



SAVE OUR STRAYS OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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SOSHB is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of lost and stray pets of Huntington Beach.

Pancake Breakfast in the Park 8th Annual Fundraiser – September 15, 2007

It's time again for our annual pancake breakfast! So, bring your family and friends (two-legged and four-legged) to the eighth annual SOSHB pancake breakfast in Lake Park (off Lake St. between 11th and 12th Sts.) from 8:00am to Noon on Saturday, September 15, 2007.

This year, some of our raffle prizes include:

- Brunch for Four at the Waterfront Hilton
- Passes to Disneyland
- A Trader Joe's gift bag
- LA Zoo Passes
- Car wash gift certificate
- Peet's Coffee gift basket
- Gift certificates to dry cleaners, restaurants, hair salons and much, much more!



Raffle tickets for these terrific prizes will be sold throughout the morning.

Stop by and visit with some of our vendors like the animal communicator, dog groomer, dog apparel and other vendors with great pet related products and services.

Also, Orange County Animal Care Services will hold pet adoptions for some wonderful dogs and cats who need a loving home.

The cost for all this fun is still only \$7 per person, payable at the "door". Come early to get your raffle tickets, the longer you are there, the better your chances to win one (or more) of the great prizes. For more details, visit our website at www.SaveOurStraysHB.org or email SaveOurStraysHB@aol.com or call 714-442-1446.

Letter From A Friend

Dear Karen and Save Our Strays,
 Thank you for the generous donation for the rabbits of HB. People turning rabbits loose, unspayed or neutered is such a growing problem. I get calls weekly and it's overwhelming as well as heart breaking. Catching the rabbits by Cathy's was a real show but after several early morning tries it was accomplished. They were spayed or neutered (All three females were pregnant when we took them in). When you think a female can get pregnant 10 hours after giving birth and have a litter every month the number of lives SOS kept from the sad life of fending for themselves and the horrors that come with that is huge. Again thank you for all that SOS does for the animals of Huntington Beach.

Sincerely,
Beverly M. Wallace

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If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

– Mark Twain

Keeping Your Membership Current

When we mail you your newsletter, we have a date just above your name. If your date is highlighted, it means it's time to renew your S.O.S. membership. Your membership fees helps to cover printing and mailing costs of the newsletter and misc. other fliers throughout the year.

THANKS to our Sponsors & Patrons!

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SOSHB Membership Information

Save Our Strays offers numerous membership levels. **To join or renew**, please use the form below. Your membership expiration date appears on the address label of the SOSHB newsletter.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$15

Includes a year's subscription to *Stray News* and discounts at SOSHB events throughout the year.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$25

Includes a year's subscription to *Stray News* and discounts for the whole family at SOSHB events throughout the year.

PATRON \$50

Patrons receive all the benefits of a Family Membership and are listed in *Stray News* and on the SOSHB website.

SPONSOR

Sponsors receive all the benefits of a Family Membership and are listed in *Stray News* and on the SOSHB website.

Four levels of sponsorship exist:

Sponsor	\$100	Gold Sponsor	\$500
Silver Sponsor	\$250	Platinum Sponsor	\$1000

SOSHB Membership/Order Form

Use this form to pay SOS dues and/or to order shirts & frames.

Membership: Sponsor \$100
 Individual \$15 Silver Sponsor \$250
 Family \$25 Gold Sponsor \$500
 Patron \$50 Platinum Sponsor \$1000

T-Shirts: \$10 member \$15 non-member
 Select T-shirt color: White Grey
 # of shirts requested in each size: ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Crewneck Sweatshirts: \$20 member \$25 non-member
 # of shirts requested in each size: ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL
 Available in several shades of pure white.

Hooded Sweatshirt: \$25 member \$30 non-member
 # of shirts requested in each size: ___L ___XL ___XXL
 Available in Westie White, Bichon White or Samoyed White.

License Plate Frames: 1 for \$5 2 for \$8
 SOSHB will not mail frames. Call 714-442-1446 to arrange pick-up.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Email (optional): _____

Phone (optional): _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Add \$5 per shirt for shipping/handling, or call 714-442-1446 for pick-up.)

Mail this form with your money order or check (payable to SOSHB) to:

Save Our Strays of Huntington Beach
P.O. Box 4083
Huntington Beach, CA 92605-4083

CONGRATULATIONS, You're Expecting A Baby!

