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A mid our official launch into summer, I am reminded of my childhood. The smell of freshly mowed grass, drinking Kool-Aid on the porch swing when it was too hot to do anything else. Setting off to the local watering hole to cool down, with the family dog by our side. Growing up in rural Idaho, I was always in the company of farm cats and dogs, along with the occasional farm pets–horses, goats, pigs, cows, chickens, ducks, rabbits and geese. My parents felt strongly about exposing us to animals and teaching us responsibility through farm chores. There were also the unexpected pets, like the two orphaned baby raccoons that needed care until they could be returned to the wild, or the baby raven that fell from its nest and needed a surrogate family to attend to it. It seems only natural to me, now with a family of my own, that animals should be part of our lives. I currently have one cat, one dog, one horse, some fish and a bearded dragon. I would have more if my husband would see things my way.

This issue of San Diego Pets is a tribute to summer fun. Read the inspiring stories about some pretty cool action animals, summer safety tips, tips for keeping your pets calm during summer fireworks noise and some great insight to dog park etiquette.

I hope this issue will inspire you to plan a pet-friendly picnic on Fiesta Island, take a hike with Fido at Torrey Pines State Park, check out some of the top 20 San Diego dog parks or see if your pet has what it takes to become an adventure animal!

Whatever the season brings, I wish you a happy and safe star-spangled summer.

Julie Hoisington
Publisher/editor, San Diego Pets
Amy and Alexander the boating cats

It’s a myth that cats don’t like water. Visit any marina and you’ll discover a host of boat owners and liveaboards who happily share their quarters or weekend retreats with salty felines.

Amy and Alexander, two 5-year-old rescue kitties, became boaters when this writer and her husband began taking them to the boat. Like most cats that prefer stable routines, they resisted change but adapted within a few hours to their new marine environment, where they enjoy watching the many resident birds and bobbing boats. They quickly discovered they enjoy skittering up and down ladders and monitoring marina activities from comfortable perches.

Before bringing them to the boat, we installed screens on sliding doors and hatches to keep our house cats safe inside the boat and purchased a duplicate set of normal feline paraphernalia (litter boxes, cat tree, beds, bowls, food storage bin, brush, toys, etc.) to keep them comfortable and happy. The goal of creating a home-like environment applies to bringing dogs aboard as well.

Although they resist them, we bought harnesses and leashes to keep them aboard and tethered if they go on deck.

Summer sports are well suited to canine and even feline companions — and they’re often more fun if they’re shared with enthusiastic and cooperative pets. Many dogs enjoy surfing, kayaking, rafting and even flying. And don’t forget your cats — with the right introduction and equipment, they make great boating companions!
We also had them fitted with custom-tailored life jackets, adapted from larger doggie life vests, to keep them safe and floating in case of an emergency.

Now, when we spend the weekend on the boat, we have all the comforts of home, especially two content, purring pussies.

**Mr. Frosty the flying dog**

Both Howie, a black-and-brown mix, and Mr. Frosty, a Jack Russell-Chihuahua mix, were shelter dogs whose adoptions led them to unexpected sports.

Howie was looking for a forever home at the Escondido Humane Society when he met his new dad, John Van Zante, public relations manager at the Helen Woodward Animal Center, who enjoys kayaking.

Mr. Frosty was plucked from death row at a Los Angeles animal shelter by a volunteer from Jack Russell Rescue, who soon introduced him to Doug Poirier, a Point Loma financial advisor.

Doug Poirier and his Jack Russell Mr. Frosty at the Torrey Pines Gliderport.

Amy and Alexander the boating cats.

**I DON’T NEED A LIFE VEST, I CAN DOG-PADDLE**
ACTION ANIMALS

Simba, a Brussels Griffon, enjoys relaxing on a raft in the pool with mom Dayle Webber at their Cardiff-by-the-Sea home.

Simba, a Brussels Griffon, is a senior citizen now. But when he was 2 years old, he starred in two commercials for Frontline and at 4 he won the “Dog with the Biggest Attitude” at a contest in Del Mar.

Now he lives in Cardiff-by-the-Sea with Dayle Webber, where he mixes up his walks around San Elijo Lagoon with intense rafting sessions in the pool, where he enjoys sunbathing and lounging on the water.

