



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 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser – September 13, 2008

It's time again for our annual pancake breakfast! So, bring your family and friends (two-legged and four-legged) to the Ninth Annual SOSHB Pancake Breakfast in Lake Park (off Lake Street between 11th and 12th Streets) from 8:00am to Noon on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

This year, some of our raffle prizes include:

- 🐾 Passes to Disneyland
- 🍷 Pie a month for a year from Polly's Bakery
- 🐾 A Trader Joe's gift bag
- 🍷 Free Night's stay at the Waterfront Hilton
- 🐾 Free Night's stay at the Anaheim Marriott  
*(just two blocks from Disneyland Park and there are street trolleys to and from the Park)*
- 🍷 Dinner at the BJ's Restaurant and Brewery
- 🐾 Gift certificates to dry cleaners, restaurants, hair salon 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.

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.SaveOurStrays.org](http://www.SaveOurStrays.org) or email [SaveOurStraysHB@aol.com](mailto:SaveOurStraysHB@aol.com) or call 714-442-1446.

## SCART 2008 Pet Fair in the Park

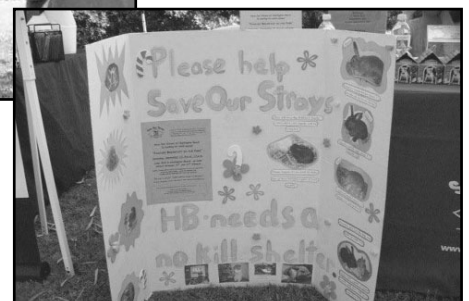
Surf City Animal Rescue Team (SCART) hosted its third annual "Pet Fair in the Park" on Sunday, August 17th in Central Park in Huntington Beach. SCART is a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to respond to animal needs and assist other agencies during a crisis or disaster.

Save Our Strays set-up a booth at the event, along with lots of other vendors. SOSHB volunteers Linda and Randy Crossley, Leslie and Madison Correia, Sharon and Chloe Davis and Karen Chepeka manned the SOS booth. They handed out fliers about our low-cost spay/neuter and microchip program as well as raised over \$65 for some special bunnies who needed medical assistance. Participating in this event went a long way toward educating our community, specifically about the fact that Huntington Beach does not currently have its own animal shelter.

There were lots of activities, including agility events and a raffle, as well as a vast amount of education about available animal services. A great time was had by all and we plan on attending again next year.



front: Chloe Davis and Madison Correia  
back: Karen Chepeka, Linda and Randy Crossley



# 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.

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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

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### SPONSOR

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Four levels of sponsorship exist:

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Gold Sponsor</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Silver Sponsor</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>Platinum Sponsor</b>	<b>\$1000</b>

## SOSHB Membership/Order Form

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

### Membership:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$100           |
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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**  
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**Huntington Beach, CA 92605-4083**

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## New Cats on the Block

When bringing a new kitty into a household that already has a feline presence, conflicts may arise. Many conflicts between cats can be prevented by arranging initial meetings and introductions that prevent either cat from being fearful or aggressive. Pet parents taking home a new kitty should never put two cats together and let them “work it out”. These same procedures can be used with existing cats who aren’t getting along; a gradual reintroduction can help ease the tension.



- ❖ When you bring your new cat home, don’t allow your current cat(s) to see him. Put the new cat in one room in your home with all the necessities—food, water, litter box, scratching post and toys.
- ❖ Take several old towels or washcloths and rub each cat with one. Take the cloth that has the new cat’s scent and put it places in the house where your resident cat likes to be, such as her favorite resting place, underneath her food dish, and in your lap. Place the cloth with your resident cat’s scent in the new cat’s room.
- ❖ Swap locations frequently: Confine your resident cat to the new cat’s room, and allow your new cat freedom in the house to explore her new digs.
- ❖ Stage controlled cat encounters on either side of the closed door where one cat is confined. Encourage both cats to approach their side of the door by making something good happen when they do, and help each cat associate the other with pleasant feelings. The cats should be calm and relaxed in response to each other’s scents and sounds before they are allowed to see each other.
- ❖ Allow limited visual encounters between the cats by wedging the door open just a few inches. When neither cat is fearful or aggressive, you can allow supervised contact between them.

There are some pairs or groups of cats who will never adjust to one another, and in extreme cases, it’s probably better to find one of more of them a loving home. But with careful introductions, an understanding of cat behavior, and a few simple changes to the home environment, parents can play a role in helping felines becomes friends.

## The Story of “Grayson”

Save Our Strays receives many emails from rescue groups and individuals looking for homes for all types of animals. We have a fairly successful adoption rate, about 30%-40%. It always improves the chance of adoption when the email is accompanied by adorable photos and a touching story about the pet. One such email touched many hearts and lead to a very successful adoption.

“Grayson” was found on a cement side yard when his mommy was scared away by some cement workers. She took his twin brother but was too afraid to go back for “Grayson”. He was only a few weeks old and needed to be bottle fed.

Grayson was found by the owners of the home where his Mommy was trying to raise them. Fortunately, through talking with neighbors, Barbara Beck was contacted or otherwise there would have been a very sad outcome.

As these precious photos show, he was a good eater from his bottle. He was very healthy and friendly. Barbara sent an email to SOS and it was sent out over our distribution list. Very shortly, a family in Huntington Beach with two daughters, contacted Barbara and a home visit was scheduled. The family fell in love with “Grayson”, now called “Skittles” and the rest, as they say, is history.



He now has a wonderful, forever home and is thriving. He is very spoiled and is very much loved by his adopted family.

While not all these stories have such a happy ending, this one is very special.



# Letter From A Friend

Dear Beverly,

Bambi and I are grateful for your help in getting Bambi spayed and licensed. Bambi is back to her frisky self and the scar is disappearing fast. I hope someday I can meet you face to face.

Thank you for your patience and helpful advice.

Sincerely,  
Olive "Sunny" Zimmerman

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

**Sept 13 Pancake Breakfast in the Park**  
8:00am–12:00pm *Lake Park, HB*

**Nov 15 Volunteer Meeting** – 10:00am

**Dec 6 Pet Photos with Santa Claws**  
10:00am–2:00pm  
*Pet Supply (Huntington Beach)*

For more information or volunteer opportunities, visit our website at [www.SaveOurStraysHB.org](http://www.SaveOurStraysHB.org) or call 714-442-1446.

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