If your family already includes a pet, you'll need to help that first "baby" adjust to the new one you'll soon bring home. You can help your pet cope with this big change in much the same way parents help children understand that a new brother or sister will be joining the family. By following the tips below, you can ease your pet's stress, help her welcome your new baby, and ensure that your pet stays where she belongs-with you and your growing family.

Can I Keep My Cat?

If you're pregnant, you've probably heard of toxoplasmosis because it can cause serious birth defects. However, toxoplasmosis is a rare disease in the United States and is one that can easily be avoided. Keep in mind that the odds of contracting toxoplasmosis during pregnancy are extremely low, and even lower for your baby. Being pregnant does not mean you have to give up living with and caring for your beloved cat. Toxoplasmosis is easily avoided, just follow these simple steps to reduce the risk:

- Avoid handling or eating uncooked meat.
- Be certain to wash all cutting boards and utensils that may have come in contact with meat before using them to prepare other foods.
- Keep your cat safely indoors and away from wildlife.
- Have someone else clean the litter box daily.
- If you must clean the litter box, wear rubber gloves and thoroughly wash your hands afterward.
- Feed cats only commercially prepared cat food.

How Can I Prepare My Pet?

Your dog or cat was your first "baby" and is used to being the center of your attention. So it's understandable that she may experience something akin to sibling rivalry. You can minimize this feeling by working with her before you bring home your baby.

- Take your pet to the veterinarian for a routine health exam and necessary vaccinations.
- Spay or neuter your pet.

- Consult with a veterinarian and pediatrician if the thought of your newborn interacting with the family pet makes you uncomfortable.
- Address any pet training and behavior problems.
- Get your pet used to nail trims.
- Train your pet to remain calmly on the floor beside you until you invite him on your lap, which will soon cradle a newborn.
- Consider enrolling in a training class with your dog, and practice training techniques.
- Encourage friends with infants to visit your home to accustom your pet to babies. Supervise all pet and infant interactions.
- Accustom your pet to baby-related noises months before the baby is expected. For example, turn on the mechanical infant swing, and use the rocking chair. Make these positive experiences for your pet by offering a treat or playtime.
- To discourage your pet from jumping on the baby's crib and changing table, apply double-stick tape to the furniture.
- If the baby's room will be off-limits to your pet, install a sturdy barrier such as a removable gate (available at pet or baby supply stores) or, for jumpers, even a screen door. Because these barriers still allow your pet to see and hear what's happening in the room, he'll feel less isolated from the family and more comfortable with the new baby noises.
- Talk to your pet about the baby, using the baby's name if you've selected one.
- Sprinkle baby powder or baby oil on your skin so your pet becomes familiar with the new smells.
- Finally, plan ahead to make sure your pet gets proper care while you're at the birthing center.

With proper training, supervision, and adjustments, you, your new baby, and your pet should be able to live together safely and happily as one (now larger) family.

Search Engine Donates to SOSHB

A new search engine, Goodsearch.com, as seen in Oprah Magazine, ABC News and the New York Times, will donate to Save Our Strays of Huntington Beach whenever you use GoodSearch to search the internet.



GoodSearch is a search engine with a unique social mission. It's powered by Yahoo!, so you get the same great search results. Now you can help our organization simply by using them to search the internet. The more people who use the site, the more money will go to support Save Our Strays. So please spread the word to your family and friends.

It's very simple to use. Just go to the website, www.GoodSearch.com, under the charitable organization, type Save Our Strays of Huntington Beach (please make sure you include "Huntington Beach" as there are other Save Our Strays organizations), click the button to "verify." Once you have received the verification, just use the search engine like you normally would to search the internet for information.

As you're surfing, you are also donating!
What could be easier!

The logo for GoodSearch, featuring the word "GoodSearch" in a large, rounded, sans-serif font. The "oo" in "Good" is stylized with a horizontal line through it.



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar! Events are held in Huntington Beach unless otherwise noted. For more information about events, call SOSHB at 714-442-1446.

Sept 8 Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am
Del Mar Mobile Estates Clubhouse
19251 Brookhurst Street
(between Garfield and Yorktown)

Sept 15 Pancake Breakfast in the Park
8:00am–12:00pm *Lake Park, HB*

Nov 17 Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am

Dec Pet Photos with Santa Claws

For more information or volunteer opportunities, visit our website at www.SaveOurStraysHB.org or call 714-442-1446.