Buddy knows playing fetch is great exercise and tons of fun.

and paraglider at Torrey Pines Gliderport.

Both dogs bonded strongly with their new pet parents and didn’t like to be left behind.

When Van Zante would put his kayak in the water, Howie would sit in their motorhome or stand at the edge of the water, watching. Soon Van Zante coaxed Howie, who’s not a swimming dog and usually wears a lifejacket, into the kayak with him.

“Later he sat with me and I pushed off from shore. He wasn’t sure at first, but once we got out into the water and were moving smoothly he relaxed and leaned against me. He always starts sitting between my knees and facing me, but then he turns around so he can see where we’re going,” Van Zante explains.

Frosty, who suffers from separation anxiety because of prior abuse and abandonment, would get upset when Poirier would take off for a flight.

“Every time I’d leave him, he’d cry. It seemed he wanted to go. I found out that other dogs fly and I thought he might like it. And he does,” Poirier says.

Before he could take Frosty flying, he had to devise a safe flying harness to attach to his own so that Frosty could nestle safely against his body. He worked with the Gliderport’s “Wing Doctor,” Steve Stackable, to adapt a lifejacket into a paragliding flight harness. Strapped to his dad’s harness, Frosty loves to chase birds through the thermals.

Both dogs went from homeless rescues to well-loved sporting pets.

For more information about flight lessons (for humans) at Torrey Pines Gliderport, visit www.flytorrey.com or call (858) 452-9858. To read more about Frosty the Flying Dog, visit the San Diego Pets archive for December 2008 on-line at: www.sandiegopetsmagazine.com.

Simba the pool lounging dog

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...More summer fun activities

Pick your pleasure — whether it’s hiking, bicycling, running, tossing Frisbees, skateboarding, rollerblading or rowing — most of these sports can be dog-friendly with the addition of a leash, basket, backpack and water bowl. There’s no longer any reason to leave your lonely pet at home.
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Local surfers and surfing dog featured in upcoming television special

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | SAN DIEGO PETS

Carlsbad professional surfer Scott Chandler, known for his expertise in conquering mammoth 70-foot waves around the world, took to gentler surf recently with his dog Zoey and 10-year-old daughter Tyler to tape a segment for the upcoming special “Tales for the Pet Lover’s Heart.”

The one-hour special broadcast, which will air nationwide this fall, is the culmination of Nestlé-Purina and Kroger’s/Ralphs second annual joint campaign celebrating the human-animal bond. The program highlights the beneficial relationships participants have with their pets and animal-welfare groups. In addition to surfer Chandler, this year’s guests include a pet photographer, an inner-city veterinarian and a greyhound rescue volunteer.

The television special coincides with in-store promotions sponsored jointly by the two corporations emphasizing the relationship between people and their companion animals. A related Web site provides additional information on homeless pet adoptions, pet communications tips and opportunities for visitors to contribute their own pet tales. As part of the promotion, Nestlé-Purina and Kroger’s/Ralphs will donate $150,000 to shelter and rescue groups around the country, including organizations close to each of their seven program participants.

Surfer Chandler gained Purina’s notice through his involvement with the Loews Coronado Bay Resort Surf Dog Competition. On June 20, he and daughter Tyler won their fourth consecutive first-place award in the tandem category along with their 5-year-old Jack Russell terrier, Zoey.

For Chandler, whose two other dogs and potbellied pig also surf, the surfing experience is all about building closer relationships.

“It’s one of the best ways of bonding and building trust with a dog,” he says.
Canine surf clinics and competitions

As surfing grows in popularity, many pet parents have discovered their dogs love to surf and enjoy surf-dog competitions. But remember that dogs can legally surf only at dog beaches, where competitions are held.

San Diego benefits from many local surf-dog events plus two major summer surf-dog competitions, both in their fourth year and offering doggie surfing lessons to teach first-timers surfing skills.

The annual June Loews Surf Dog Competition, sponsored by the Loews Coronado Bay Resort, is held at the Imperial Beach Dog Beach. This year more than 50 dogs competed in three categories: small surf dogs under 40 pounds, large surf dogs 41 pounds and over, and tandem teams with dogs and humans surfing together. This year’s competition raised about $15,000 to benefit the Modest Needs Foundation.

