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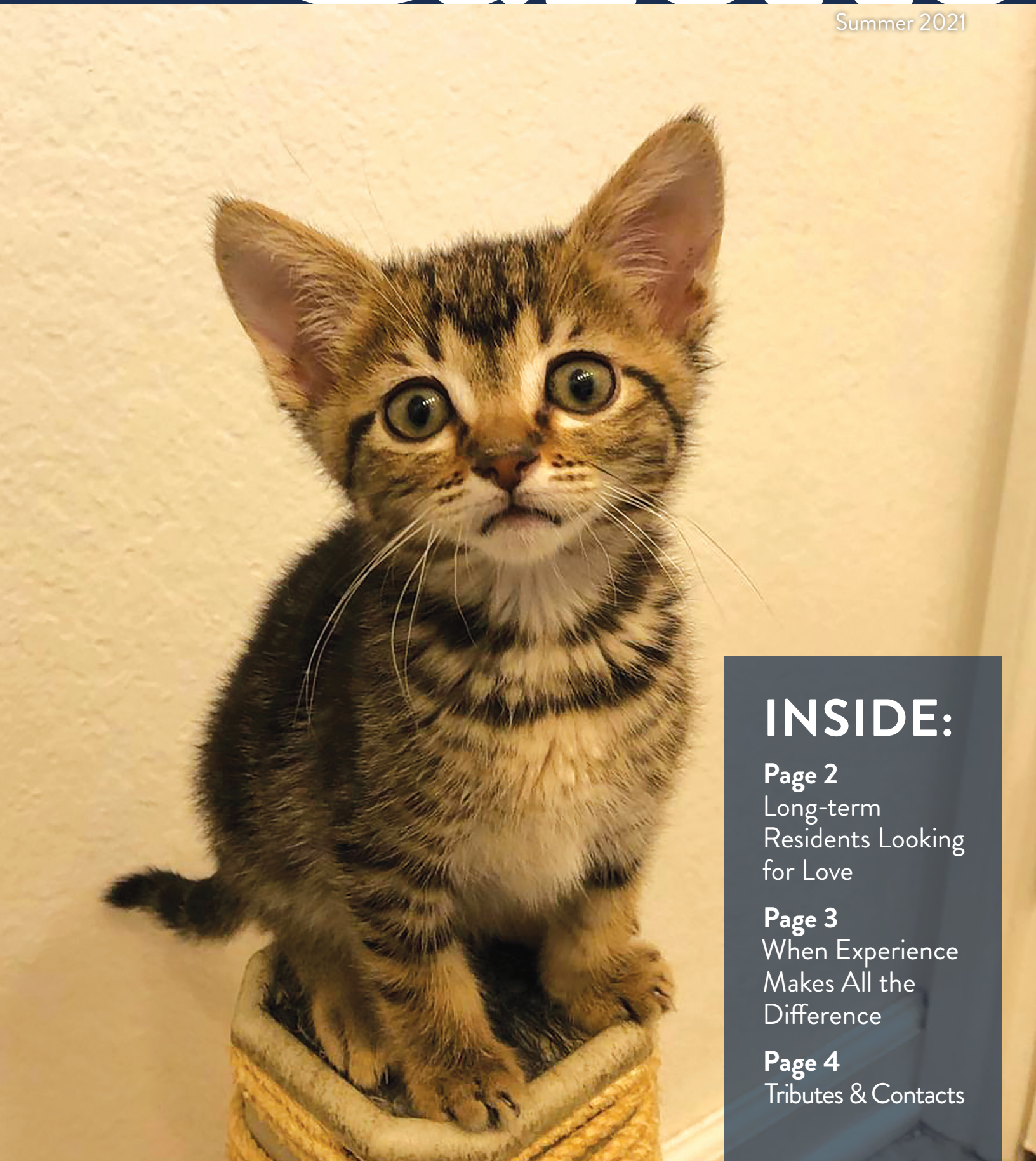

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Despite the obstacles we've encountered during the pandemic, the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center is committed to continue our mission of helping pets and people in our community.

Even during times of ups and downs, it's important to celebrate the positive. Won't you take a moment to share in the celebration of what we've accomplished so far together in 2021? I want to give thanks and show our gratitude to all who helped us survive, and even thrive in some ways, despite the unimaginable challenges that we all faced together.

First, thank you to our incredible staff! Your passion, dedication, flexibility, and determination to put pets first is beyond compare and truly inspiring.

Second, thank you to our generous donors who keep pets as their priority. Our supporters never stopped believing that we would do what was best for the pets, donating to us even in difficult times. Their donations allowed us to pivot resources to where they were needed most to improve the lives of our neighbors and friends who depend on us as a resource, and to save those who do not always have an advocate on their side – the pets who found themselves homeless or without a family.

Third, our mighty crew of more than 100 volunteers and fosters. These amazing individuals continue to show up when we need them most—we cannot continue to provide second chances to pets in need without you.

Fourth, our adopters who have provided new homes for more than 1,000 pets in need. You are the warm, safe, loving family our pets deserve.

Lastly, our community of supporters who drop off donations, share our social media posts, spread knowledge of our services to those in need, attend virtual events, and always look for ways to help us fulfill our mission.

