



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

13th Annual Fundraiser – September 21, 2013

It's time again for our annual pancake breakfast! So, bring your family and friends (two-legged and four-legged) to the twelfth annual SOSHB pancake breakfast in Lake Park (off Lake St. between 11th and 12th Sts.) from 8:00am to Noon on Saturday, September 21., 2013. Each year proves to be bigger and better than the previous year.

This year, some of our prizes for the opportunity drawing include:

- 🐾 A signed lithograph from renowned sea life artist Wyland , “Celebrating the Sea” (valued at over \$1500)
- 🐾 An autographed photo of Angels baseball player Jerome Williams
- 🐾 Theatre tickets (The Laguna Playhouse, South Coast Repertory, HB Playhouse)
- 🐾 Tickets to Sea World, Aquarium of the Pacific, San Diego Zoo
- 🐾 Disneyland passes for four
- 🐾 Tickets to Captain Dave’s Dolphin and Whale Safari
- 🐾 Trader Joe’s gift bag
- 🐾 Gift certificates to Mario’s Restaurant, Lazy Dog Café, K1-Speed, Dog’s Day Out, hair salons and much, much more!



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

There will also be dogs, cats and birds available for adoption from Gimme Shelter Pets, German Shepherd Rescue of Orange County, The Lily Sanctuary and California Greyhound Adoption Promotion. If you are looking for a new family member, this might just be the place for you.

Stop by and visit with some of our vendors with great pet related products and services, including, Avon, Pet Supply, Dognabitt.com, Pawsitively For Dogs, JustFoodForDogs, Laura’s Natural Images, Origami Owl Custom Jewelry, Finding Rover and Kat’s Kreations.

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.

Tips for a Cause

If you have ever visited the Peter’s Landing Farmers Market on a Saturday afternoon, you have probably seen or visited Wink’s Lobster and Seafood.

Not only do they serve delicious lobster sandwiches, but the owner, “Wink”, sponsors a program called “TIPS for a Cause”. Each month a different charity is selected and Wink’s Lobster puts out a tip jar to collect funds for that charity.

His philosophy is one of giving:

“We feel it’s the duty of large and small businesses alike to give back to the local communities that help support them by contributing to charitable organizations. As a small business that wants to help, we’ve decided to donate 100% of all “tips” we receive from our customers to philanthropic causes. Each month we will choose a new charity to donate to.”

For the month of June 2013, Save Our Strays was selected as their charity. Patrons were extremely generous and Wink’s had one of their biggest donation months with a collection of \$203.24 for our cause.

Wags and purrs to Wink’s for their generosity and support!

Is It True That Dogs are Color-blind?

Dogs do see color but, much like color-blind humans, they have difficulty distinguishing between certain hues. Humans have three types of cones (the cells in the eye that recognize color); dogs have only two. As a result, they see fewer colors than we do and these colors are less rich (cats also have two types of cones and they see colors even less vividly than dogs).

The common form of color-blindness in people is red-green color blindness and that’s really what dogs have too. For dogs, the rainbow is reduced to two colors, blue at one end and yellow at the other, with colorless bands where pure red and pure green would be.

But don’t feel too sorry for your pup; what dogs lack in color-perceiving cones they make up for in an abundance of rods, the cells in the eye that aid night vision. They are also good at spotting movement, which is why your dog is aware of every squirrel in your yard even when he’s got all four paws inside.

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.

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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.

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.

SPONSOR

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

NEW T-Shirts: \$15 member \$20 non-member

Select T-shirt color: Purple Navy Turquoise

of shirts requested in each size: ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Crewneck Sweatshirts: \$20 member \$25 non-member

Select color: White Grey

of shirts requested in each size: ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Hooded Sweatshirt: \$25 member \$30 non-member

Select color: White Grey

of shirts requested in each size: ___L ___XL ___XXL

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

Estate Planning for Pets

Save Our Strays constantly receives email and calls from people trying to place pets who had belonged to someone who has passed away, someone placed in a facility which does not allow pets and/or have become incapacitated and unable to care for their pets.

Why don't pet parents have plans in place to ensure their pets are taken care of? Many falsely believe that a family member will take care of their pet for them. A lot of them think they will outlive their pets. And, death and disability are topics many people refuse to face.

Fortunately, there are options for ensuring your pet's future isn't left up to blind luck but it does require some planning. No one can know the future. Even the youngest or healthiest of us are vulnerable to accidents. A little planning can provide some peace of mind-knowing that whatever happens to you, your pets will be just fine.

