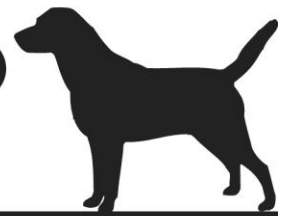


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## HOORAY FOR HOWLLYWOOD



The excitement is building for our **14<sup>th</sup> Annual 2K/5K Walk for the Animals** on **September 25<sup>th</sup>**! The event will be in Huntington Beach Central Park behind the library. The 'box-office' (registration) opens at 7:30 am and the walk kicks off at 9:00am. Starring as our **Grand Marshals** this year are **SNOOPY** and two-time winner of the Weinerschnitzel Weiner Nationals, **PENNY LANE!** Bring the kids and your cameras for this great photo op with these special **celebrities**. Taking center stage to host our event, we welcome back **Maria Hall-Brown** of **KOCE's Real Orange** and **Ken Borgers** of the **Jazz Knob Internet Radio**.

Our extravaganza always has the best **entertainment, prizes, vendors, rescue groups, doggie contests** and **super silent auction**. Thinking about starting your pup in agility? Our event is the perfect place to try them out on our **mini agility course!** The ever popular crowd fave, **Disc Dogs in Southern California**, will be putting on one of their incredible demonstrations with the dogs supplying all the special f/x you can handle! Get out your precious pup's SAG card and join the casting call for the **Best Movie Star Look-a-Like** and **Best Stunt** dog contests. And welcome back Jack! **Jack 93.1 FM** will be on paw to provide us all with music.

**Goodie bags** and **event tee shirts** are *first come, first serve*. Let's make a deal; you come to **John's Philly Grille** on **September 17<sup>th</sup>** to pre-register and I will **guarantee** you will get all your freebies. See enclosed flyer for details. While you are there don't miss out on John's **free fries** – they are simply fabulous!

Start collecting pledges now so you can be the winner of the **Grand Pledge Prize**. And for everyone who collects \$150 or more we have special gifts for you. You can **turn pledges in** at **pre-registration** on the **17<sup>th</sup>** then go out and collect more to turn in on event day.

We LOVE **packs!** Get your friends, family, work associates, classmates and clubs to form a pack and get a discount on the registration fee. We will introduce each pack during the program. Additional information and suggestions can be found on our website at **orangecountyspca.org**.

The headliners putting on this show are our incredible sponsors. We would like to send **sincere thanks** to: **Beach Boulevard of Cars, Advanced Veterinary Specialty Group, VPI Pet Insurance, Natural Balance Pet Food, Animalia, Senior Pet Products.com, Anderson & Kriger Attorneys at Law, Moose Pet Wear, Brixen & Sons, Camp Bow Wow-Anaheim, Centinela Feed & Pet Supply, Del Monte Foods and Subaru**. You are all the best!

To get this production in the can **we need some help**. The following props and craft service items are needed to make our event a mega hit! If you can provide us, or know someone who can, with any of the following please contact the office at 714-374-7738 or [ocspca@verizon.net](mailto:ocspca@verizon.net) : **10' U-Haul type truck** to be picked up Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> and returned Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>, free rental and delivery on **awnings, tables** and **chairs, coffee, donuts, fruit** and **water** for the participants. And most important of all is your **participation** to help make this the highest grossing event ever!

See you on **September 25<sup>th</sup>**!

Donna Calkin

Executive Producer

## PYOMETRA

*Dr. Heidi Strand, Owner Pro Pet Fix*

Almost everyone knows spaying and neutering saves lives by keeping animals out of shelters. But spaying and neutering is important to the individual health and well-being of your pet as well. In addition to preventing reproductive cancers, it prevents infections of the reproductive tract. Many a pet owner has put off spaying their dog or cat, only to find themselves dealing with an expensive and dangerous infection of the uterus called Pyometra.

Pyometra comes from the Latin roots *pyo* for *pus* and *metra* for *uterus*, and that's literally what it is. Normally the cervix protects the uterus from germs, but during estrus cycles the cervix opens, allowing bacteria to enter and flourish. These bacteria come from either the vagina or the intestinal tract. Pyometra is more common in dogs, and I have a suspicion it is because cats are just a little more clean "down there." (Which also explains why uterine infections are rare in women.)

