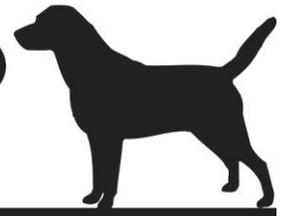


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HUMANE NEWS

Summer 2012

### **WOOFSTOCK IS COMING!**

Break out those frayed bellbottom jeans, tie dyed shirts, granny glasses, love beads, and headbands. Put a flower in your hair and join us for our **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for the Animals** on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** in Huntington Beach Central Park. Presenting sponsors for this year's happening event are **The Walking Company** and **Big Dog Sportswear**. Our other groovy sponsors are **Advanced Veterinary Specialty Group**, **Natural Balance Pet Food**, **Beach Boulevard of Cars**, **Animalia Pet Specialty Store**, **Bark City Dog Daycare**, **Centinela Feed**, **Senior Pet Products**, and **Jack 93.1 FM**. Hip celebrity co-hosts, **Maria Hall-Brown of KOCE's Real Orange**, and **Ken Borgers of the Jazz Knob Internet Radio**, will return to make this a mind blowing fundraiser. To lead the walk, we have Jack and his sidecar co-pilot Candi from **GW Segway Tours** in Huntington Beach who will also put on a demo for us. The cool pet contests will be **Best Far Out Trick** and **Grooviest Costume**.



You will have a blast watching **Disc Dogs in Southern California**, taking your furry buddy on the **mini agility course**, and vying for fabulous **pick your prizes** and **silent auction items**. Don't forget the quest to win the **Grand Pledge Prize** for the most pledges raised. Whoa dude! You even get a special prize if you raise \$150 or more! Did we mention **free fries**? Come to **John's Philly Grill** on **September 15<sup>th</sup>** to **pre-register** and pick up your tee and goodie bags. You will be rewarded with a serving of John's crazy delicious fries.

Have a lot of friends, family, work associates, or classmates you want to bring along? **Join as a pack!** Special discounts apply before September 15<sup>th</sup> for 5 or more entries. Your pack will be announced at the event. Pack members can raise pledges too and be eligible for individual pledge prizes.

To get this festival going, **we could use your help**. We need a **10 ft. U-Haul type truck, tables, chairs, awnings, donuts, fruit, and water**. If you can help with any of these items, or know of someone who can, please contact the office at (714) 964-4445 or email [ocspca@verizon.net](mailto:ocspca@verizon.net). But most of all, **WE NEED YOU** to make this our biggest and best event ever!

Peace out and see you all soon!

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### **HOLIDAY GREETING LETTER**

The outpouring of generosity to our Holiday letter was incredible! To each and every one of you who donated last year to help the pets listed in the letter and to those of you who donated for the pets we had yet to help, our very sincere thanks. We work hard to save pets from having to be put to sleep or from being relinquished to a shelter and we win most of the time because of your support. All our programs are dedicated to serving our community but our Animal Rescue Fund and Orange County Cares About Cats programs are the heart of what we do. Thank you so much for believing in us, for trusting us to use every dollar of your donation to save animals, and for helping us help them.

Sincerely,  
The Orange County SPCA Board of Directors

## 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!

Thank You! I am so glad I switched my donation from the ASPCA to the OCSPCA because I get emails from you and you do not waste money on regular mailings. Low overhead costs means more money goes to the animals. J.H.

Thank you, thank you!! You are so awesome. I really appreciate your urgency and helping me with



the expenses of her spaying. She is at the vet waiting to have the surgery this afternoon. This helps so much, you wouldn't believe it. Thanks again for faxing the voucher to the vet and covering the costs. Love you guys at OCSPCA. Blessings, M. M.

Thank you for your contribution toward Stevie's recent surgery on February 17, 2012. She's much better now, and I'm relieved and grateful to see her happy and healthy again. Your kindness and generosity will always be remembered. God Bless You for all of your humane cause and goodness of your heart for animals. Love always, R. F., Stevie and Roxie

I am 83 years old and not able to walk or give more. I love my pets, thank you for caring. E.G.

