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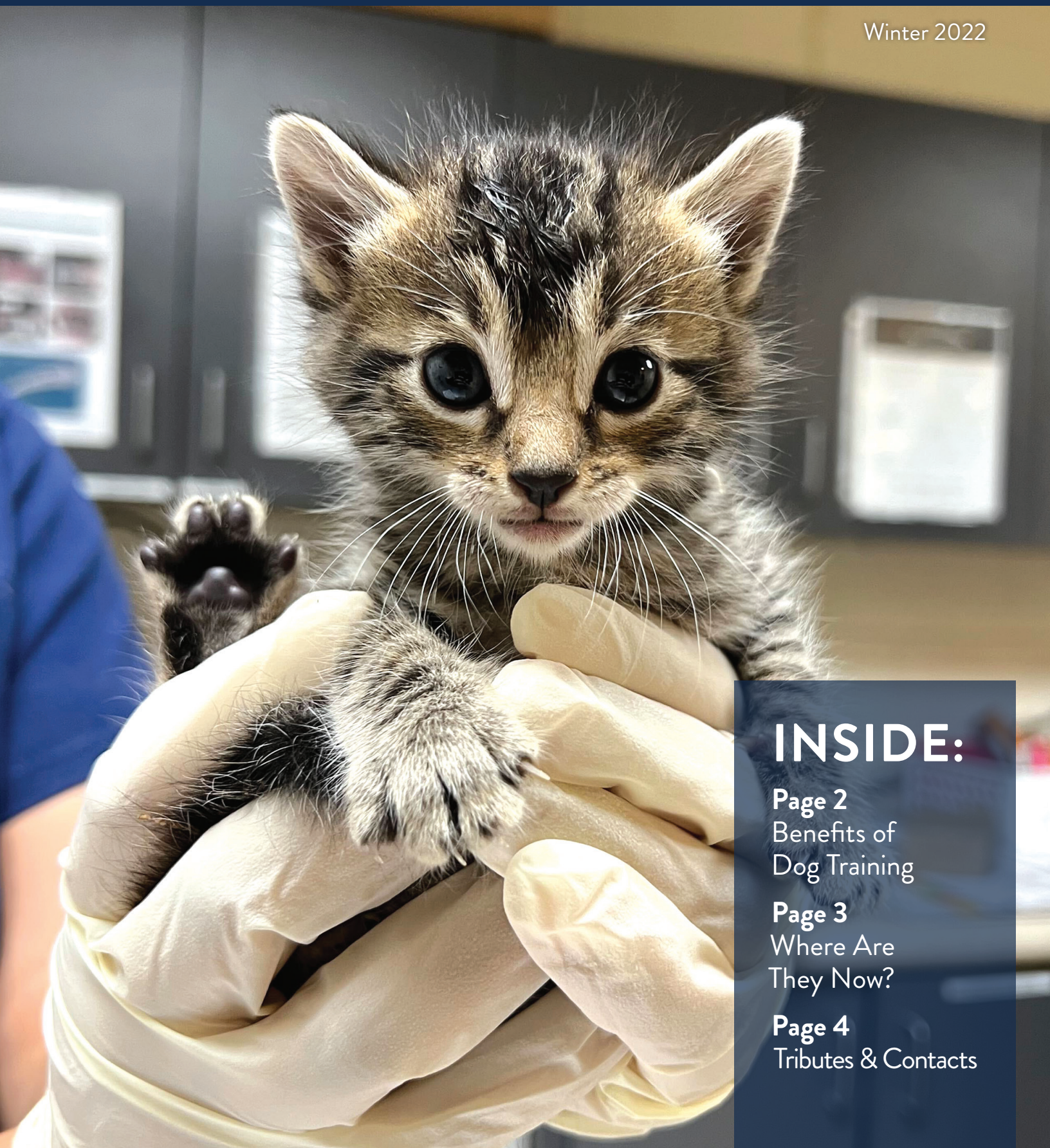

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As the year comes to a close, fresh starts and new beginnings become our mindset. Yet even as our thoughts shift toward the future, we will never lose sight of the past. We never take for granted nor forget the privilege our supporters and friends bestow upon us. Whether this support is shown by way of monetary, in-kind, corporate, or foundation donations, they all allow us to continue our mission of providing a safety net for homeless pets in transition.

