Mary S. Roberts
Pet Adoption Center
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BACON'S SMILE IS WORTH ONE THOUSAND THANK YOUS!

YOUR SUPPORT & IMPACT

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BECOME AN AMBASSADOR FOR ANIMALS!

For the first time in years, we're seeing a decline in adoptions. It's a trend that shelters, rescuers and other animal welfare organizations are experiencing nationwide. We're doing our best to promote the animals in our care using our newly formed Pathway Team that focuses on the stay of each animal. Believe it or not, we have several dogs that have been with us for nearly a year. As proud as I am of our clean and beautiful adoption center, the fact of the matter is that animals are still living in cages and kennels, and not in homes.

We have even reduced or waived adoption fees in hopes of facilitating twice as many adoptions for the same amount of program revenue (which only covers our cost of care). How's it working, you ask? I'd have to say not as well as I had I had hoped. **We need your help in this endeavor too.** I have statistics that show many of you visit our website checking to see who has been adopted and who is still waiting. You visit the site A LOT! I'm asking you to put these visits and views into action and help those homeless pets staring back at you on your screen. **Become one of our ambassadors to get the cats, dogs, puppies, and kittens seen by your network of friends, family, co-workers, and others. Send them links and share our posts on our Facebook, Instagram, X, and TikTok platforms. Or donate so we can continue to reduce adoption fees,** allowing us to focus on placing homeless pets in new and loving homes, not on the loss of adoption revenue.

Attending our events helps too! **You can register to fundraise and walk at the 2024 Walk with the Animals.** The event is dear to my heart (and so much fun) and will be held on April 27, 2024, at Fairmount Park in Riverside. I can't wait to see you there helping us to celebrate our 32nd Walk.

Thank you again for your support.

Wags & Purrs,

Carrie Ridgway

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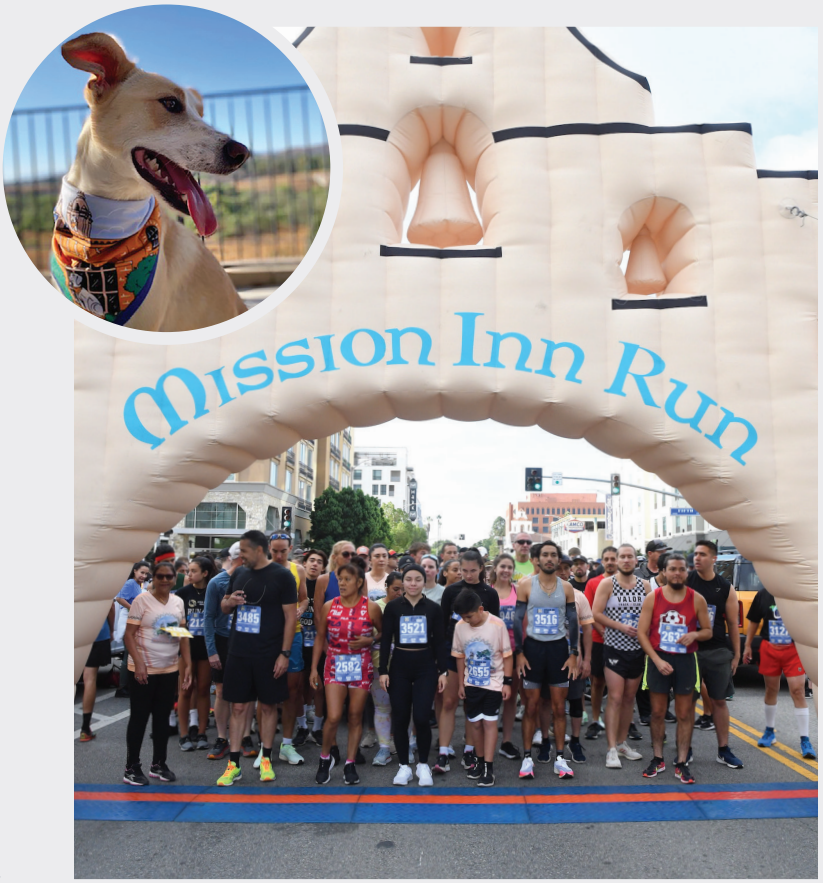
Executive Director

ON A MISSION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Mission Inn Foundation recently hosted its 46th Annual Mission Inn Run. This time-honored tradition brings together runners, walkers, history lovers, and those who are looking for an enjoyable activity that is family and dog friendly.

