



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.

Holiday Pet Safety Tips

A few holiday reminders for those with pets.

- Don't give chocolate to pets. It contains theobromine, which is poisonous to pets.
- Don't decorate with mistletoe or poinsettia plants. These plants are poisonous to pets – especially the mistletoe berries.
- No table scraps. High calorie/fatty foods can cause life-threatening pancreatitis.
- Don't use tinsel. It is dangerous if eaten.
- Move glass ornaments out of pets' reach.
- Put the meds away. Consumption by pets is the most common holiday-related emergency.
- When you leave the room, put the candles out. They can be knocked over causing a fire and curious cats can get burned.
- At New Years, be alert to noise-makers and confetti. Pets can become frightened and bolt out an open door or window. Ingested confetti can wreak havoc on the digestive track.

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).



IN LOVING MEMORY

Gone But Not Forgotten

A donation was made to Save Our Strays by Janet Freymann, in memory of her parents Pauline and Robert Ingersoll. They passed away a few months ago and will be remembered as true animal lovers.

Jan Vandersloot, a recent patron to Save Our Strays, passed away in October very unexpectedly. He will be remembered for his generosity and love of animals.

Anyone, Anywhere

By Anna Monaco

It all started when a team of people took the initiative and engaged in a concerted effort to make a difference. Fueled by urgency, they coupled their energy with technology and capitalized on the power of email.

The story goes...

Sunday, August 23, 2009, 7:40pm – a neighbor sends an email to a friend explaining that two senior cats needed a forever home. The plea read “Do you know “Anyone, Anywhere” that would like to take two cats? They are a package deal and are 9 years old-can't compete with kittens so they are trying to place them privately. In a shelter they would be passed up and probably put down since kittens always get adopted first.”

These three powerful sentences were all that was needed. The email chain began with a call for help that got top priority. Traveling through neighborhoods, crossing city lines, the message was read by compassionate people representing numerous communities. The email entered homes, small businesses and large corporations. It was read by friends, families and those we have yet to meet.

As the email was read, more and more people were compelled to forward it to more and more people in the hopes of finding that one special person who would open their heart.

Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 4:06pm – another email was delivered reporting good news! The two senior kitties, Buddy and Cleo, found a loving forever home with Bob Neitman, a Boeing employee. We checked in with Bob to see how things were going. Bob shared his thoughts, “It truly is amazing how the internet has allowed so many people to connect so quickly for a good cause, isn't it? The cats have been a lot of fun so far and any reservations I had about inheriting unknown bad habits turned out to be a non-issue. I'm really amazed at how well behaved these cats are. It really turned out to be a good match.”

This story is a true testament to the power of networking and the wonderful things we can accomplish when we unite in the spirit of hope. Wags and purrs go out to Bob.

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 help to cover printing and mailing costs of the newsletter and misc. other fliers throughout the year.

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Pets and Pancakes in the Park

Save Our Strays' 10th Annual Pancake Breakfast in the Park was once again a HUGE success. The event was held September 19 at Lake Park in Huntington Beach. We raised almost \$4000 which will be used to support our spay/neuter program for cats.

We served breakfast to over 250 guests and their four-legged companions. Pancakes, sausage, garden burgers, fruit, bagels, muffins, coffee and juice were enjoyed by all.

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 ever. David Berardi was the lucky winner of the stunning pearl necklace (which of course he gave to his wife Janet) donated by PearlParadise.com. Our vendors shared their merchandise and information with attendees: Juice Plus, Eco-Clean Maid Service, Orange County Animal Care Services, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Cat Connection Rescue, Pawsitively for Dogs, Doggie Town USA, Stray Cat Alliance, Mila Sanchez, Stella & Chewy's Pet Food, Your Animal's Best Friend Pet Sitting, Thankdog Bootcamp, Second Chance Pet Adoptions, The Gaynors and D & M Collars and Leashes.

Hank Beach did another fantastic job as the Master of Ceremonies and everyone enjoyed his commentary.

A very lucky dog, Bandit, was adopted from Orange County Animal Services and got a wonderful, forever home.

Lots and 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, Barbara Beck, Nancy Harman and Jim, Joe Shaw, Lien, Leann and Chris Acevado, Elizabeth Takeuchi, Barbara Schmitzer, David and Anthony Berardi, Linda and Randy Crossley, Patti Johnson, Alex Jackson, Karen Chepeka, Loretta Fleming, Evelyn Oynebraaten, and Leslie and Madison Correia.

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*Councilmember Joe Carchio and
President Karen Chepeka*



Cute dog



Kitten for Adoption



Greyhounds



*"The Cooks" Joe Shaw, David Berardi
and Randy Crossley*



Laika

A Pet's Ten Commandments

- 1 My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
- 2 Give me time to understand what you want of me.
- 3 Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
- 4 Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
- 5 Talk to me. Even if I don't understand the words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me,
- 6 Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
- 7 Remember that I could hurt you and yet, I choose not to bite you.
- 8 Before you scold or punish me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, or I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
- 9 Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old. And just because you don't have the option of euthanasia, and the idea of choosing to die may be foreign to you, PLEASE let me go with dignity and don't make me live with chronic pain and suffering.
- 10 On the ultimate, difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

Take a moment today to say thanks for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them.

Life would be a much duller, less joyful experience without them. We do not have to wait for Heaven to be surrounded by hope, love and joyfulness. It is here in earth and it has four legs!!

Letter From A Friend

Hello Save Our Strays,

This is from Jennifer Drescher and I emailed you about my missing Persian, Petey, two weeks ago.

He was found by a wonderful couple in downtown Huntington Beach, who read the Save Our Strays email and saw him hiding on a walk. His collar was lost so his rescue was due to Michelle (who found him) and the wonderful people of Save Our Strays. She recognized him from the photo, called his name, he ran to her and voila! he was finally safe.

Thank you for passing on my email and thank you for all the emails and calls I received from many of you all trying to help. Petey, I and our family thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you,
The Drescher Family

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