If you think your dog would enjoy surfing but you don’t know what to do, the Coronado Bay Loew’s offers year-round canine surfing classes, taught by the Coronado Surfing Academy (CSA), which are open to both guests and the general public as part of the hotel chain’s pet-friendly special amenities.

Coming up on Sept. 13 is the Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon, benefiting the Helen Woodward Animal Center (HWAC), held at Del Mar’s Dog Beach. Usually 50 to 60 dogs plus humans compete. Before the competition, HWAC sponsors doggie surf clinics on Saturday, Aug. 8; Sunday, Aug. 16 and Saturday, Aug. 22, taught by surfing pros from the San Diego Surfing Academy, Swami’s Surfing Association, world champion surfer Guy Takayama (designer of dog-friendly Surfah Dog Surfboards, which are available for purchase) and pet trainer Rob Kuty.

For the Surf-A-Thon, both canine and human surfers gather sponsors among friends and family and raise money for animals according to the number of waves they catch. All proceeds help HWAC animal welfare programs.

For information about Loew’s Coronado Bay Resort’s Surf Dog Competition, call the hotel, (619) 424-4000, or visit their Surf Dog Web site at www.loewssurfdog.blogspot.com or CSA’s Web site at www.coronadosurfing.com for canine surf lesson details.

For information about the Helen Woodward Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon, visit their website at http://www.animalcenter.org and click on “events” and Surf Dog, which has links to Surf Dog Clinics and surfboards.

Chandler, a professional board shaper, also builds surfboards for dogs. They include a special traction surface enabling dogs to stay aboard by gripping with their feet and nails. Chandler recommends taking dogs out only in small surf conditions, no more than waist high. He introduced his dogs and pig to surfing with light surf on a lagoon near their North County home.

Zoey’s technique involves sitting on the board’s nose when they surf together.

“She squats down and gets in position with her front feet hanging 10 and we surf straight to the beach, with her head facing the beach and her tail to the water,” he explains.

Chandler has no doubt that the greatest benefit of surfing with his dogs and daughter is an enhanced family bond.

For more information about the broadcast and to share personal pet stories to help raise more money for animal welfare organizations, visit the show’s Web site at www.TalesForThePetLoversHeart.com.
Despite economy, SDF commits to delivering search teams

National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen emergency response in America by teaming rescued dogs with firefighters to find people buried in the wreckage of disasters, has announced the creation of four new San Diego County search teams.

In response to requests from the San Diego, La Mesa and Lakeside fire departments, firefighters Aide Barbat, Brent Brainard, Matthew Kirk and Richard Smith have been teamed with rescued dogs that have successfully passed SDF’s vigorous eight-month training program. Joining the three existing San Diego disaster search teams, the four new teams must also achieve FEMA certification prior to being deployed to an actual disaster.

“I became interested in partnering with a K-9 after watching the bond my dad had with his detecting canine, and the canine search teams at the World Trade Center,” said Brainard, firefighter/paramedic, San Diego Fire. “It was a win-win for me when I was selected because I was given a once-in-a-career chance to learn what only a few people know: the special relationship between a handler and his dog, and joining a dedicated team of canine search specialists on San Diego’s Task Force 8. I hope Fletch and I will someday make a difference in someone’s life.”

SDF’s ability to deliver highly trained teams at no cost to fire departments is critical as emergency budgets are cut and resources are strained to the limit. Through their unique public/private partnership, SDF is able to provide a precious, lifesaving resource the departments could not otherwise afford.

“Disasters don’t stop when the economy is in a downturn. Earthquakes, landslides and building collapses can happen at any time, putting whole communities at risk,” said Debra Tosch, SDF’s executive director. “The mission of the Search Dog Foundation is to strengthen disaster response in the San Diego region and throughout America by partnering rescued dogs with firefighters and training them to find people trapped in the wreckage of disasters.”

SD Police Foundation buys dogs for SDPD

Police Chief William Lansdowne thanked community supporters of the San Diego Police Foundation (SDPF) for the nearly three dozen police dogs donated to the San Diego Police Department (SDPD).

Appropriately titled “Paws for Thanks,” the recent program at the Hall of Champions was also an opportunity to introduce some of the police department’s youngest members to the citizens who sponsored them.

