

WHAT'S UP, DACC?

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR ANIMAL CARE CENTERS

THIS ISSUE

Highlights from 2019!

This special edition of *What's Up DACC?* highlights stories and events from 2019.

A huge thank you to all of our incredible staff and volunteers who made this all possible!



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38,822 Animal Lives
Saved in 2019!

MASTER PLAN FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Master Plan has been distributed to the Board offices by the CEO.

CONTRACT CITY BILLING RATE STUDY

In accordance with the Board Motion of February 5, 2019, the implementation of a new billing methodology has been delayed.

A consultant has submitted a draft fiscal and operational audit of DACC to the CEO. Once it has been finalized, it will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

ANIMAL LIVES SAVED IN 2019



**21,884
DOGS**



**14,750
CATS**



**2,188
OTHERS**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019!

CHAMP, A STORY OF SURVIVAL

A seven-year old German Shepherd was taken into care by DACC on November 11, 2018. The dog was found near the former Malibu Golf Club property with deep burns on his paws, due to the then widespread Woolsey fire. Champ was immediately brought to a triage tent at Pierce College where Veterinary Angels treated his wounds. Soon after, he was moved to their clinic for further recovery and bestowed with the fitting name "Champ".

Meanwhile, a photo of Champ went viral online. Despite the many shares, retweets and reposts no one came forward to claim this dedicated dog.

On January 3, 2019, this fire survivor captured the attention of the Lott family who flew all the way in from San Francisco just to meet him. They instantly fell in love with Champ, now renamed Leo, and adopted him into their family. Not long after, the road trip began for Leo and his new loving family.

Happy **NEW** Year



MIA NO LONG M.I.A.

On September 23, a black and silver Terrier was brought to the Palmdale ACC as a stray by a good Samaritan. Thanks to a registered microchip, staff was able to quickly identify the Terrier, known as Mia, and call the registered owner. On the phone and in tears, Mia's owner explained that Mia had been stolen from her yard seven years prior. Mia's owner wasted no time as she rushed to the Palmdale ACC to reclaim her long-lost friend. This heartwarming reunification is captured below.



DEBORAH AND HER PUPS



Deborah came to the Lancaster ACC in early February seeking housing assistance for her four dogs. She was going through difficult times and had yet to secure a long-term home. The Lancaster team was happy to provide assistance, taking in the dogs while Deborah sought housing.

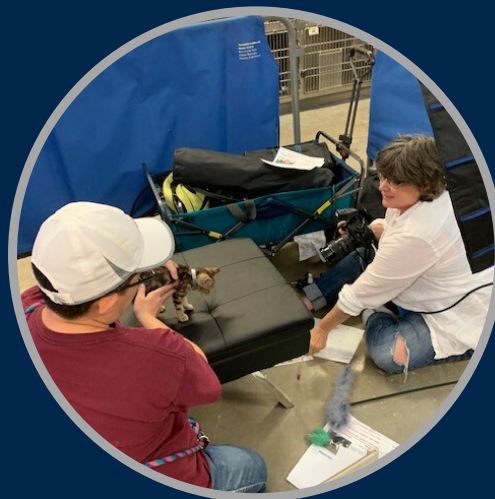
About a month later, Deborah secured a permanent home for herself and all her pups. When she came to reclaim her dogs, she was overjoyed to be reunited with them. As stated by staff member Vanity Ortiz, "The reunion of Ms. Jones and her pets was emotional and heartwarming. This was the best part of my experience thus far with Lancaster ACC!"

SEEN=SAVED ADOPTION EVENT

Sponsored by the Petco Foundation, the Seen=Saved Adoption Event was a historic photography and adoption event held at all seven LA County Animal Care Centers. Hundreds of photographers from across the nation came to participate in the event, all with the goal of photographing every single animal in DACC's care.

In a matter of hours, over 1,200 animals were professionally photographed and would eventually be uploaded to DACC's website. Also to help promote the adoption of animals, fees were waived for all animals adopted during the weekend.

All of these efforts led to 304 animals being adopted during the weekend, nearly double the number compared to the same weekend in 2018.





ACTIVITIES IN 2019

MAY 7

A new grooming trailer, donated by the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation, was unveiled at the Castaic ACC.



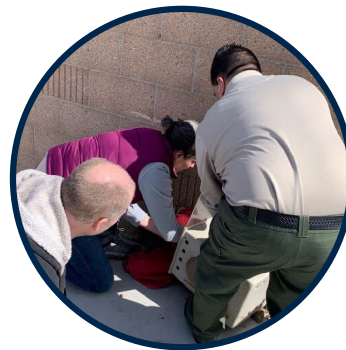
AUGUST 17

DACC participated in the NBC-sponsored Clear the Shelters annual adoption event where **195 Los Angeles County animals** found new homes.



FEBRUARY 21

Staff from the Downey ACC found a poor **cat that had lodged himself into a wall**. The cat, appropriately named "Wally", was freed and eventually adopted by an adoption partner.



JUNE 8

The Lancaster ACC hosted its 2nd annual Jurassic Bark event where **15 dogs** found new homes.



DECEMBER 19

DACC's **Adopt-a-Family recipient** stopped by DACC headquarters to pick up her family's Christmas gifts.