After my Little Guy was discharged to my care, he sleepily curled up in his Snuggle Sack on the platform of my mobility scooter. From there, we had to endure 1.5 hours on 2 different buses to get home, all during that time Peter dozed or looked sleepily up at me -- normally on the bus, he likes to say hi to our fellow travelers. I'm happy to report that Peter fared very well with the surgery & anesthesia. He lost six teeth & the growth hanging from his palette. The bill ran to the high end due to the number of extractions. The vet gave a "Good Sam" discount. With all the groups pitching in with their pledges, everything was paid in full -- and I'm deeply grateful to everyone who made Peter's treatment possible. I look forward to the day when I can "pay it forward" and actually donate to OCSPCA to help you continue to help more animals in need. I had no idea you had a program to help poor animal guardians with critical vet costs in addition to your traditional programs to protect animal from harm. Thank you again for helping Peter Pin & myself. Peter may not understand or have the ability to thank you, but if he met you, he'd befriend you & try to become your best friend (even without treats!)! S. P. & Peter Pin: the Super-Cyber Service Dog & MinPin Extraordinaire



*(ED note: Min Pin allergic reaction to bee sting - face swelled so disabled owner took dog on her mobility scooter several miles at night to the nearest 24 hour animal hospital. It was discovered at that time Peter had several abscessed teeth.)*

Thank You so much Bless your hearts & God Bless Zion's little heart he is such a sweet boy. Me & Zion both thank you for being a part of saving his Life. He is recovering well & back to enjoying his life. Words cannot say how grateful we truly are. R. M.

To everyone at the OCSPCA, I hope this card finds you and your families doing well. I want to thank your wonderful organization for your voucher support to help me help the forgotten creatures on the mean and ugly streets. I thank you all with all my heart. T.P. and animals

THANK YOU, Stacy! I truly appreciate all the time you've spent with me, offering assistance. Your contribution was a great relief to me in helping Frosty. I think he's feeling better after his painful teeth were removed, and the infection is being treated. I've brought him into my house, and am working on socializing him. Poor guy has had a tough life, but I can tell he's sweet. I'm dedicated to doing all I can to help him have a life of love and security. My heart aches for him...But he probably doesn't even realize the luck he stumbled into! Well, hopefully, he does recognize that he is well-fed, warm, and sheltered, and he's learning to associate those things with me, and my gentle petting. I also got the S/N voucher you sent me for Golden State Humane. "Mercy" is in my guestroom, becoming quite comfortable as an adoptable housecat, after having been rescued from the same junkyard as Frosty. She's adapted to a life of kitty luxury, though there's still some progress to be made. She'll be getting spayed soon. You and the other good people at OCSPCA are angels among us, and I will be forever grateful. On Thanksgiving I will be saying a special heartfelt "thank you" for everything you do to help animals and the people who care for them. I will be glad to help repay OCSPCA in some way, however and whenever I can. Meanwhile, please know that you are praised and admired. I wish you a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving! AK

Teddy says thanks for helping and he is very happy playing with my kids. We appreciate all your help. A. H.



Thank you, thank you, thank you. My heart is so full and although I do have a degree in English I simply can't put in words how grateful I am for your assistance. My little girl is home, less 8 teeth, and is already eating and getting around. She, and all of you, are so remarkable. Thank you again. As with most people owned by a pet, she is so important to me that words cannot convey how relieved and thankful I am for the fact that she is no longer in pain and able to eat. Thank you. L.C.

Dear Animal Lovers, Please use the enclosed donation for the services provided by the OCSPCA as there are so many animals that need love and caring-especially during these difficult economic times. With much appreciation-N.Y.