Six police service dogs were introduced to individuals, organizations and local businesses, which contributed more than $10,000 to the po-
lice foundation to fund retiree replacements.

Although there was no petting allowed, employees of Donovan’s Steak & Chop House were excited to meet “Tex,” one of two police dogs they have sponsored.

Craig and Rebecca Irving brought their children to learn how police dogs use the power of scent to search for evidence and criminal suspects. “Hank,” one of the SDPD’s German shepherds, is the second dog the Irvings have sponsored.

Las Patronas representatives Lisa Albanez, Laurie Allen and Liz McNeil met “Nando” and learned that while other dogs like to play with a Kong toy, “Nando” is fond of carrying around a basketball in his mouth.

Each year, five to 10 SDPD dogs reach retirement age and must be replaced by new dogs. The SDPF encourages citizens who love happy working dogs to join its K-9 support team. At $10,400 per dog, its annual retiree replacement need ranges from $50,000 to $104,000. Donations large and small maintain this important crime-fighting force. The SDPF has purchased 34 dogs since 2004.

If you would like to help, or attend a future Canine Unit demonstration, contact SDPF, (858) 453-5060.

Students sweep regional Barkitecture Chicque Competition

Students from NewSchool of Architecture & Design won first-, second- and third-place prizes at the regional Barkitecture Chicque 2009 competition held May 1 in Palm Springs at ACE Hotel & Swim Club. Barkitecture is an architectural competition in which Palm Springs/Desert Cities area’s top designers and builders were challenged to build stylistic and functional dwellings for dogs.

Judges awarded first place to: Pedigree Pergola, a sleek sculpture-like structure using natural materials by students Joe Irwin, Michael O’Neal and Michael Riggin.

“...We wanted to create a doghouse that leveraged design and fabrication techniques taught at NewSchool. To win first place was very rewarding. It confirmed that simple concept, when executed well, can result in good design,” stated O’Neal, NewSchool master of architecture student and coordinator for Pedigree Pergola doghouse. For more information, visit www.newschoolarch.edu.
Tens of thousands of dogs drown in pools each year

According to the American Pet Association, more than 71 percent of the population own pets, and 51 percent of the population own a pool or spa. Together, these numbers could spell big trouble for the pets and their owners. It is common knowledge that dogs swim by nature; they paddle around in water with little to no difficulty, but getting out of the water is something entirely different. Pets do not usually die because of their lack of swimming skills, but by exhaustion and their inability to exit the body of water.

As pets age, seemingly simple tasks can become extraordinarily daunting and dangerous. One such task is finding a way out of a pool or back onto the deck of a boat. Senior pets (any pet over the age of 7 years) can paddle around in water with relative ease, but it only takes a moment for them to be pulled under while searching for the stairs or ramp.

For information on how you can keep your pet from drowning, go to SeniorPetProducts.com.

SeniorPetProducts.com exists to help senior pets live healthier lives as they age by providing news, information and products for health, wellness, comfort and mobility.

Humane Association creates Kids Interacting with Dogs Safely program

Every year in the U.S., 3.5 million children are bitten by dogs, and it is estimated that by age 12, half of all children in this country will experience a dog bite, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. To address this problem, the American Humane Association has created “American Humane KIDS: Kids Interacting with Dogs Safely,” a unique, first of its kind dog-bite prevention program designed for children ages 7 and under.

“We designed the program to fill the critical need for a dog-bite prevention effort for younger children, ages 4 to 7,” said Jane Greco Deming, director of Humane Education for the American Humane Association. “Most programs are designed for children over 8, but those who are younger than 7 are most likely to experience severe injuries to the face, head and neck.”

The American Humane KIDS program does not frighten children but teaches them consideration for dogs’ feelings in certain situations. For example, a KIDS teacher might ask, “How do you think Fluffy feels when Haiden is pulling on his tail?” This approach will tap into a child’s instinctual sense of empathy in a way that’s easy for a youngster to grasp at a young age.

The KIDS curriculum meets national standards of education while providing character lessons. It includes games, activities, worksheets, songs, a coloring book and a live-action DVD. The coloring book reinforces the lessons with situations in which young children may encounter dogs and provides guidance on what they should do. The materials are available for purchase online at www.americanhumane.org/store.