While in some ways, it feels as if we're beginning to emerge from a time of struggle and uncertainty, we know that there are still many hurdles to overcome. Until we find ourselves on the other side, we will be here for all pets and people who need us. **We are incredibly PROUD of how our community comes together to overcome the difficulties of this pandemic, and we cannot wait to begin to see you all together soon.**

With gratitude,

Carrie Ridgway

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Executive Director

LOOKING TO ADOPT? CONSIDER A LONG-TERM RESIDENT

National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day is celebrated on April 30, while National Rescue Dog Day takes place on May 20. We think adopting, rescuing, and celebrating the amazing pets in our lives should be done 365 days a year. **When you adopt, you can change the life of a homeless pet, and there's no doubt that the pet will also change your life – for the better.** At Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, we believe that adoptable pets deserve a second chance, and any pet accepted into our facility will get to stay at our Center until a loving home is found. We're sure you can guess that pudgy little puppies and cuddly little kittens get adopted within just a few days of becoming available. However, there are some pets who stay with us a bit longer, and even though they would make a great family pet or a perfect companion, it simply takes them a little more time to find the right match. We often refer to those dogs or cats as long-term residents. One such pet is Kusko. He first arrived at our Center in August of 2019 and was adopted to a loving family at the beginning of 2020. When caring for Kusko was no longer something that his family could do, they made the brave decision to return him to us this past March. While we were sad to have this guy back in our care, we knew that his family was heartbroken over the circumstances that led to his return. We vowed to give extra love and attention to this always smiling, always friendly boy, until he met his new family. While waiting to be adopted, pets in our care receive food, a comfortable environment, medical attention, and loving socialization from staff and volunteers. Some lucky pups even get to go out on fun day trips as part of our Riverside Rovers program. Kusko is a seven-year-old charmer, who loves everyone he meets (well, except if you're a cat - he's not too fond of felines). This social, outgoing boy loves swimming and playing in the water, enjoys being groomed, and is always up for a walk. Ask an adoption counselor about any of our long-term residents. *We're happy to share that Kusko was adopted!*

GET THRIFTY AND SAVE LIVES!

The Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center Thrift Store has become a large part of the organization's fundraising efforts to provide second chances for orphaned pets in our community. With support the Thrift Store receives from the community, the organization is able to use these funds to offset the expenses of spaying and neutering, vaccinations, and medical care. There are obviously many expenses that go into caring for animals and paying for the products necessary to ensure resident pets remain physically and behaviorally healthy. You can help by getting "thrifty" and shopping or donating to our store.

Hours & Location
Pet Adoption Center Thrift Store
9462 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA
Phone: 951-729-6617

Hours of Operation:
Monday thru Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday CLOSED (open for donations)

Donations Accepted: Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday only 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Please note, Christmas items will only be accepted September-February due to limited storage and retail space.

Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center is excited to launch our first annual Calendar Contest.

Welcome to our Calendar Contest! This photo fundraiser raises funds for our vital services which include animal sheltering and adoptions, spay/neuter and vaccine services, education programs for youth and adults, and so much more!

It's easy to participate! Visit our website at petsadoption.org, submit your favorite photo of your pet, then get your family and friends to vote for your pet's picture.

Win great prizes! These include having your pet featured on a full month spread of our 2022 calendar, and other special gifts. Plus, all photo entries with five votes or more are **GUARANTEED** inclusion in the calendar or on the collage pages!

Questions? Contact Carrie Ridgway at carrie@petsadoption.org or 951-688-4340 ext 313.

WHEN EXPERIENCE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Safe in the Hands of an Experienced Foster

In March, we reached out to Flo, our longest foster volunteer and expert with cats who are more than a little unsure about humans. We let Flo know that Reese needed her help. Reese was a pregnant cat, who could be handled, but wasn't too thrilled about it. Flo picked up Reese, took her home, and began the process of earning Reese's respect and trust. The first two nights were tough, as Reese continually cried when Flo wasn't in the same room as her. Sunday morning, Flo knew she needed to act and convinced Reese to get in the carrier to head to VCA Ontario. The bumpy ride to the hospital helped kick-start Reese's delivery and she was able to successfully deliver four babies. The process of building trust started over again as Flo needed to assess Reese's kittens and Reese needed to get used to that idea. After a few trials (with only a couple hisses and swats), Reese learned that good behavior led to treats, so she accepted Flo's help with her babies. It wasn't too long after that Reese was purring for pets and asking for attention. Sadly, one of Reese's kittens (Heath) fell ill and did not recover, despite emergency care and treatment.

Once again Flo was there for Reese as the two were able to comfort each other over the loss of little Heath. Reese continued her mama cat duties with her kittens until it was time for her to head back to the Pet Adoption Center. Staff couldn't get over the change in Reese when she came back; the cat they knew as a shy, frightful gal was now affectionate, friendly, and perfectly adoptable. In fact, Reese was adopted the very next day. We are thankful that Reese was given the opportunity to blossom while in Flo's care. And, we are extremely grateful for the time, effort, and love that Flo provided Reese and her kittens.

Flo has been fostering for the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center since 2011. That kind of experience is invaluable, which is why Flo was the perfect fit for helping with Reese and getting her one step closer to her second chance. Our foster parents are amazing individuals who are there for us and there for the most vulnerable pets in our care. We are appreciative of all they give to the Center and to the pets they care for. Thank you, Flo, for going above and beyond for any pet lucky to spend time with you. Congrats to Reese and to her new family – we are so happy to share your journey to adoption.

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FACILITY LOCATIONS

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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-Friday 7:30am-6pm
Appointments Required
951-977-8634

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

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Donations accepted until 4pm
Friday-Monday

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.

CONNECT

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