Dear OCSPCA (our angels), Thank you for your generous contribution towards "Highway's" medical bills. Her costs continue to grow, but your contribution was very helpful. Thank you for your excellent service and charity. So glad there are folks like you! B



Last year your group pledged funds to help with surgery to close a hole in the heart of my little Jack Russell rescue, Sweetie. Her surgery in April was completely successful. Today she is actively hunting for lizards and searching out all the cats in the neighborhood. She also does some 'redecorating' in my home. Enclosed is a donation in the hope you will be able to help someone else in need as you helped me. Thank you for your financial help and your caring...you made a difference. K.D. and Sweetie.

## BELLA'S STORY

*The following is a true story.*

When the call came I was not surprised. My cousin/brother had died. He was 83. He and I were raised like siblings. We were both "onlies". I was the daughter his folks never had and he was the son my folks never had. Most of our adulthood we were on different coasts but we still remained in contact, seeing each other every 5 or so years, and calling and e-mailing. He was the only one still alive that shared my childhood. Grief fell over me like rain, but I kept going. My next day at "Curves" Edna, who volunteers at the local shelter, was talking about a sweet dog named Isabel who had been at the shelter for a year. Her siblings had all been adopted but no one adopted Isabel. She was a favorite of the volunteers and they so wanted her to find a home. A light bulb went off in my head and that afternoon my husband and I went to meet Isabel. She is a quiet, shy rather nervous dog that apparently did not appeal to anyone until I came along. I fell in love instantly. We told them we would take her that very day. They had to spay her, pull some teeth and put in a chip. We picked her up 2 days later. I renamed her "Bella" and she is my little girl. She follows me everywhere and shakes with pleasure every time I come home. It was truly a win-win situation where we needed each other. She is such a comfort and joy for me. It is almost as if she was custom made for us. She is potty trained, and she is over that puppy chewing stage. Just recently I have learned that my Cousin/Brother's favorite dog was named-- yes, you guessed it -- Bella. Bella was from a puppy mill in Westminster.



She was one of 12 dogs. When the authorities brought them into the shelter they were in terrible condition--dirty, buggy etc. The gal in the Vet's office next door to the shelter said she had never seen dogs in

such poor shape. Bella was in the shelter for one year. For the first 6 months they were on police hold and could not even be walked!! The shelter finally went to the DA and got the hold lifted so they could be walked. They had to teach a few of the puppies how to walk. The Vet guesstimates Bella to be between 3 and 5 years. I think Bella was the mother of the rest and the puppy mill used her as a breeder. That is why she is over that puppy stage and is more reserved.

Peggy

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

In order to continue to help Orange County animals through programs such as our medical assistance and our spay/neuter campaigns, we need your help. Through these successful programs, the OCSPCA's visibility has significantly increased throughout Orange County. As a result of this, we have seen a major increase in the number of requests for assistance from pet owners. The Orange County SPCA operates exclusively on donations from the public and does not receive any government assistance. There is a common misconception that a national SPCA or parent organization provides support for the OCSPCA. Unfortunately, this is not true. All local SPCAs are individual, self-sustaining organizations. As such, we need your help to support animals in need throughout our community. Please use the enclosed envelope to send in a much needed donation today, or donate on our website at [www.orangecountyspca.org](http://www.orangecountyspca.org) using a credit or debit card. Thank you for your support.

## CANINE LITERACY

This letter is from an elementary grade school student in our Canine Literacy reading program:

*Dear Dory and Bo: Thank you for helping me get more confident during class. Before I met you I was SUPER shy. You helped me gain a lot of confidence and expression. When I was 6 or 7 I had to sell my dogs. I was sad and continued to stay like that. Then I met Bo. I felt like I have a dog and that made me happy to feel the experience again. So thank you very much. Hannah*

*(Dory's response: The other kids had made cute cards too, but when I read this one I couldn't help getting choked up and had to give Bo a big hug for giving this child something only he could give. How sweet...how amazing...how wonderful. Another reason I love this program!)*

## PLEASE LIKE US

We need our 5000+ supporters to help us spread the word: Please go to our Facebook page, Orange County SPCA-California, and hit the 'Like' button. We love reading your comments but to build our numbers remember to hit the button. Let your Like be heard!