Reality-based ‘Housecat Housecall’ leads the way for cat TV programming

Cats have once again solidified their position as America’s favorite pets by proving that a show dedicated entirely to their well-being can successfully break through the canine-dominated television world. “Housecat Housecall,” one of the first feline reality-based programs, returned to Animal Planet June 6 for a second season after capturing the hearts and minds of cat-loving audiences around the country.

“Housecat Housecall” provides cat owners with valuable cat-care information that they can apply to their own relationships with their feline friends, ultimately helping them live a more connected life together,” said Dr. Katrina Warren. “For the series, we profile 12 families dealing with a broad range of real-life kitty concerns.
in an effort to relate to as many cat owners as possible. We are excited to bring the show back for a second season and provide even more cat owners with actionable solutions for bringing harmony back to their households."

Episodes of “Housecat Housecall” air over a 12-week period on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Eastern/Pacific time, with weekly “encores” each Sunday at 8 a.m. E/P. In each episode, Dr. Katrina visits two cat-owning homes, observes the cats in their natural environment and recommends appropriate plans of action for improving the situation.

Covering everything from quirky cats with a lot of energy to more complex matters, such as helping a once outdoor cat adjust to its new indoor lifestyle, “Housecat Housecall” gives cat owners the knowledge and tools they need to create a well-balanced home life for the whole family, including the cat.

Cat owners seeking even more credible advice beyond the show can visit www.housecathousecall.com to find practical solutions for their individual feline situations. The Web site allows cat owners to share stories about their own quirky felines and gives them access to Purina Cat Chow Mentors, cat-care specialists who are available to share helpful advice any day of the week, at any time. The site also provides show information, bios on the families and episode air dates.

FDA approves first anti-cancer drug for dogs

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced the approval for the first anti-cancer drug created specifically for use in veterinary medicine. The research efforts to develop Palladia, which is used to treat skin-based mast cell tumors, was led by Dr. Cheryl London of the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation began funding mast cell tumor research in 2000 with a grant to Dr. London, then at the University of California, Davis. Since then, CHF has allocated more than $200,000 in support of mast cell research. Dr. London’s original work studied the biological effects of c-kit mutations on mast cells, leading to a more detailed understanding of canine mast cell tumors. This early work provided a framework for the development of new therapies and disease prevention. Dr. London has also spent time researching the biology of normal mast cells to provide a platform for future work investigating the genetic basis of mast cell disease in dogs.

Dr. Elizabeth Whitley of Auburn University has also studied mast cell tumors. Dr. Whitley’s research has focused on the physiology of mast cells, and working to develop a system for matching tumors with appropriate treatment to improve treatment success.

Dog helps inspectors sniff out plant pests

Some dogs look for bones buried in the yard, but Friday the dog has put an interesting twist on the game — trying to find pests hiding in packages. Friday is the newest agricultural inspector in the county’s Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures.

“Friday works with our inspection team at local shipping facilities using her heightened sense of smell to find packages with fruit, flowers or plants in them, which increases our chance of finding pests,” said County Agriculture Commissioner Bob Atkins.

Friday and her handler, County Agricultural/Standards Inspector Jeremy Partch, showed off their skills during a demonstration at the County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa.

The dog spends most days with Partch at local shipping companies,
roaming along conveyor belts filled with packages coming into the county. She paws at a package when she smells plants, flowers or fruit, waiting for Partch to take a closer look. Friday has already sniffed out more than 3,000 such packages, an invaluable skill since a new pest is introduced into California every 60 days, costing the state’s agricultural business about $3 billion dollars annually in pest control and crop loss.

Friday and Partch are the fifth agricultural detection dog team in California, working in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA selected the dog after rescuing her from a shelter, and then paired her with Partch during 10 weeks of training.

Friday is about 3 years old, and is expected to continue inspections until she is 9. Once she retires, Partch plans to adopt her.

Four-legged companion cements friendship between unlikely pals

Robert S. Brewer Jr., a partner at Jones Day and formerly of McKenna Long & Aldridge, recently received the Daniel T. Broderick III award at the 25th annual Red Boudreau Trial Lawyers Dinner. The four sponsoring organizations, American Board of Trial Advocates, San Diego Defense Lawyers, Association of Business Trial Lawyers of San Diego and Consumer Attorneys San Diego, come together each year to present the esteemed honor to a lawyer who has consistently demonstrated the highest standard of civility, integrity and professionalism in law.

