COVID-19 SERVICE CHANGES

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) has temporarily changed its business practices and its management of animal intake.

Adoptions and return of lost pets to owners continue, but are being done by appointment to ensure responsible social distancing and to promote health and safety.

More people than ever are looking to add a pet to their lives as they self-isolate. DACC wants to make it easier than ever to make that "new pet" a shelter pet. Therefore, no cost pet adoptions are being offered by appointment at all seven County Animal Care Centers!

For those who aren’t ready for a permanent commitment, DACC has greatly expanded its fostering program so families can quickly and safely choose a pet to take into their home for a period of time, and provide that animal with a calm and nurturing home environment. The joy and companionship brought by these animals are great comforts during this challenging time.
LIVE ANIMAL OUTCOMES
MARCH 2020

1,222 DOGS

Downey’s longest tenured residents, Fishbreath and Tank, were adopted together on March 28.

Little Cotton was adopted from Baldwin Park on March 20.

570 CATS

On March 14, Vee from Agoura found a permanent home to hop around in.

Following a three-month stay at the Castaic Animal Care Center, Katie was officially adopted on March 25.

152 OTHER ANIMALS

While DACC has limited our services during this challenging time, we still have a large number of animals in need of homes. Adoptions are now offered for the cost of a pet license (plus a refundable spay and neuter deposit). The current environment where more people are staying home provides the opportunity for families to engage with new pets and help them acclimate to their new homes. If you have been considering adoption, now is the time! This is made possible thanks to a grant award received by the Petco Foundation dedicated to supporting life-saving animal efforts.

WHAT’S UP, DACC? APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER PAGE 2
On March 26, 2020, an Animal Control Officer from the Palmdale ACC responded to a call regarding a kitten in a dangerous, yet peculiar, situation. Upon arriving, the officer would find a small kitten lodged deep inside a wall.

Unfortunately, the hole was too small for the officer to fit a basic catch pole or snake tongs. Instead, the officer cleverly decided to try a lariat, or a looped rope, which the officer was able to wrap around the kitten and safely extract it with.

Thanks to the officer’s quick thinking, this helpless kitten was able to get a chance at being adopted into a loving home. You can view the rescue by clicking the link below!

https://vimeo.com/404824535

On March 29, 2020, the GreaterGood Foundation donated 40 pallets of pet food to DACC, an estimated value of $85,000. The donated pet food will serve pets in DACC’s care and pets that are currently being fostered by volunteers. This donation comes at a crucial time for Los Angeles County animals.

The Department of Public Works also assisted DACC in receiving this donation by lending much-needed equipment.

Palmdale volunteers, Maira and Shawn, handmade masks which were distributed to staff. Volunteers like Maira and Shawn have been crucial during this time, and are helping DACC keep both pets and people safe!
MARCH 7
Leo from the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center found his forever family. Congratulations, Leo!

MARCH 11
Leeto, known for his love of being pampered, pet, and brushed, was adopted from the Carson/Gardena Animal Care Center.

MARCH 22
This dazzling, white poof known as Blanket was adopted from the Lancaster Animal Care Center.

MARCH 24
CBS Channel 2 News visited the Downey Animal Care Center to help spread awareness about appointment-only adoptions being available at DACC care centers.

MARCH 27
A local middle school teacher adopted a three-year old poodle mix from the Downey Animal Care Center, then used the adoption as a teaching opportunity to educate her students about the adoption process. She even allowed her students to help name her new companion!