"Like" us on Facebook today

## **PETS ARE WONDERFUL SUPPORT (PAWS) NEWS**

We had an unusual visit today. A patient had passed away earlier that morning and was still in bed with her family around her, and in the room with her. When they noticed the dogs in the hall, they asked us to come into the room because they could use some doggy therapy for themselves. Their mom/grandma had always loved the dogs, and they believed it was a nice thought that grandma had the dogs come in her room, to give some comfort to the family and to say goodbye to her...they couldn't thank us enough for coming in. – Coordinator Dory

I want to share about our experience with a young patient who has been at the facility the last 4 months recovering from a brain injury. His mother has been with him each time we visited. We've witnessed and been a part of his remarkable recovery. He has gone from barely speaking and only able to turn his head one direction, to sitting up, moving his head, hands, arms, legs and feet as well as talking and laughing. He remembers our dogs from the first time we came in to see to him. One of the first movements he did was to reach and pet our dogs. It was difficult and he needed help but he smiled and you could see happiness in his eyes. He has a long recovery ahead but we were all so touched to see how much better he was this month. His mother thanked us for being a part of his recovery. -Coordinator Kathi

We had a major breakthrough with one of the patients in his room. He is not able to be transported so we went in to visit. Stoli nuzzled his nose under the patient's hand and the patient actually moved his head towards Stoli and moved his hand in an attempt to pet him. The patient's sister was there and made the comment to her mom that the patient had made these movements. The mom got all excited and Stoli was a champ and just sat there. Kumo was brought in next and got the same response. Sammi isn't as tall as either Stoli or Kumo so the mother asked if I could put Sammi on her son's lap. I put Sammi on his lap and he reacted with both hands and moved his head to look at Sammi. We've been visiting this boy for about a year and this is the first time we've gotten any kind of reaction out of him. It was nice for it to occur with his family there. -Coordinator Ross

The kids loved getting pictures of all the dogs and everyone had a great time. We had one new shy girl who finally was persuaded to hug the dogs and decided they were ok after all.

-Coordinator Lee

Our visit was well received as always. The adult ward has an older lady that speaks only Spanish. She wouldn't pet any of the dogs at first, but after touching a couple, wanted to give them kisses. She cried when she gave Aiden a kiss and told me thank you (in Spanish of course). Very touching to say the least. Sarah had brought a young woman from another ward to see our dogs. She was very taken by Cody and she petted Cody for the entire time we were there. In the adolescent room, Tilly was the star. The girls were very much in love with that little black and white face. Of course, Tilly eats it up like candy. It's always a good feeling when you know your dogs are touching these lives, whether it is tears, smiles or simple hugs and thank you. Many thanks to our teams who participate in these life altering events. -Coordinator Cindy

## **NO EMPTY BOWLS**

Our sincere thanks to Chris Jacobson of Dachshund Haven of Garden Grove Rescue and Sanctuary for generously donating dog food to our program for homeless pet owners. Additional thanks to Dory and Jerry Van Weerdenburg for volunteering their time to pick up the food and storing it in their garage and to Sandy and Jerry Ridout for their continued support.