Father Joe’s Villages is the beneficiary of the annual dinner. This year’s award recipient Brewer shared a personal perspective on the good work of Father Joe’s Villages.

About three years ago, the four-legged best friend and companion of a homeless man named George had been put into “dog jail.” George was successful in preparing an appeal to stop the county from euthanizing his companion, but did not have the funds to get his dog out of jail. Hearing about this, Brewer offered to pay to get Duke out of jail on one condition: that George bring Duke to his law office to meet him and his fellow staff members.

This began a friendship between Brewer and George. They began to meet every month for lunch.

About a year later, Brewer and Duke had to bail George out of jail. Brewer represented George before a judge who mandated that George get specific help with his issues, which he did by enrolling at St. Vincent de Paul Village. After one year, George successfully completed the program and today lives in Spring Valley.

Brewer and George remain friends today.

Program lets readers log hours toward charitable goals

Pet owners facing tough financial times can get free food and services for their animals this summer, thanks to the generosity of local readers.

“Our ‘Read for a Reason’ program gives readers a way to connect with those in need by earning rewards to benefit local pets,” said José Aponte, director of the County Library. “The program is in its fourth year, and it is rewarding to see how people are using their love of reading to make a difference in people’s and pets’ lives.”

Kids can sign up for the “Read for a Reason” program online. They track the hours they read on the site, working toward goals set for their age group.

For each person who registers, Hills Science Diet will donate one pound of pet food. It will be given to customers of the Spay Neuter Action Project (SNAP) Neuter Scooter.

In addition, all branches are participating in a pet food drive through the
end of July, in which the public can drop off donations in marked bins. The food will be given to San Diego Food Bank and The Pet Food Bank for local distribution. The County Department of Animal Services will help deliver donated pet food to the organizations and will also have collection bins at its three shelters.

To sign up for the “Read for a Reason” program, please visit http://dbpcosdsgt.co.sandiego.ca.us/screens/SRP/rfar_index.html.

All American Pet Brands holds million dollar look-a-like contest

All American Pet Company, announces its first ever Bow Wow Million Dollar Look-a-Like Contest. Dog owners can submit a picture of themselves and their dog to show the world how much they look alike. The finalists from these submissions will be given the chance to win the grand prize of $1 million. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, July 26, 2009.

Twenty semifinalists will each receive $500 cash, and those who are declared finalists will receive an expense-paid trip for two plus their “pooch”, which includes airfare and accommodations to Los Angeles, to compete for the national championship. After the judging is over, one finalist will be declared the national Look-a-Like Champion and will win the grand prize of $1 million. Each runner-up winner will win $5,000 cash plus a one-year supply of dog food.

For more information, visit the All American Pet Web site at www.aap-brands.com.

Enter Your Best Snapshots in the Pets & Pals Photo Contest

The American Humane Association will accept entries for its 2009 Pets & Pals Photo Contest. This popular annual competition encourages photographers of all skill levels to send in shots of animals in four categories. Enter as many photos as you like for a shot at a grand prize of $1,000. Deadline is July 31, 2009.

Give it a try and see what develops! Visit www.americanhumane.org/petsandpals for submission guidelines.

Campland dog park opens

Dogs will now have a place to run free at Campland on the Bay, since the campsite gated a wooded area and turned it into an official dog park complete with doggie bags. The public can access the dog park, along with all the other campsite amenities, for a $10 per person fee. On July 9, Campland on the Bay will also open a small skateboard park.

“This is an opportunity for them to have their own little place,” said Sally Romoser, spokesperson for the campsite. “We have a lot of campers who bring their pets.”

Dogs will now have a place to run at Campland on the Bay. Visitors are welcomed and must pay the $10 day use fee.
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DOG PARK ETIQUETTE

Rules of dog-park etiquette and deportment for dogs and their handlers.

By PAT MILLER | SAN DIEGO PETS

Not all dogs at the park are social. Some simply enjoy the opportunity to run and play fetch games off-leash.

In a word, it’s all about etiquette. If you understand the rules of dog park etiquette – and if other park users also understand and follow the same rules – you can be in dog park heaven. When etiquette goes by the wayside, you have a classic recipe for disaster.

