciation event. The theme was, "MSRPAC Volunteers are Sweet!" and was celebrated with delicious ice-cream sundaes and floats served by grateful staff members. Volunteers enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the Center, created adoption posters, played lawn games, and had a chance to win some fun raffle prizes. Our outstanding volunteers were presented with certificates of appreciation thanking them for their dedication to the Center, Spay Neuter Clinic, Thrift Store, and fostering program.

The pets and staff are very lucky to have so many amazing volunteers!

WELCOMING A WEARY TRAVELER

Did you know that the Pet Adoption Center is located in an industrial area? From transportation companies, boat repair, logistics and more — there are all sorts of businesses surrounding our Center. One spring day, a tiny kitten was found on the hood of a car that was being unloaded from a car hauler truck next door. The little guy was hanging out on the engine of an Audi. Once discovered, he was brought over to our Pet Adoption Center. He weighed just over a pound and was guesstimated to be around 1.5 months old. Thankfully we had an available foster parent who could care for Traveler (his new name) until he was ready for adoption. After a few weeks in foster care, Traveler was adopted.

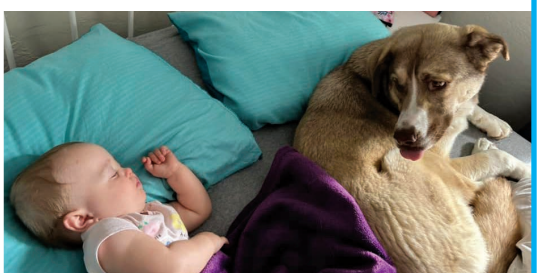
Traveler and his new family thank you for your continued support of our foster care program. Thank you too to those who open their homes and hearts to vulnerable pets.

THE MISSING LIGHT IN A HOUSE FULL OF LOVE

Harper's new family found her one spring afternoon. The initial meeting with her went well and the adoption moved forward, but her new family had no idea how much of an impact this smiley dog was going to make on their lives. Harper settled into her new household with ease; she even handled a move to Idaho very well, staying calm in the car and enjoying the adventure. Her love of kids and other dogs means she does amazing with everyone she lives with or encounters. Harper is currently learning what cows are and how to give them their space respectfully and curiously.

In late May, she began training to become a cardiac alert dog. Harper is willing to learn new things and was naturally showing concern for her owner, alerting for changes in breathing, so her family decided to enroll her in training to become a service dog. Her mom shared, "*Harper is the perfect service dog as well as family dog. When she knows she needs to be by my side, she always is; and when it's time for family, she loves to play. She is the light in the house we have been missing.*"

Congratulations to Harper and her family!



♥ TRIBUTES ♥

January 1 - April 30, 2024

IN HONOR OF

Adele Burns, by Commonwealth Charitable Fund
All abused and neglected animals, Sherri Eaton
All the dogs that were brought in from the hoarding situation, by Cindy Johnson
Carrie Ridgway, by Rene Evelynveere
Christine Gailey, by Adam Gailey
Diego and Deia, by Dianna Clevenger
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Jo Anne Stowers, by Faith Surprenant
Jo Anne Stowers, by Lois Carmona
Julie Knapp, by Commonwealth Charitable Fund
Karen McCarthy, by Gerald Hurley
Kathy Veylit, by Mark, Karin, and Levi
Lance Altenau, by Sheila McMahon
Leslie Martin, by Dickie Wrightsil
Mary S Roberts employees of 2024. Especially Dakota Mondry, by Amy Phelan
Nala Lala Murphy (Fig), by April Murphy
Phil's, by Jon Guerra

IN HONOR OF PET

Sunset, by Nancy Medina

IN MEMORY OF

Angela Simpson, by Brad, Debbie, and Sharon Simpson
Aunt Sue Molletti, by Michael Esquivel
Bob Dudik, by Carolyn Kezsely
Callie, by Judy Jones
Cathy Perez, by Cynthia K. Sommer
Chadwick, by Christina Macias
Chalino Sanchez Martinez, by Breanne Sandoval
Danny M. Saenz Sr., by Richard Dabney
Diane Mapes, by Stacey Rusk
Greg Hill, by Tami Shelko
Heidi, by Marlene Cordes
Jim Earhart, by Kim Earhart
Joan Loveridge, by Kelly Brautigam
Jordon Condon, by Della Condon
Kaungie, by Daniel Messina
Lucy, by Trish Kelly
Maddie, by Roxanne Dauer
Maggie Rabbitt, by Janet Szuszkiewicz
Marion Ruiz, by Scott Paulson
Marion Ruiz, by Michael and Tammy Anderson
Marion Ruiz, by Kathleen Keating
Marion Ruiz, by David and Linda Phillips
Marion Ruiz, by Patricia A. Brown
Marion Ruiz, by Corrine Skore
Marion Ruiz, by Charles Brown
Marlene Gartman, by Celia Stormes
Marlene Gartman, by Wendy and David Kading
Max, by Marlene Cordes
Missy, by Glen and Janice Newman
Nora Aylward, by Doris Perry
Pippa Podgorski, by Gladys Podgorski
Pippa Podgorski, by Thomas Podgorski
Sandi Evelyn-Veere, by Lauren Coatney
Scotty, by Tom and Sharon Killeen
Shiloh and Annie, by Diane Wells
Steven Bauer, by Myung-Hee Bauer

IN MEMORY OF PET

Bella, by Mary Crisucci
Bobby and Baxter, by Camille Brookshaw
Kate, by Three Dog Bakery Riverside
Kirby Morgan, by Kathy and Vinny Keegan
Kitty, by Mary Crisucci
Molly, by Mary Thomas
Petey, by The Blackbaud Giving Fund
Rocky Powell, by Misty Griffin
Rosie, by Julie Brown
Rosie Griffith, by Misty Griffin
Sadie, by Mary Crisucci
Whisper, by Connie and Cynthia Summer Dawson
Meowchi, by Sandra Davalos
Rosie, by Robin Di Muccio

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Holiday Pet Pictures

with Santa or The Grinch
Nov. 1 · 2 · 3 · 8 · 9 · 10

Reservations available soon!

petsadoption.org

Private, 15 min sessions!

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Save the Date!

Barktoberfest

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Saturday, October 12th **White Park, Riverside**

Join us at our fall dog-friendly fundraising event.
Enjoy beer tastings, music, fun activities & more!

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More Info Coming Soon!

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CALENDAR CONTEST ENDS SOON!

Visit petsadoption.org to enter your pet or vote for your favorites today!

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FACILITY LOCATIONS

Pet Adoption Center
6165 Industrial Ave
Riverside, CA 92504
951-688-4340

Adoptions
Daily 12pm - 7pm
Closed Tuesdays

Pet Relinquishments
Appointment Required
951-688-4340 ext 3309

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic
Tuesday-Thursday
7:30am - 6pm
Appointment Required
951-977-8634

Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic
Saturdays
9am - 1pm
Appointment Required
Weekday Appointments
10am -2pm

Pet Adoption Thrift Store
9462 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, CA 92503
951-729-6617
Monday–Friday
10am - 6pm
Saturday
10am - 4pm
Sunday
12pm - 4pm
Donations accepted
until 4pm Friday - Monday

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