

WHAT'S UP, DACC?

MARCH 2021



KITTEN SEASON IS COMING

Kitten season involves a dramatic increase in kittens being born in the community. In California, kitten season typically begins in early spring and lasts into the fall or winter. Kitten season is at its peak during the warmer months. Want to find out how you can help? Click [HERE](#) to find out more!

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LOVE IS LIMITLESS

BY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DIRECTOR MARCIA MAYEDA

Sometimes when I ask a person if they have any pets they will tell me about a beloved dog or cat that passed away. They remark sadly that they haven't adopted a new pet because no other animal could ever replace the one they lost. I find this very unfortunate because these well-meaning animal lovers are depriving themselves of the joy and unconditional love of another animal.

Of course, the new animal will never replace the one that passed. Each animal is a unique being with its own behaviors, idiosyncrasies, likes, dislikes, and more. Each pet that has graced my life has been an amazing companion and no subsequent pet replaced the one who passed. However, each new pet brought a different personality into my life that was full of fun, love, and new adventures. Each of these animals lived their lives with us until old age or illness took them. Each loss was very difficult, and none of the animals were “replaced” by the others that came after. Each animal holds a special place in my heart, but there will always be room for another.

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MARCH MEOWNESS

**ADD A NEW FELINE FAMILY
MEMBER FOR ONLY \$15**

MARCH 1-31, 2021

INCLUDES ADOPTION, VACCINATION, SPAY/NEUTER AND MICROCHIP FEES.
TRUST AND LICENSE FEES NOT INCLUDED.

ADOPTIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT!

***FUN FACT: THE 2020 MARCH MEOWNESS
PROMOTION LED TO 241 CATS FINDING NEW HOMES!***





BRANDY REUNITES

ADOPTION IS FOREVER



Story Provided by Sgt. Christopher Valles
Palmdale Animal Care Center

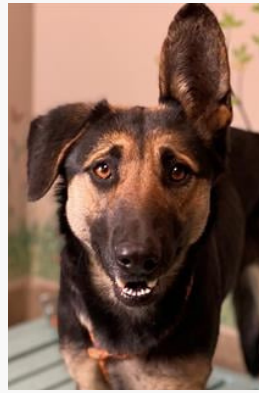
On February 21, 2021, Animal Control Officer Luis Leal responded to a call for an injured cat on the front porch of a Palmdale residence. After carefully retrieving the cat, Officer Leal brought the cat back to the Palmdale Animal Care Center (ACC). The cat appeared to be in good health and spirits despite being older. Officer Leal scanned the cat for a microchip, which it fortunately had, and was able to trace it back to a resident named Charles Benezra.

Mr. Benezra was initially confused as to why he'd received a call and stated that he owned no pets. That's when Sergeant Christopher Valles notified him that the cat's microchip information traced back to him and that the cat's name was Brandy.

Mr. Benezra was stunned to hear the name Brandy as he told Officer Valles that she'd gone missing 15 years prior and he hadn't seen her since. Officer Valles was glad to inform him that Brandy was doing great, being both alert and very friendly with staff. When Officer Valles asked him if he was interested in picking up his old friend, Mr. Benezra's reply was "Adoption is forever."

When Mr. Benezra arrived at the ACC, customer service clerk Cynthia Granillo graciously allowed him ample time with Brandy in the *Meet Your Kitty* room. Officer Valles noted that the connection was still apparent as the two bonded immediately. He also praised the compassionate services provided by Office Leal and Cynthia Granillo, while also emphasizing the benefits of having your pet microchipped.





FEBRUARY ADOPTIONS

486 DOGS
127 CATS
55 OTHER ANIMALS

ADOPTED IN FEBRUARY!

**SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
TO ADOPT TODAY!**

**VISIT
HERE!**

MARCH REMINDERS

DOG FIGHTING AND SPAY/NEUTER

Other than being the law, spaying/neutering your pet(s) also provides direct health benefits for animals, while helping control pet overpopulation and thus better protecting our communities and pets from potential harm.

A lesser known fact is that **spay/neuter also helps discourage dogfighting**. Dogs used in dogfighting are not usually spayed or neutered because the dog owners want to breed their dogs and continue the fighting lineage. Spay/neuter helps us ensure that dogs adopted from our Animal Care Centers are adopted for the right purpose—to be an addition to a loving family!



LICENSE YOUR NEW PET!

All dogs in the County of Los Angeles must be licensed in unincorporated areas and the majority of cities served by the department. Cats must also be licensed in unincorporated areas and some cities. Dog and cat licenses are also an important means of identification. Need to license your pet? You can easily do so online! Just click [HERE!](#)



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Licensing Questions?

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Interested in Volunteering?

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