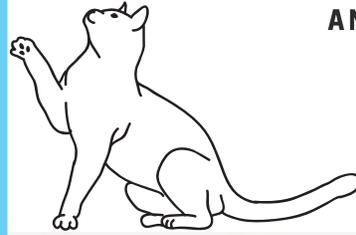


WHAT'S UP, DACC?

JULY 2020

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR
ANIMAL CARE CENTERS



30,828 Live Animal Outcomes in Fiscal Year 2019-20

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PHOTOGRAPHY

ANIMAL OUTCOMES IN FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

On June 30, 2020, during the midst of so many changes, the County of Los Angeles Fiscal Year came to an end. Data from this past year shows that we have had **30,828** animals either adopted, rescued, reunited with their owners or, in the case of wildlife, returned to their habitats. Of the 30,000 plus animals, 17,328 were dogs and 11,721 were cats.

Each of these individual pets found their way home thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers, our foster families, our adoption partners, and through our collaboration with our animal-loving communities. We are thankful to each person who opened their homes to welcome these companions.

As we move into the 2020-21 Fiscal Year, we recognize the challenges our communities face. On the following pages we describe how we are doing business differently to respond to these many challenges and to continue to enhance the safety of our communities for both pets and people.

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HOW CAN I ADOPT OR RECLAIM A PET?



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Thank you for choosing a local animal care center as your destination to find a new forever friend.

ADOPTIONS BY APPOINTMENT

We can't tell you how much we appreciate your support and thank you for choosing a local animal care center as your destination to find a new forever friend. Despite the closure of businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DACC continues to allow the public to adopt animals or reclaim their lost pets. If you are interested in adopting or want to reclaim a pet, we kindly ask that you schedule an appointment and wear a face covering upon your visit. Please note that walk-in appointments cannot be taken. All visitors are required to schedule an appointment prior to visiting any care center location. This is necessary to accommodate physical distancing requirements and to ensure we can provide you with assistance given staff limitations.

Please email the Animal Care Center to schedule an appointment. This information can also be found on our website at animalcare.lacounty.gov:

Agoura: agoura@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Baldwin Park: baldwinpark@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Carson: carson@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Castaic: castaic@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Downey: downey@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Lancaster: lancaster@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Palmdale: palmdale@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Exciting news! DACC is currently developing an online automated system coming soon. When this is launched you will be able to schedule these appointments directly online. Until that time, please email to schedule appointments to visit our care centers for any reason. This includes: adoption, foster, reclaiming your lost pets, or bringing a pet to us. And again, thank you so much for choosing Los Angeles County as your destination to adopt.

GOT KITTENS?



KITTEN SEASON BEGINS

Kitten season is a seasonal increase in kittens being born in the community. In Southern California, this typically starts early spring and lasts into Fall/Winter. Kitten season can vary in length depending on your local climate. Milder climates like ours have a very long kitten season!

During this time of year, we always see a great surge in the number of underaged kittens that are brought to our care centers. This volume of animals far exceeds the number of foster care providers available to care for them. Underaged kittens are fragile and typically do not thrive in a shelter environment. In order to reduce the number of kittens we take in, we have initiated an educational campaign (*Got Kittens?*) to help people better understand which kittens need our help and which may not.

DACC has requested that residents who find healthy adult cats allow them to remain where they are as they may be a cat cared for by someone in the community or a neighbor's outdoor pet cat. For kittens, we are requesting that residents observe first to see whether the mother is nearby or hiding. We recommend that residents wait 4-6 hours and watch for the mother to return. Kittens have the best chance at survival when raised by their mother cat.

If the mother does not return or the kittens are in need of care, we are partnering with the community to have them foster the kittens until they are old enough to be adopted.

Not sure if a kitten or kittens need your help?

You can click [HERE](#) for more information.

You can also help community cats by bringing them to a local vet to have them spayed or neutered. This not only helps curtail stray cat populations, but also provides direct health benefits to the animal being spayed/neutered.

Need help finding a spay/neuter clinic?

A number of helpful resources can be found [HERE](#).



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NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEKEND

DACC PARTNERED WITH THE ASPCA TO HOST A SPECIAL ADOPTION WEEKEND

On the weekend of June 5-7, 2020, DACC participated in the ASPCA's National Adoption Weekend. This event included the photographing of all animals in DACC's care, which were posted on all of DACC's social media platforms, and the waiving of adoption fees.

During this event, potential adopters were able to browse through available animals online and adopt an animal from the comfort of their homes. Over the three-day period, a total of 98 animals were adopted.

You can continue to adopt animals from any of our seven animal care centers by visiting our website at animalcare.lacounty.gov. If you see a pet you are interested in, you can email the Animal Care Center directly for more information and an appointment (please refer to Page 2).

You can also view all available animals by clicking [HERE!](#)

ONLINE PET LICENSING SYSTEM

PET LICENSING HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!

On June 19, 2020, DACC rolled out a new and improved license payment website for customers' online payments. The new site improves customers' online payment experience and is mobile-friendly. Pet owners are able to renew and apply for new pet licenses using the new online portal.

You can view and use the new system here!

- licensepet.com/wl3/reg/lacowl

We hope this new system makes it easier for you to license your pets, particularly during this period of physical distancing.



Information Lookup

Enter your license, microchip or notice reference number.
LXX-XXXXXX or XXXXXXXXX or LXX-XXXXXX

Enter your PersonID number or last name.
XXXXXX or SMITH

Find Your Information

Start New Registration

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REMEMBER, WHEN YOU PURCHASE AND RENEW YOUR PET LICENSE,
YOU ARE PROTECTING YOUR PET AND SUPPORTING OUR LIFE-SAVING WORK!

ANIMAL STORIES IN JUNE

JUNE 22

When Bella was brought to the Lancaster Animal Care Center, the team immediately scanned her microchip and was able to locate her owner. Little did they know, Bella had been separated from her owner for five years. This amazing reunification story was only possible thanks to Bella's microchip, demonstrating once again how important it is to have your pet(s) microchipped.



JUNE 2

This gorgeous tortoise was brought into the Agoura Animal Care Center as a stray. When the Agoura team went to retrieve her for some soak time, they found another small creature living alongside the tortoise—a baby bunny! The Agoura team carefully removed the bunny and re-homed it at a safe location in the care center. Its tortoise friend was soon after reclaimed by its owner. A happy ending for this classic tortoise and hare tale!



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FIND AN ANIMAL CARE CENTER NEAR YOU!

Baldwin Park:

4275 N. Elton Street
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
baldwinpark@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Carson/Gardena:

216 W. Victoria Street
Gardena, CA 90248
carson@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Downey:

11258 S. Garfield Ave.
Downey, CA 90242
downey@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Castaic:

31044 N. Charlie Canyon Rd.
Castaic, CA 91384
castaic@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Agoura:

29525 Agoura Road
Agoura Hills, CA 91303
agoura@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Lancaster:

5210 W. Avenue I
Lancaster, CA 93536
lancaster@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Palmdale:

38550 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550
palmdale@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Interested in Fostering?

Click [HERE!](#)

Licensing Questions?

Call: (562) 345-0400
Email: licensing@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Interested in Volunteering?

Click [HERE!](#)