



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.

Ralphs Grocery and Save Our Strays – *Community Partners*

Ralphs Grocery and Save Our Strays have teamed up to raise funds for our cause. Ralphs is offering to donate a percentage of all sales made by registered “Ralphs Rewards” card holders to our organization. All you have to do is register your Ralphs card and select SOS as the receiving organization. What could be easier? To register for the program, just follow these easy steps:

- Register online at www.ralphs.com
- Click “Services”, then click on “School Programs”
- Click on “Community Contributions”, then “Learn More”
- Click on “Participant”, then “Enroll”
- Be sure you 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.

Simply swipe your card every time you shop for groceries and we start earning a rebate.

Barks and meows to Ralphs for initiating such a great community program!

Pet Portraits with Santa Claws SOS Holiday Fundraiser – December 6

Professional photographer Courtney Sabbagh will be taking photos of pets with Santa Claws at Pet Supply located at 7051 Yorktown Avenue #103 in the Seacliff Village in Huntington Beach (Albertsons shopping center) on Saturday, December 6, from 10:00am-2:00pm.

You’ll receive two 4 x 6 prints of Fluffy or Fido with Santa himself! Human family members may also be included 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 will benefit Save Our Strays. Walk-ins are welcome!

Photographs can be picked up on Tuesday, December 9 after 4:00pm, at Pet Supply in Huntington Beach. Holiday cards and reprints can be ordered on Tuesday (4:00pm-7:30pm) if you desire them in time for the holidays.

Some images may appear in the SOS newsletter or on our website.



Letter From A Friend

Dear Ones,

Although I'm a little late, I do want to thank you so much for helping me get my kitty "fixed". The whole thing cost me only \$11.75 and that's including the microchip. I got Meinke last May, when my son's boss found a box in the street with four little kittens. Her eyes were open but blue, so I know she was only about two weeks old. Well, the rest as they say is history. I miss feeding her with an eye-dropper but today she is a beautiful black and white kitty!

So, I do want to thank you so much! It's a wonderful service you provide and I am a very happy recipient.

Peg Richie

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:

- 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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2008 Pets and Pancakes in the Park

Save Our Strays' 9th Annual Pancake Breakfast in the Park was once again a HUGE success. The event was held September 13 at Lake Park in Huntington Beach. We raised almost \$3500 for our cause!

We served breakfast to over 250 guests and their four-legged companions. Dr. Praeger's All Natural California veggie burgers were the hit of the breakfast. Thank you to Tom De Sena and Tiffany's Restaurant of Anaheim for donating them and all the condiments.

Mayor Debbie Cook, and Councilmember Joe Carchio stopped by to enjoy breakfast and the festivities.

The raffle was once again the hit of the event and raised the most money. The winning bid at our silent auction for the stunning pearl necklace donated by PearlParadise.com was \$110 by the lucky recipient. Our vendors shared their merchandise and information with attendees: Cookie Lee Jewelry, Magnatek, Juice Plus, Anna Monaco Jewelry, Batzi Belt, Surf City Animal Response Team (SCART), Puppy Paws and Garden Bricks.

Lots of wags and purrs go out to our attendees, sponsors and vendors. An extra special thank you to our volunteers who worked SO hard to bring it all together: Hank, Anna

and Taylor Beach, Sherry and Chloe Davis, Elizabeth Takeuchi, Barbara Schmitzer, Susan and Amanda Berger, David and Anthony Berardi, Warren Dubrow, Linda and Randy Crossley, Patti Johnson, Alex Jackson, Karen Chepeka, Loretta Fleming, Leslie and Madison Correia and Beverly Wallace.

A sincere thanks to all our sponsors: Annette's Mobile Dog Grooming, Ariel Hubbard HHP, Batzi Belt, Beach Blvd Pet Hospital, BJ's Restaurant and Brewery, Camp Bow Wow Anaheim, CardSmart, Chili's Grill and Bar, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Daphne's Greek Café, Disneyland, Doggie Town USA, Farmer Bros. Coffee, Garden Bricks, Huntington Dog Beach, Izzy's Bagels, Juice Plus, LA Zoo, Lazy Dog Café, Magnatek, Inc., Mario's Restaurant, Marriott-Anaheim, Maureen Eckhardt, ABCDT, Mayday Industries, Mimi's Café, Newport Medical & Wellness, Norms Restaurant, Olive Garden Restaurant, Pawsh Wash, PearlParadise.com, Peet's Coffee, Pei Wei Asian Diner, Pet Supply, PetSmart, Polly's Bakery Café & Pies, Puppy Paws, Salon Shanti, SeaWorld Adventure Park, See's Candies, SuperCuts, The Bodhi Tree Restaurant, The Bone Adventure, The Kyjen Company, The Zoological Society of San Diego, Tiffany's Restaurant, Trader Joe's, Ultra Dry Cleaners, and Waterfront Hilton.



HB Mayor Debbie Cook and President Karen Chepeka



Dressed to the "K-9's" for breakfast



President Karen Chepeka and HB City Councilmember Joe Carchio



Adorable 4-legged guests



Volunteers Amanda and Susan Berger



Lucky recipient of the stunning pearl necklace

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.

Dec 6 Pet Photos with Santa Claws

10:00am–2:00pm

Pet Supply (Huntington Beach)

TBA Volunteer Meeting – 10:00am

Del Mar Mobile Estates Clubhouse

19251 Brookhurst Street

(between Garfield and Yorktown)

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

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