Sometimes the pet will have discharge from the vagina, but often the cervix closes and the infection grows without symptoms. It is extremely difficult for the immune system to fight off pyometra because the environment of the uterus is perfect for bacteria. These bacteria, which often include *e. coli*, produce toxins. As toxins begin to be released into the bloodstream, the pet will usually begin to look depressed and lose their appetite. Other signs can include excessive thirst and urinating as the toxins begin to infiltrate the kidneys. The swelling uterus (can swell to more than 10 times normal size) is undoubtedly very painful, but pets can be very good at hiding their discomfort. If untreated, pyometra will rapidly progress to vomiting, diarrhea, and septic shock. At this point, an emergency spay must be performed or the pet will die. The surgery is dangerous because of the pet's illness, with hospitalization and intravenous antibiotics often required. Pyometra is at the top of every vet's rule-out list when we see a female, particularly middle-aged, that is "just not feeling right." We can treat it if it is caught early, but the best way to prevent it is to spay your dog or cat.



*Dr. Heidi Strand is the owner of Pro Pet Fix in Fullerton. Because of the OCSPCA's Animal Rescue Fund, her clinic is able to provide sterilization services for hundreds of Orange County cats and dogs yearly.*

## SWEETIE'S HEART SURGERY

*Karen Davidson*

I "adopted" this little 2-3 year old Jack Russell/Rat Terrier mix from a homeless man in Dana Point California. He said he was going to kill her because she was "possessed by demons". I finally convinced him to let me try to find a home for her. I planned to have her spayed and then find her a home, but in the examination prior to the spaying, the doctor found a heart murmur caused by a small hole in the upper part of her heart. The opposite side of the heart had enlarged to compensate for the hole, and would continue to enlarge, compromising surrounding organs and eventually her ability to provide oxygen to her lungs. She was given 1 year to live without surgery, but a normal life span if she had surgery. I am a 70 year old secretary in a real estate office. I was not prepared for the \$3000 cost of the life-saving surgery. Sweetie had lived on the street most of her life, eaten junk and walked 25-30 miles daily. She deserved a better life. I couldn't adopt her out - she had captured my heart. The cardiologist kindly reduced the \$3000 cost to \$2500. I contacted 32 animal groups and was fortunate to have gotten pledges from a few of them. **Your donation was very generous and appreciated.** I am grateful to the Animal Rescue Fund and to your members. You made a difference. Sweetie had her surgery Wednesday, April 20, and is doing very well. When her stitches were removed in May, there was no evidence of her previous heart murmur, indicating the hole in her heart has been successfully closed. She will be rechecked again to be sure the enlarged part of her heart is beginning to return to normal size. She has quickly returned to behaving like a normal Jack Russell-searching for bunnies, lizards or whatever else she can find as she explores her big, wonderful world. Thank you so much for caring about this little girl!



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## WE ARE NOT THE ASPCA

*Donna Calkin, President*

We often hear from people in our community proudly telling us they are donating monthly to the OCSPCA. When we check our mailing list and don't see their name, we contact them to let them know we have not been receiving their donations. The donor will then check their records and tell us they are indeed donating because the checks are clearly made out to the ASPCA. Sadly we have to tell them we are not related or affiliated with the ASPCA and all their donations have been going to New York to help animals in that state. They are always shocked to hear this news. The ASPCA has one shelter in New York City and is not the national headquarters for any other SPCA. Additionally, no organizations are connected to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) in Washington, DC or the American Humane Association (AHA) in Denver, Colorado. All humane organizations are separate entities. SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and humane society are interchangeable names for organizations doing the same work. Any humane organization can use SPCA in their name. You may ask why there are thousands of different groups doing the same thing? Though all the missions may be the same - to protect and care for animals – the goals, values and policies can vary greatly.

Sometimes we are even asked when we are going to send the tee shirts, totes, umbrellas, etc., that were promised with their donation. We have never offered premiums to our donors and we never share our mailing list. We appreciate the support we get from our donors and respect their privacy. We also do not feel our supporters want us to spend their donations to buy merchandise and pay postage to mail products to them. We ensure every dollar you send us is spent to help animals in every way possible.

***The Orange County SPCA works hard to save animals in our community.*** We are ONLY supported by individual contributions, volunteer assistance, and our fundraising events. We are NOT supported by any government agencies. We have no full-time employees - your donations truly go to help animals. Through the support of people like you, we have saved countless animals of every kind over the past 24 years and will continue to do so with you by our side. **THANK YOU.**



## THE GREAT CATNIPPER'S ADVENTURE

*Stacy Sweeting*

On Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the OCSPCA took 26 feral cats to a Catnippers clinic in Los Angeles to be spayed & neutered. Many volunteers made this possible by trapping, transporting and caring for these innocent animals until the day of the procedure. The volunteers spent the day waiting for the surgeries to be performed and for the cats to recover. Then the cats were brought back to OC and delivered to their proper caregivers. It was basically a 24 hour adventure!