Find Your Replacement. Identifying a committed caregiver is the most important step in planning for your pet's future. Talk with everyone from your veterinarian to family members and pet-sitters about becoming your pet's designated caregiver. Don't assume your son or daughter are going to take your pets and then they don't want to. To avoid misunderstandings, get commitments in writing.

Appoint an Understudy. You should also identify alternate caregivers since a designated caregiver might end up traveling frequently or living somewhere that doesn't allow pets. If you can't identify a trustworthy caretaker and at least one good alternate, choose a panel of friends or family members in charge of selecting a long-term caregiver and arranging temporary care for your animal(s) until a permanent situation is worked out.

Establish Expectations. Create an information packet that details your pet's medical history and daily care needs. Obviously, a cat or dog can't say "Oh, well, here's the food I eat, here's how much I eat, here's when I need my treats, here's when I need my walk" Make sure the information is easily accessible and specifies the standard of living you want for your pet, including medical care and end-of-life decisions.

Pets on Pensions. Set aside a fund to cover your pet's future expenses. For example, you can designate the trustee of your pet trust as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or a bank account that's payable upon your death. This ensures the trustee has immediate cash to devote to your pet's care. Don't transfer outrageous sums of money- they will probably be contested.

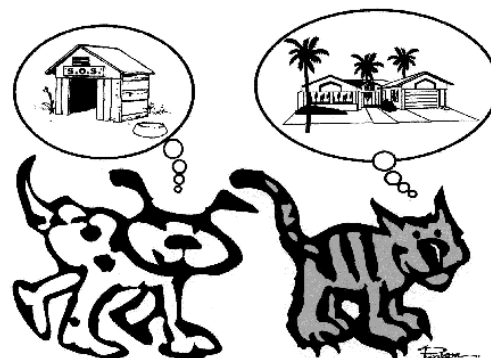
A Formal Affair. While informal arrangements can work, you are betting your pet's caregiver will remain healthy, dependable, responsible, committed, and financially and emotionally secure. Have a well-crafted legal arrangement. It's far easier to deal with a simple will or trust than some vague statements or expectations. That way, you can rest assured your intentions will be carried out.

Where There's a Will. An estimated 27 percent of U.S. pet owners who have wills include provisions for their pets, but they are often inadequate. They simply leave Max the dog to Uncle Harry, for example, without covering expenses or backup caregivers. It's preferable to leave both your pet and money to a caregiver, with the clear understanding that the money should go toward your animal's care.

In Pets We Trust. While trusts can be relatively expensive to administer and maintain, they add a layer of oversight. The trustee pays the money to your appointed caregiver and may regularly inspect your pet's health and living conditions. Having the person with the money be someone different from the person with custody of your animal creates a system of checks and balances.

Legal Hoops. Many types of wills and trusts exist, so it's crucial to prepare carefully and seek legal advice. Before talking to a lawyer, you should have a plan in mind. It's essentially planning the same way you might if you were dealing with a young child.

Gimme Shelter



Ralphs Grocery Rewards Program

The Ralphs Grocery Rewards program helps raise funds for Save Our Strays when you do your normal grocery shopping. Just register your Rewards card, as you have to do every September 1, and have it scanned at the cash register when you shop.



If you haven't registered Save Our Strays as your preferred charity, the instructions are listed below for both existing members and new members.

This is a simple way for you to donate to our cause! Save Our Strays has received over \$150 so far this year from this program.

Participant Registration for The New Term Begins on September 1, 2013. There is no pre-registration! This means that the first day you can register for the new term is September 1, 2013 or after.

1. All of you who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program will remain Active until August 31, 2013.
2. Participants will be required to register or re-register for the new term at www.ralphs.com starting September 1, 2013.
3. Even if you registered as recently as June, July or August 2013, you will be required to register Again, on or after Sept 1, 2013.

If You have not registered your Rewards Card online:

1. Log in to www.ralphs.com
2. Click on 'Create an Account'
3. Follow the 5 easy steps to create an online account

4. You will be instructed to go to your email inbox to confirm your account
5. After you confirm your online account by clicking on the link in your email, return to www.ralphs.com and click on "My Account" (you may have to sign in again first).
6. View all your information and edit as necessary
7. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
 - a. Community Rewards
 - b. Edit my community contribution and follow the instructions
 - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organizations' name

If you are already an online customer:

1. Log in to www.ralphs.com, Click "Sign In"
2. Enter your email address and password
3. Click on 'My Account' (In the top right hand corner)
4. Click on "Account Settings"
5. View all your information and edit as necessary
6. Link your card to Save Our Strays by clicking on:
 - a. Community Rewards
 - b. Edit my community contribution and follow the instructions
 - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of the Save Our Strays name



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