Welcome to the October edition of What’s Up, DACC? the official monthly newsletter of the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC). In this edition, you will find important information, news and updates about our services, as well as some heartwarming stories from around our animal care centers (ACC). We hope you find it spook-tacular!
The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) is incredibly thankful and proud of our staff and volunteers who have assisted with lifesaving work during the recent wildfires. DACC has provided sheltering for over 800 animals this fire season, ranging from dogs and cats, ducks and potbelly pigs, to tortoises, mules, sheep and Quarter horses.

Also many thanks to the Annenberg Foundation and Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation for supporting our emergency evacuation and sheltering efforts for both large and small animals! Wallis Annenberg PetSpace also put together a wonderful video highlighting some of DACC's fire relief efforts. You can view the video by clicking the link below!

**Fire Response Video**

In response to DACC’s efforts to help animals during the Lake and Bobcat Fires, the Annenberg Foundation and Petco Foundation both awarded grants to DACC to procure much-needed supplies to support DACC’s emergency response staff and volunteers. These supplies will also help DACC in their preparation in the case of future emergencies. DACC is appreciative of the ongoing support from both the Annenberg and Petco foundations, and will parlay that generosity to assist as many animals and pet owners as possible during these difficult situations.
This year, October 11-17 marks National Veterinary Technician Week where we celebrate the critical and lifesaving work performed by our registered veterinary technicians (RVTs). DACC values the work of our dedicated RVTs and thanks them for all they do for the animals in our care and our pet owning communities. RVTs are a critical part of our veterinary team. They provide paramedical treatment to animals in Los Angeles County animal care centers which can include, but is not limited to, administering medications and immunizations, conducting physical examinations, and rendering emergency treatment to animals.

In recognition of this special week, DACC has spotlighted Julia Badon who has worked as an RVT at the Agoura Animal Care Center since January 2015. "Working at DACC has been such a joy for me," said Julia. "I thought that working at private practice in Malibu was ‘as good as it gets’ but coming to the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control’s Agoura Animal Care Center, I truly found my calling. Every single day is exciting, and I absolutely love being a part of a team where we all work together getting animals healthy and finding them their forever homes. It is truly rewarding!"

Below you can find a picture of Julia and Moose, a five-year old Rottweiler who was brought to the Agoura ACC as a stray back in February. Julia helped provide care for Moose—whom she described as the 100-pound lapdog—and he was soon after adopted into a loving home.

Julia also adopted a dachshund puppy named Daisy four years ago which Julia called the light of her life. DACC thanks Julia, and all of our incredible RVTs, for the high-quality and compassionate care that they provide for thousands of animals that are brought into our care annually. Help us celebrate this important week by thanking a vet technician that you know!
THANKS TO A GRANT FROM THE ASPCA, ADOPTION, MICROCHIP, AND VACCINATION FEES WILL BE WAIVED THROUGHOUT OCTOBER. ADOPTERS WILL ONLY NEED TO PAY LICENSE FEES, WHERE APPLICABLE, WHICH RANGE FROM $5 TO $10.

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Click HERE to schedule an appointment to adopt a new pet!
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**BEAST**

This is Beast, a three-year old Pit Bull who is currently being cared for at the Castaic Animal Care Center. Beast was surrendered to the ACC by his previous owner due to his family moving and not being able to keep him. Beast’s name is truly a misnomer, as he is described by staff as being friendly, easy to handle, and tolerant of other dogs. He comes across as shy at first, but once he warms up, he absolutely loves human affection! Interested in adopting Beast? Please email the Castaic ACC at castaic@animalcare.lacounty.gov.

**FINN & NEO**

Meet Finn and Neo, two nine-week old brothers who are both available for adoption at the Palmdale Animal Care Center. Both kittens are currently in foster care and waiting to find their forever families. Finn is described as a snuggle bug who loves to cuddle and gets along with adult cats and dogs. His brother, Neo, is described as adventurous and very playful! You can adopt either Finn or Neo by scheduling an appointment to adopt and, better yet, cat adoption fees are waived this month! You can schedule an appointment to adopt by emailing palmdale@animalcare.lacounty.gov.

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