



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 10th Annual Fundraiser – September 19, 2009

It's time again for our annual pancake breakfast! So, bring your family and friends (two-legged and four-legged) to the tenth annual SOSHB pancake breakfast in Lake Park (off Lake St. between 11th and 12th Sts.) from 8:00am to Noon on Saturday, September 19, 2009.

This year, some of our raffle prizes include:

- 🐾 Passes to Disneyland
- 🐾 Dog Grooming and pet sitting gift certificates
- 🐾 Passes to the San Diego Wild Animal Park
- 🐾 Free Night's stay and breakfast at the Hyatt Regency HB
- 🐾 Passes for free car washes
- 🐾 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 with great pet related products and services. Cat adoptions will be hosted by Cat Connection Rescue Network, Inc.

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.



Ralphs Grocery "Rewards" – A Great Success

Ralphs Grocery and Save Our Strays teamed up earlier this year to raise funds for our cause. The program has been a great success, raising \$232.95 in the first half of 2009. Loretta Fleming was the top sales generator for the program so far this year.

All of you who are currently active in the program will remain so until August 31, 2009. Starting September 1, 2009, participants will be required to register for the new term at www.Ralphs.com or by using the scanbar letter at the cash register in your local Ralphs store.

Please don't miss out on this easy fundraising program. All you have to do is shop as you normally would at Ralphs and use your Rewards card with each purchase. A portion of all sales will be donated to Save Our Strays. What could be easier?? To register online, just follow these easy steps:

- Go to www.Ralphs.com
- Click "Services", then click on "School Programs"
- Click on "Community Contributions", then "Learn More"
- Click on "Participant", then "Enroll"
- Be sure to have your Ralphs Reward card available and then register your card with Save Our Strays of Huntington Beach by following the online directions.

If you do not have a Ralphs Reward card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Ralphs store.

If you do not have online access, you can sign-up by calling 1-800-443-4438.

Wags and Purrs to Ralphs for creating such a great community program!

Keeping Your Membership Current

When we mail you your newsletter, we have a date just below 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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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
Diamond Sponsor	\$5000		

SOSHB Membership/Order Form

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

Membership:

- Individual \$15
 Family \$25
 Patron \$50
- Sponsor \$100
 Silver Sponsor \$250
 Gold Sponsor \$500
 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:

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Huntington Beach Named “Dog Town USA”

Huntington Beach, also known as “Surf City USA”, has been named “Dog Town USA” in the category of medium-sized cities by Dog Fancy magazine.

Dog Fancy is one of the mostly widely read dog magazines in the world. The magazine researches cities each year after a public nomination period to discover cities that “receive dogs with open arms and provide them with the joys of life”; according to Dog Fancy magazine editor Susan Chaney.

Criteria used to select the winning city included plenty of dog-friendly open spaces and dog parks, events celebrating dogs and their owners, high vet-to-dog ratios, abundant pet supply and other services, high percentage of dogs who are spayed and neutered and municipal laws that support and protect all pets.

Chaney did an awards presentation at the July 20 City Council meeting.

This is a huge honor for Huntington Beach and all of us in the animal community are very proud. Of course, we have all known this for quite some time.

However, for Huntington Beach to truly be “the most dog friendly city in the US”, we need the one, most important

thing we currently don’t have, a pro-humane animal shelter for our City. Our four-legged friends deserve to have a safe, clean and caring facility to go to while they wait for their caregivers to find them or while they wait to be adopted into a loving home. Dogs and their human companions should not have to be concerned that their animals will be put to death due to lack of space or because they are frightened and/or shy and therefore deemed “unadoptable”.

There is a perfect piece of property available for a shelter in Huntington Beach at the old gun range on Gothard St. The City is currently in the process of completing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for this site. The target date for the EIR and RAP to go before the Planning Commission is January 26, 2010 with a Public Hearing to follow on February 9, 2010. This action precedes any action toward determining what will ultimately occupy the gun range site.

Make your voice heard and write to your City Council members at city.council@surfcity-hb.org. We are planning on attending several City Council meetings as the dates get closer, please plan on attending (more info to come).

Together, we can make this happen for our City.

Letter From A Friend

Dear Save Our Strays,

I wanted to send your organization a thank you for helping me finance getting my cat spayed and microchipped. This means so much to me! Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,
Holly Haggmark

Don't Forget to Use GoodSearch.com

Just go to the website, www.GoodSearch.com, under the charitable organization, type Save Our Strays of Huntington Beach, click the button to “verify”. Then just use the search engine like you normally would to search the internet for information.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Gone But Not Forgotten

A donation was made to Save Our Strays in Memory of Spud, beloved pet of Chris and Debbie Duncan. He was the joy of their lives and will be greatly missed. Our four-legged friends bring us great joy during their lives and great sorrow when they are gone but not forgotten.

Spay/Neuter Program Update

In May, Save Our Strays had to temporarily suspend our low-cost spay/neuter/microchip program due to lack of funding. The City of Huntington Beach was unable to support the program in 2009 due to budget constraints.

We were able to obtain a \$5000 grant from the DJ & T Foundation, the foundation set-up by game show host Bob Barker. The grant allows us to offer spay/neuter services for dogs only. To be eligible for this program, residents of Huntington Beach must be considered low income, Medicare or Medi-Cal recipients. Those who qualify will receive a voucher to take to Beach Blvd Pet Hospital, who is the veterinary hospital we are using for this program. They generously offered special rates which will allow the funding to go a lot farther.

The great thing about this grant is that when the funds run low, we can re-apply again without any time constraints.

The first week of the program, we had five residents who qualified and we have another five who will be having their dogs spayed/neutered in the next couple of weeks.

If you or someone you know qualifies for this great service, please call us at 714-442-1446.

We anticipate we will be able to offer low-cost services for cats in October, after the "10th Annual Pancake Breakfast in the Park". Funds raised from this event will go to directly to support the low-cost spay/neuter program.

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.

- Aug 23 Surf City Animal Response Team "SCART"**
4th Annual Pet Fair in the Park
Park Bench Cafè – 10:00am-2:00pm
17732 Goldenwest Street
- Sep 12 Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am**
Del Mar Mobile Estates Clubhouse
19251 Brookhurst Street
(between Garfield and Yorktown)
- Sep 19 Pancake Breakfast in the Park**
8:00am-12:00pm
Lake Park
- Nov 14 Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am**
- TBD Pet Photos with Santa Claws**

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



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