



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.

Pet Portraits with Santa Claws SOS Holiday Fundraiser – December 9

Professional pet photographer Heidi Schoenemann will be taking photos of pets with Santa Claws at Cottage By the Sea (formerly known as Wisker's Pet Beastro and Bowteek) at 301 Main St. #105, on Saturday, December 9, from 11:00am-3:00pm.

You'll receive (two to four) 4 x 6 prints of Fluffy or Fido with Santa himself! Human family members may also be include in the photo.

Each photo session costs \$15 for SOS members and \$20 for non-members (we'll be happy to sign you up for new membership while you're there). Proceeds to benefit Save Our Strays. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

Photographs can be picked up on Monday, December 11 after 4:00pm at Cottage By The Sea in Huntington Beach. Holiday cards and reprints can be ordered Monday (4:00-7:30pm) if you desire them in time for the holidays.

Some images may appear on the SOS newsletter or website.



Holiday Pet Safety Tips

A few holiday reminders for those with pets.

- 1 Don't give chocolate to pets. It contains theobromine, which is poisonous to pets.
- 2 Don't decorate with mistletoe or poinsettia plants. These plants are poisonous to pets – especially the mistletoe berries.
- 3 No table scraps. High calorie/fatty foods can cause life-threatening pancreatitis.
- 4 Don't use tinsel. It is dangerous if eaten.
- 5 Move glass ornaments out of pets' reach.

If you suspect your pet has eaten something harmful, seek immediate medical attention.

(Note: This article is informational only. It does not pertain to the specifics of any particular animal's care or condition, nor is it a substitute for professional veterinary evaluation and care. Consult a veterinary professional if you have concerns about your pet's health).



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.

- Nov 11 Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am**
Del Mar Mobile Estates Clubhouse
19251 Brookhurst Street
(between Garfield and Yorktown)
- Dec 9 Pet Portraits with Santa Claws – 11:00am-3:00pm**
Cottage By The Sea
301 Main Street, #105, HB
- Jan 13 Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am**

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Gone But Not Forgotten

August 1991 – May 2006

In memory of Molly, the adorable mutt of Rich and Bonnie Nowak. She was deeply loved and greatly missed. A donation was made in her name to SOSHB.



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
from Save Our Strays

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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.

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

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Sponsor	\$100	Gold Sponsor	\$500
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Use this form to pay SOS dues and/or to order shirts & frames.

Membership:

- Individual \$15 Sponsor \$100
 Family \$25 Silver Sponsor \$250
 Patron \$50 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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Pets and Pancakes in the Park

Save Our Strays' 7th Annual Pancake Breakfast in the Park was again a HUGE success and the biggest to date. The event was held September 16 at Lake Park in Huntington Beach.



Karen Chepeka, Mayor Pro Tem Gil Coerper and Cherly Cook



Boxer Rescue



2 and 4-legged guests

We served breakfast to over 200 people, a sweet Labrador was adopted from the County shelter and over \$3400 was raised for our cause! Huntington Beach Mayor Pro Tem Gil Coerper and Councilmember Cathy Green stopped by to enjoy breakfast and the festivities.

Our raffle was again the hit of the event and raised the most money ever.

Lots of wags and purrs go out to attendees, sponsors and vendors. An extra special thank you to our volunteers who worked so hard to bring it all together: Sherri Ball, David and Anthony Berardi, Susan Cole, Cathy Cook, Cheryl Cook, Leslie Correia, Linda and Randy Crossley, Warren Dubrow, Loretta Fleming, Sintu Greene and her girl scout troop, Patti Johnson & Alex, Ann Kennedy, Evelyn Oynebraaten, Cathy Parsa, Elizabeth Propp, Lorrie Raia, Mary Robinson, and Barbara Schmitzer.

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An adopted dog and his happy new family



Orange County Animal Care Services



more guests

Baby Luv

Baby Luv and her caretakers, Bobbie Jeanne and Dayton La Grua, were guests at this years pancake breakfast. This very special little dog has a resume to be envied.

Baby Luv went to the Wiener Nationals Trials a few months ago and raced against 250 other Dachshunds. She placed in the top eight fastest racers of the day and went on to the finals held at Petco Park in San Diego, where she came in second place. She has over thirty racing awards despite having had two knee surgeries.



Bobbie, Baby Luv and Dayton

Baby Luv is going to be featured in a children's book called Tinker's Tails coming out around December 7. The book will be available at the Hyatt Regency, Huntington Beach at The Gallery. Her portrait can be seen hanging in the art gallery with some of the other Tinker's Tails characters. She is also going to be featured in a movie called "Wiener Takes All".

You can see why this little dog is the "luv" of the lives of her human companions.

The Golden Years

By Debra Horwitz, DVM

Just as we do, animals undergo physical and metabolic changes as they age. The most common changes affect the musculoskeletal system, hearing and vision, urinary tract function, and cognition. Metabolic diseases, however, can also cause behavioral changes, so all senior pets should have veterinary examinations twice annually and blood work performed at least once a year.

What changes will I see in my aging pet?

Most elderly dogs and cats experience arthritis in one or more of their joints and may appear to “slow down.” Since animals are very good at hiding pain, it may not be obvious that they need medical intervention. Veterinary medicine has made wonderful advances in providing pain control for animals, and these options should be explored with your veterinarian. Household adjustments also may need to be made, such as restricting access to stairs or providing ramps and litter boxes with low sides closer to resting areas.

Diminished sight is also common and can be caused by cataracts, retinal disorders, or simple lens aging. Hearing loss is often centrally mediated—the pet is less attentive to noises and change but the structures in the ear that control hearing may function well. Animals experiencing visual or hearing impairments need special attention. Dogs should always be supervised and on a leash when they go outside for their own safety and cats should be kept indoors. When interacting with animals that may not see or hear well, it is important to move slowly and avoid startling them. It also may be prudent to confine them when unfamiliar people visit.

Will I notice any other changes in my pet?

As animals age, their kidney function may decline, sometimes resulting in house soiling. This decline will often cause the animal to drink more and therefore need to urinate more frequently. An older dog that used to be able

to wait long periods of time before going outside may no longer be able to do so and either need to be taken out more frequently or have access to an indoor elimination place. In an elderly cat, increased urination may create a dirtier litter box that requires more frequent cleaning. Above all, provide adequate and easily accessible water.

Adequate nutrition is essential in elderly pets but many experience a diminished appetite due to dental disease or a diminished sense of smell. Proper dental care is essential and serving food at room temperature may help to stimulate appetite. In some cases, loss of appetite is due to metabolic disease, so a veterinary examination is in order should you notice any changes in eating patterns.

What steps can I take to help my older pet?

Older pets are often less behaviorally flexible than their younger counterparts, so changes in daily routines should be avoided whenever possible. Interactions with younger, more rambunctious animals should be monitored closely. Enforced daily separation time from younger animals in the home is often prudent to allow elderly pets to rest undisturbed.

Both dogs and cats can experience cognitive changes commonly called senility or cognitive dysfunction. These often result in changes in social interactions, loss of learned commands (such as house training or litter box use), disorientation and perhaps an increase in anxiety and changes in sleep/wake cycles. Understanding and patience with an older animal is important for this reason. Some of these changes can also be the result of metabolic diseases. A veterinary examination can help determine what is happening and appropriate treatment. With good veterinary care and attention to their changing needs, we can make our pets’ “golden years” safe, happy, and healthy.



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