This year's event once again included a Walk & Wag add-on, which allows participants to include their furry friends in all the fun. Each Walk & Wag costs $10, giving a limited-edition Riverside pet bandana to the purchaser and a $5 donation to our organization. **Through this outstanding partnership, the dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens of Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center were gifted over $1,200 toward their care.**

MSRPAC was there for all the action, offering pup cups to dogs in attendance and information about our programs and services to all the friendly folks we met. **We are thankful to everyone who supported this Riverside tradition and sent a special note of gratitude to the team at the Mission Inn Foundation.**



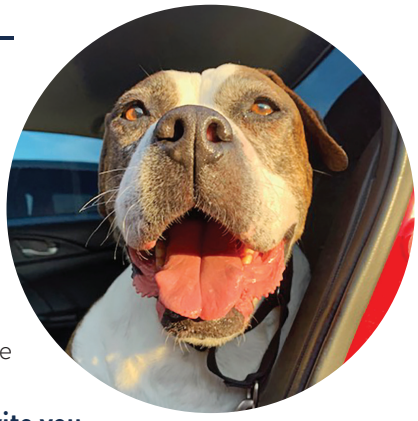
TAKING A CHANCE AND CHANGING A LIFE

Puffin was adopted by her family three years ago. She was thin, missing some hair, and timid. After initially only taking to her new human sister, she realized soon enough that her new family was there for her and willing to give her all the time and space she needed to adjust and decompress. Puffin's family was patient with her, and she rewarded their care with trust as she became more and more social. Now this sweet gal is great at meeting new people and dogs, often receiving the title of "dog of the week" at doggie day camp.

Recently Puffin's role with her family has turned from companion and loving family member to also being a physical motivator and caretaker of the heart. Puffin helps her mom when she's not feeling her best by reminding her that a quick walk would be good for both of them. She provides a safe space and comforting presence when the only need is to just be (as long as her mom promises to give her plenty of pets during this quiet time). It's safe to say that Puffin is ready to help her family in any capacity. She has learned that giving and receiving love are part of the job of being an adopted, loved family member. She even gets along with (well, tolerates) the family cat, Salsa! We're proud to call Puffin an alumnus of MSRPAC. **Thank you to her family for sharing her story, and thank you to our supporters who help these amazing second chances happen.**

TAKE A PET FOR A TEST DRIVE!

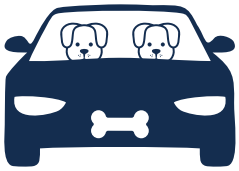
FOSTER TO ADOPT PROGRAM — TRY IT OUT



Do you have your eye on one of our adoptable dogs or cats, but are worried about how they may fit into your household or family? **We invite you to try out our Foster to Adopt program, which gives you a trial period at home with a pet.** This program is available for most of our resident pets, with the trial period ranging from a few days to a few weeks.

This program has been beneficial for giving our long-stay pets a break from their kennels, and can help put a potential adopter's mind at ease if they're just not sure about adoption. Whether or not the Foster to Adopt trial results in adoption, our pets (and us) are grateful. Many of our temporary foster parents share cute pictures and videos, or even fun stories about how the pet behaved in their home. This content is helpful for the future promotion of the pet.

Stop in to meet our available pets and inquire with our adoption team about the Foster to Adopt program.



TRIBUTES

June 1 - September 30, 2023

IN HONOR OF

Teresa Lockridge by Jerlyn, Mark, & Odin Swiatlowski-Ringle
Monica A. Singer by The Girlfriends
Margaret Johnson by The Girlfriends
Ringo by Sarah Tinkham
Mary J. Peden by Kathy Swift
Barbara Hofman by Ellen Reed
Sunny Phaller by Jennifer Phaller

IN HONOR OF PET

Tessa by Barbara Wellings

IN MEMORY OF

Haroldine Ann Swing by Shirley & Richard Powell
Arlene Meyer by Barb and Rich Bozzo
John Butvich by Angela Butvich
Nora Aylward by Doris Perry
Mary MacArthur Webb Schaefer by Linda Ebie
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Mark Ledbetter by Judy Wedemeyer
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Shirley Shawler by Milli Limley
Joan Loveridge by Kelly Brautigam
Elizabeth O'Hara by Darlene Persons

IN MEMORY OF PET

Lewis by Christine Edwards
Ruth McCormick by Molly Shannon
Wally & Luna by Toni & Bill McCain
Lilly & Snow by Julie Heise
Duke by Majd Askar
Duke by Nader Ghopreal
Duke by Misty Griffin
Buddy Megens & Bear by Charlotte Megens
Jake Tibbs Shannon by Molly Shannon

Saturday, April 27th Fairmount Park

WALK with the Animals

Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center

Save the Date!

COMING THIS SPRING!

Save the date for our annual Walk with the Animals event on April 27, 2024, at Fairmount Park in Riverside.
You won't want to miss out on all the fun! There will be a walk around the park, vendor village, fantastic food, spirited music, beer garden, amazing raffle baskets, and so much more. Sponsors, vendors, and donors are currently being accepted. **Check out petsadoption.org to register or for all the details. Can't wait to see you this spring!**

SPRING CAMP 2024

2 SESSIONS OF FUN!

DATES: 3/18 - 3/22 & 3/25 - 3/29
TIME: 8am - 1pm
AGES: 6 - 13

MORE INFO COMING SOON!
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6165 Industrial Ave
Riverside, CA 92504
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Daily 12pm-7pm
Closed Tuesdays

Pet Relinquishments
By Appointment
951-688-4340 ext 3309

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

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Saturdays 9am-1pm
Appointment Required
Weekday Appointments 10am–2pm

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9462 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, CA 92503
951-729-6617

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Sunday 12pm–4pm
Donations accepted until 4pm
Friday-Monday

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