Eggstra super fun was happening at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Animalia Egg Hunt benefitting our No Empty Bowls program. More than 35 dogs dipped their noses into colorful eggs that were filled with goodies. Baskets of thanks to Lissa and Mary of Animalia for hosting the event and to Joe Lascola of California K9 Kitchen for providing the treats and prizes.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

***Our phone numbers have changed:  
(714) 964-4445 and fax (714) 964-4449***

**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 Person***

Tiffany Martin for Dottie Snyder  
 ACS FSG Sales Team for Kathy Geer  
 Bill & Katie Slavin for Kathy Geer  
 Judy Cimorell for Kathy Geer  
 Mike & Kris Burns for Phyllis Demler  
 Diane Uehlinger for Doris Uehlinger  
 Gisler School for Nancy Graves  
 City of Irvine Community Development Dept for Beverly Ann Polson  
 Jim & Susan Barnett Mary Lou Orr  
 Mary McCollough for Mary Lou Orr  
 Gerald Reed for Herschel's buddy – Will Reed  
 Animal Dermatology Clinic/Wayne Rosendrantz for Dr. Jack Miller

Richard & Betty Barr for Joanne Fukayama  
 Susan & Tom Patty for Roberta Thomson  
 The Wadleigh Family for Carol Lee McLoughlin  
 Marilyn Crilley for Larry Mitcheltree  
 Brion Munsey for Michele Munsey  
 Stacy Campbell-Sweeting for Patricia June Campbell  
 Chuck Simpson for Francine Fong Simpson  
 The Sweeney Family for Chuck Olsen

Blake Sweeney for Chuck Olsen  
 Connie White for John Swint  
 Carolyn & Don Honer for Alma Priester  
 Lisa Parks for Ms. Gaye Rushing

***In Memory of Pet***

Lan Farrell for Angel  
 Jan West for Harley West  
 Pamela Stanfield for Murphy Wielenga  
 Marti Schauer for Chandler  
 Mark Rodriguez for Old Lady  
 Winston & Sarah Taitt for Ian  
 Jayne Hansen for Taffy  
 Kyle Myers for Maggie  
 Peter Mitchell for Cleo & Simba  
 Richard Bach for Mulligan & Peppermint Patty  
 Paige Strayer for Elijah & Jessie  
 Mike & Terry Dolce for Emma Tice  
 The Wacky Wahines for Chaps Rieser-Bacchi  
 Donna Calkin for Cheswick, Woo & Pumpkin my sweet buddies  
 The Wacky Wahines for Sunny Boy Sweeting

Judy Amao for Pygmy  
 Linda & Kevin Brown for Toby  
 Dianne & Varun Sapra for Fenway  
 William Schmidt for Charlie  
 Darcie Ava & Anthony Almada for Cody  
 Happy Dog Mobile Grooming for Jimmy Stones  
 Janice Towner for Dudley & Katie  
 Lisa & Tess Fox for Kobe  
 Dirk & AJ Vander Ende for Mineu  
 Maria Din for Milo  
 Beau Randles for Jake  
 Julie Wickser for Tasha  
 The Sweeting Family for Sunny Boy  
 Happy Dog Mobile Grooming for Sammi Gough (PAWS therapy dog)

***In Honor of Pet***

Amy Zanze for Jude  
 Sue Showler for Kidders – holiday gift  
 Hillary & Steve Haas for Trouble  
 Tim Morse for Gizmo

Lynn Hoang for BooBoo  
 Jeff Fenner for Scrapper  
 Ambra Roth for Noli

**~ A SPECIAL LOVING FAREWELL TO OUR PAWS THERAPY DOGS AND VOLUNTEERS ~**

Volunteer Jim Reed who moved on to be with his PAWS partner Shoeless Joe  
 Volunteer Pat Henka Cinder, partner to Angie Spencer  
 Madison, partner to Lee and Cindy Woxen Georgia, partner to Laurie Shapiro  
 Zoe, partner to retired team member Susan Cochran Kumo, partner to Lauren Fukuoka  
 Molly, partner to Janet McBeth Sammi, partner to Ross Gough

*A special good-bye to our Walk for the Animals committee member Kathleen Geer who left us to join her beloved Cutter  
 ~ The Wacky Wahines*

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**Yes, I wish to help the animals but do not want to become a member at this time.  
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Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my donation for (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
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