Founded in 1999, Catnippers is a program of the Best Friends Animal Society in Utah which operates the nation's largest no-kill shelter. Catnippers is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing free or assisted spay/neuter services for feral (wild and stray) cats at bi-monthly clinics. The success and momentum of the program led directly to the establishment in 2007 of FixNation, a full-time version of Catnippers, where all of the high-volume clinics are now held.

Feral cat colonies are the result of cats that have been abandoned or allowed to reproduce by irresponsible pet owners. In Orange County alone, there are many thousands of feral cats repeatedly producing litters of kittens. Catnippers' mission is to reduce the population of feral cats by sterilizing as many as possible. By consistently demonstrating the effectiveness of trap-neuter-return (TNR) Catnippers is able to bring about changes in public policy so that TNR universally becomes the officially sanctioned and government-funded approach to feral cat management. The OCSPCA is a strong advocate of TNR by providing over 1,200 spay/neuter vouchers for feral cats each year in order to do our part in reducing the population problem. These vouchers are a component of our Orange County Cares About Cats (OCCATS) program. The OCSPCA is always looking for other ways and resources to help resolve the pet overpopulation problems. Did you know here in Orange County 75% of cats (feral and domestic) are euthanized? These numbers are not the fault of our shelters but the irresponsibility of cat owners who do not spay and neuter their pets and allow them to roam. That means even cute and cuddly kittens are being killed. There are just too many cats and not enough homes. The good news is there is a solution to this problem – please spay and neuter your pets! It's that simple...

## SINCERE THANKS FROM THE OCSPCA

Animalia for hosting their annual East Egg Hunt to benefit the Orange County SPCA. So many pups, so much fun!

Gail D. for donating a portion of the proceeds from her garage sale to our spay/neuter voucher program. Gail's donation has prevented hundreds of unwanted pets from being born that would have ended up in our shelters. Thank you Gail for your years of dedication to helping animals and saving so many lives.

Hazel Sanders for her donation from having a garage sale too. Hazel is an active volunteer with the OCSPCA's PAWS pet therapy program and also has served for 9 years on the Walk for the Animals committee.



**A very special thank you to Dan and Gail Lynch owners of Mutt Lynch's in Newport Beach. For the last 4 years we have been honored to receive the proceeds from their annual golf tournament. Because of their generosity we have been able to help even more pets than normal. Donations such as this are critical to our pledge program helping us to help low income pet owners save the lives of their best friends. Please stop by Mutt's to say thank you and enjoy a great meal. Let them know how much you appreciate their support of our work. Mutt Lynch's is located at 2300 W. Oceanfront, Newport Beach, 92663**

Cindy Sweeney, PAWS volunteer, for making a donation to Kindness Kids to buy books for our humane education school presentations.

**Congratulations Eric and Tracy Horowitz on your recent wedding!  
Thank you for putting the Orange County SPCA on your gift registry.  
The donations sent to us by your family and friends saved hundreds of lives  
through our spay/neuter and veterinary aid programs.  
Thank you for your thoughtfulness!**

## NO EMPTY BOWLS

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who help bag pet food and deliver it to Calvary Chapel West Grove Church and other locations to feed the pets of homeless owners. Program Chair Tracy Roberts, Stacy Sweeting, Katie Hyatt, Kim Pagones, Bob Bailey, Tom Sweeting, Judi Williams, Katie Slavin, Jeanie Carmichael, Mondo Medina, Shelly Castellano, and Sandy Ridout. Sincere thanks to Animalia, 16389 Bolsa Chica, Huntington Beach, for donating space in their wonderful store for the food collection bin. We are always in need of dry cat food so if you can help please stop by Animalia and while you are there do some shopping for your special pet.

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Screamin Daily Deals - save 50% to 90% and help animals while having fun  
[www.screamindailydeals.com](http://www.screamindailydeals.com) – Choose Orange County SPCA for your charity
- Sign up or refresh your Ralphs Club card  
[www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) our NPO is 82960
- Name us on your gift registry
- Donate in honor of a birthday, anniversary, good deed, friendship, favorite person
- Submit a Perfect Pet Photo
- Make a monthly pledge
- Sign up to donate through payroll deduction plan
- Donate your old car(s)

**EMAIL BLAST LIST:** Help us make every cent of your donations count. Sign up to receive our newsletter via email. Email blasts are the quickest way for us to contact you on the latest and greatest news. Don't be afraid! We won't abuse you and we would NEVER share or sell your information. Contact Katie at [ocspca@verizon.net](mailto:ocspca@verizon.net) and ask her to add you to the list.

## ANNIE'S CORNER

Annie's Corner was created in honor of a very special dog. If you would like to have a pet or loved one remembered here, please use the form on the back page. Be sure to include the name of the person or pet being honored or memorialized as well as an address if you would like a card sent to the family.



