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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Is it just me, or does it feel like the last two years aged you seven years like a dog's age? I don't think any of us got through them without at least a few more gray hairs to show for it. But, we made it!

In 2020, we learned how to overcome the struggles of operating at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The demand for adoptable pets was at full throttle. As people were forced to spend more time at home, they finally had time to adopt the pet they had always wanted.

In 2021, the demand slowed down as life resumed at a somewhat normal pace. Pets that were once barely at the Pet Adoption Center long enough to get their evaluations and photos taken, were now staying in our care several days longer than the previous year on average. While we always want them to move out of the Center and into a new home as fast as possible to minimize stress, we will ensure they get the care they need as long as they need it with us.

This year begins our 125th year serving the Inland Empire.

What started as a tiny organization by two of Riverside's major philanthropists, has flourished into a resource for our community and a safe haven for thousands of homeless pets each year. This is all thanks to your support.

My career has been one that many only dream of having. I am honored to serve the humans and animals of our community that are most in need, ensuring they have a second chance of a better tomorrow. Since the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center does not receive government funding, I am always humbled to see the gifts of our supporters come in. These gifts (your gifts) literally sustain us and keep us going forward each day to save another life. I would be lying if I said fulfilling our mission is easy. It is often heartbreaking and tragic, but to be the catalyst for positive change in the lives of animals and the humans who love them makes it better than any perfect "day at the office."

Wags & Purrs,

Carrie Ridgway
Executive Director

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN, PETS, & LOVED ONES WITH FREEWILL

Get peace of mind when you create a plan that will ensure your family, pets, and special people in your life are loved and cared for even after you're gone. Thanks to our partnership with FreeWill, our supporters can utilize a fast, simple, and easy online tool to produce a legal will and other important documents. The process is 100% free and only takes about 20 minutes to complete. FreeWill can also be used with an attorney, saving you time at a lawyer's office. This trusted resource has been used by over half a million Americans already, and we're excited to offer it at the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center community. In addition to protecting the people who are important to you, pet-loving supporters can choose to include a gift in their estate plan to make a difference for all animals in our region for many years to come. Your legacy creates a more pawsitive future for every pet we serve. We hope you'll take care of yourself and plan for the future today with MSRPAC and FreeWill.

To start your FreeWill, visit petsadoption.org/index.php/bequests.

CHECK OUT OUR DOGS. NO REALLY – YOU CAN CHECK THEM OUT FOR THE DAY!

By now, you've probably heard of our Riverside Rovers program that allows you to take a dog out for the day on an adventure of your choice. Did you know that we also offer members of the community the chance to spend even more time with an adoptable dog by signing up for a Rover Over? Our Rover Over program, which launched earlier this year, is an awesome opportunity for folks to spend one night or more with a dog. The goals of the Rover Over program are to allow a potential adopter to see if a dog may be the right fit for their household, and to give resident dogs a much-needed break from their kennel.

Since the launch of our Rover Over program, adoptable dogs have enjoyed countless hours happily hanging out with new friends (humans and pets), cuddling on couches, and so much more while in their temporary foster homes. Additionally, this program has resulted in 12 dogs being adopted by their Rover Over people. Even more exciting is that over half of the dogs adopted were considered "long-stay" residents, meaning they had been waiting for over 30 days to meet their match and be adopted.

For some, like the speckled-nose, floppy-eared Pancake, the wait was much longer. Pancake was with our organization for over seven months. The Rover Over program was just what he needed to find his new family. Pancake's adopters signed up for the program because they were interested in spending more time with Pancake to see if he was the right fit. During his stay with the potential adopters, all involved quickly learned that they had a good thing going and wanted to make the stay permanent. Congrats to Pancake and his new peeps! Visit petsadoption.org to sign up for either of our Rover programs. Spend some time with a cute canine companion and give a deserving dog a fun-filled day or stay. It really is a win-win!

Pancake with his new family. Congrats to all!

Pancake livin' & lovin' that adopted life!

OPEN YOUR HEART & HOME TEMPORARILY TO A PET IN NEED

If you love pets but can't commit permanently to a dog or cat, fostering may be the perfect solution. Fostering offers pets a safe, less stressful environment to grow, gain social skills, or heal. Plus, it offers you the opportunity to spend some quality time with some adorable pets. When you foster for Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, there is no cost to you. We provide all the supplies (food, bedding, litter, toys, medicine, etc.); you provide the safe space for the pet(s). When you sign up as a foster, you can let us know what type of pets you're able to help with; pets and parents are matched up based on your availability and preferences. Whether it's a litter of underage kittens/puppies, an adult pet in need of some R&R, or a pet that is recovering from a medical procedure, we need fosters for them all. Fostering truly does save lives. The more foster homes we have, the more cats, dogs, puppies, and kittens we can save. Join our foster team today! Learn more and submit your application at **petsadoption.org.**

TRIBUTES

IN HONOR OF

Jennifer Sniff by
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Pet Adoption Center
6165 Industrial Ave
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-Thursday 7:30am-6pm
Appointments Required
951-977-8634

Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic
Saturdays 9am-1pm
Walk-Ins 10am-2pm

Pet Adoption Thrift Store
9462 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, CA 92503
951-729-6617

Monday–Friday 10am–6pm
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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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petsadoption.org

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