Reflection is especially important this year as I think about the growth of Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center since our inception in 1897. Yes, I said 1897! With such a rich history (125 years to be exact) of saving the lives of animals, I am extremely proud of what we have been able to achieve. I am even more excited about our outlook for an equally promising future.

Among our most important assets is the well-qualified and passionate group of staff and volunteers that we are fortunate to have on our team. They provide for and nurture pets who have been abandoned, lost, or can no longer be cared for.

Our community is also part of this amazing team. As this community strengthens and our relationships are enhanced, we gain new chances for all of us to work together, pursue new opportunities and improve upon the past. We are thrilled to share that we a member of the new Animal Welfare Coalition of Riverside County. This Coalition is allowing animal welfare agencies to use their collective voices as a catalyst for progressive change, and our combined resources and programs for maximum community impact. These partnerships make us better equipped to offer tangible solutions.

It is satisfying to know that we have such enormous and collective support which enables the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center to continue to launch new life-saving strategies and establish even more partnerships. As a result, we can ensure that the many dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens in our community have a safe and stable place to call home for years to come. Many thanks to you for being part of this group.

Wags & Purrs,

Carrie Ridgway

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Executive Director

WOULD YOUR DOG BENEFIT FROM DOG TRAINING OR PUPPY PLAYGROUP CLASSES?

Our various levels of dog training classes provide your puppy or dog with the perfect amount of training to help build confidence, inspire trust, and strengthen their relationship with you. If you have a youngster (i.e., puppy) in your life, start them off first with our Puppy Playgroup sessions. We've experienced firsthand that pups in our playgroup have been able to pick up a few basic commands, but more importantly, they begin to learn to listen or look to you for cues.

Additionally, our playgroup attendees love the time they get to socialize with other dogs their age, often learning from each other. One such example is Cooper, a recent Puppy Playgroup participant who is pictured at right. This cutie came into his first playgroup a bit all over the place and not able or wanting to focus on his mom. After attending five sessions, Cooper understood how important it is to listen (you'll often get rewarded with treats) and will now gladly show off the new tricks he learned, including sit, shake, and stay. Further, Cooper made some great friends and was able to expend mental and physical energy with each session he attended.

If you'd like to see what type of journey your puppy or dog could have, we invite you to visit petsadoption.org to explore the training class(es) right for you.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ADOPTION UPDATE!

Former resident pup Duke attended his first event as a certified therapy dog earlier this year. From a shy little dog with a broken spirit, to a confident, social friend, Duke has had quite the transformation since being adopted in 2019.

Duke's mom, Deanne, shared with us that they first met when she stopped by the Pet Adoption Center "just to look" while she was in the Riverside area. As she had recently lost her 14-year-old dog, Deanne was quite heartbroken, but wasn't sure her heart was ready to welcome in a new four-legged friend. Deanne entered the Pet Adoption Center thinking to herself, "If it's meant to be, it'll be." When she asked about the little dog she saw shyly standing in his kennel, she learned that his name was Cub. This was her sign, as the dog Deanne had recently lost was named Bear. Deanne took Cub home, renamed him Duke, and slowly and patiently worked to gain his trust. It was quickly learned that Duke loved people, so Deanne got him trained as a therapy dog.

Now Duke is delighting everyone he meets, and is able to provide some love and comfort to those who need it most — just like what was provided to him. Congrats to Deanne and Duke!

Deanne and Duke

READING, WRITING, AND REALLY CUTE PETS!

That might not be the 3Rs you were originally thinking, but with the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center's Humane Education programs, maybe they should be. Whether it's reading to our resident dogs or cats, learning from our medical team, or helping a shy pup become a more confident dog, we've got a program for every aspect and age. Our Humane Education department welcomes field trips, scouts, those in need of service learning or volunteer hours, students interested in animal welfare as a potential future, and more. We can even host your child's birthday party on our campus.

Take a look at the many offerings we have as part of Humane Education. Sign up today and get ready to learn lots while having a blast. **Visit petsadoption.org for more information.**

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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
Weekday Walk-Ins 10am-2pm

Pet Adoption Thrift Store
9462 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, CA 92503
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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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