### In Memory of Friends & Family

**Joe Collins** ~ Ernest Kaai, Joyce Jespersen, Roger & Nancy Wilson, Harold & Sharon Miller  
**Ida Bernardine** ~ Catherine Abernathy  
**Don McLean** ~ Dell Branch 79 National Association of Letter Carriers/Robert McLean  
**Jennifer Blaisdell** ~ Vance Blaisdell  
**Carrie L. Miller**  
**Peg Richie** ~ Carrie Neikes  
**Karli Stein** ~ Elyse Wagner, Marla Soury, David Stein, & Richard Stein  
**Scott Stratford** ~ John & Adelle Grigolla & Family, Pinnacle Communications Services, Grigolla & Sons Construction Company, June Bardwil John Cleary & friends Westcal Tech, Tony & Yoshiko Gregg, PlanNet Consulting  
**Joe Collins** ~ Harold "Hap" Miller, Jetta Lennon, M & M Curtis  
**Harold "Hal" Gibson** ~ Patricia Eckenroth  
**Ronald Babel** ~ Marilyn & Jack Tippie  
**Olga Conzen** ~ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Keith  
**John Benson** ~ Betty & Bob Colley

### In Memory of Pets

**Donna** ~ The Kokanoutranon Family  
**Harley West** ~ Jan West  
**Cassie** ~ Janice Fisher  
**Zoey Barro** ~ Brandon Rombough & Stacey Rutter  
**Buster Weiss** ~ The Delmars  
**Sophie Derbyshire** ~ Valice Peyton  
**Cody Catzilla** ~ Janet & Kevin McDavid  
**Charlie & Jesse** ~ The Brookes Family

### In Honor of Family & Friends

**Zach Gold** ~ John Pezzolla  
**Jessica Mclin** ~ Fairmount Newport Beach  
**Eric Horowitz & Tracy Nameth** (Lucy & Noodle too) ~ David & Michelle Horowitz, Randy Lawrence & Lis Brola, Douglas T. Braverman, Brent & Nan Carder, Annie Shaw & Simone Beck, Frank & Debbie Rugani, The Golds & Elliots, Shaun & Lauren Westfall, Allison Stryker, Lynn & Douglas Freeman, Jeff & Brittany Horowitz, Grandma Jo, Uncle Dan & Sandy, and Christopher Jacobson

### In Honor of Pets

**All Animals** ~ Mary Decker  
**Roxy** ~ Cynthia Benton  
**Vinnie and Eddy** ~ Dylan & Jason Gunn



**A special loving farewell to our PAWS therapy dogs:**

*Tess ~ partner to Annie and Jim Reed*

*Max ~ retired partner to Ellen Schenk*

## LETTERS

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve the pets and their owners of Orange County. Thank you for sharing your stories with us!

*To the kind people helping our furry friends-Thank you so much for your ongoing work to benefit the needy animals. I have been inspired to give by the tireless efforts of one of your volunteers. I would like to contribute to the feral cat rescue program or wherever my donation is needed. ~ A.A.*

Thank you for sending me your impressive and informative newsletter and thank you for mentioning my precious pets Cookie, Snookie and Georgie. Here is another donation to help you in your worthwhile cause. God bless you all. ~ R. H

*Thank you for helping us get Zena spayed. And the clinic you referred us to, the people were truly nice and caring. Again, thank you. ~ Zena and S. H.*

Good Morning-I just wanted to say THANK YOU to you all for helping me pay for Darrell's surgery!! I am truly grateful that you did all did this for us! As soon as I am able to, I am going to make a donation so that your organization can continue to provide services to animals and families in need! May God bless you now and always! Much Love ~ D. C. (and Darrell)

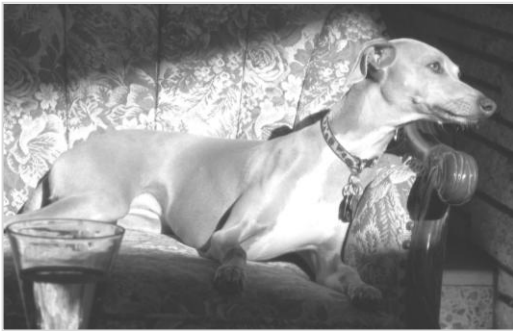


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**Yes, I wish to help the animals but do not want to become a member at this time.**

Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my donation for (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please circle one: In Honor In Memory Please circle one: pet or person**

**I would like to become a member of the Orange County SPCA:**

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 Patron \$100.00\_\_\_\_\_ Corporate \$500.00\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \$1,000.00

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Yes, please add my email address to your member distribution list for upcoming events and electronic newsletter. \_\_\_\_\_