More and more communities across the country are developing new municipal “bark parks” as dog owners lobby for recreational facilities for humans and their dogs and insist on claiming their share of local park resources.

**Appropriate dog behavior**

Not all dogs are good candidates for dog-park play. A dog park is not the appropriate place for dogs who have serious behavior problems in relation to other dogs or humans. Dogs with these kinds of “issues” should be carefully socialized in environments that are far more controlled than a dog park while their owners do behavior modification work. Consider the following carefully before taking your dog through the gate into your local dog park.

- Basic good manners are a park prerequisite. Your dog should not body-slam, mouth, jump on kids, or mark (leg-lift) humans in the park, nor should he jump into laps of random sitting humans without invitation.
- Your dog should be responsive to basic cues – at least “come” when called, “sit” and “leave it/off,” so you can get control of him if necessary, and prevent him from harassing others.
- Barking should be kept to a reasonable level, both for the comfort of other park users as well as nearby neighbors.
- Only healthy dogs should visit dog parks. Obviously, communicable diseases and parasites are unacceptable as these can affect and infect other dogs.

**Human behavior**

This is even longer than the dog behavior list. We humans are responsible for our dogs’ behaviors, hence we play a critically important role in making sure proper etiquette is adhered to, by our dogs as well as ourselves.

- As a new park user, visit the park without your dog to observe park culture and practices. Arrange to take your dog to the park the first time at non-peak-use hours to allow both of you to acquaint yourselves with the environment without the stress and distraction of multiple dogs.
- Obey all posted park rules, even if you disagree with them.
- Don’t bring small children inside the dog park. Occasionally, dogs who are running fast in a chasing game will accidentally run into a grown-up, sometimes even knocking down a full-sized man. Imagine what could happen to your toddler and that’s just from an accident, not even from the attention of a large dog with a strong prey drive who has never been socialized to small children!

- Limit your use of toys or food treats as necessary to avoid dog/dog conflict. This may vary depending on the dog population at the park during any given visit.
- Keep puppies under the age of four months at home. They aren’t fully immunized yet, so are at higher risk for contracting diseases, and are very vulnerable to being traumatized by another dog’s inappropriate behavior.
- Be harshly realistic about your dog’s potential as a park playmate. The dog park is not the appropriate place to work on fixing your dog’s behavior problems.
- Watch park play for several minutes before you take your dog in to be sure there are no dogs present who are inappropriate play partners for your dog.
- Remove your dog’s leash as soon as you enter the off-leash area. Mixing on-leash and off-leash dogs can cause stress in the leashed dogs, which may lead to aggression.
- Supervise your dog’s play. Be prepared to interrupt inappropriate play whether your dog is the perpetrator or the victim.
- If someone complains about your dog’s behavior, be prepared to consider his perspective before defending your dog or just blowing off the complaint. Apologize if your dog has been inappropriate, and be willing to leave the park if your dog is being too rough.
- Be polite, even if someone else’s dog is inappropriate and the owner isn’t controlling her dog or is unwilling to take her own dog out of the park.
- Keep the dog-human ratio manageable. A standard recommendation is no more than two or three dogs per human, assuming those two to three dogs can be reasonably managed by one human!
- Remember: not all dogs enjoy playing with others. Be willing to leave if your dog isn’t having a good time. Some dogs enjoy a small circle of intimate friends but aren’t keen on crowds. Some enjoy park play as youngsters, but less so as they mature. If you love going to the park but your dog doesn’t, go without him!
- Avoid disciplining another park user’s dog. If you must use force to break up a fight, so be it, but do not attempt to “punish” someone else’s dog once the conflict is ended.
- Honor the posted dog-park hours. They are set for a reason, often for your own safety, or to maintain peace and harmony with nearby neighbors.
- Of course, as always, clean up after your dog religiously both inside and outside the park.

— Pat Miller, CPDT, is WDJ’s training editor. Miller lives in Hagerstown, Maryland, site of her Peaceable Paws training center. For book purchasing or contact information, see “Resources.”
Top 20 San Diego area dog parks

Enjoy these leash-free dog parks. For more details, dog park rules and regulations, visit www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/

1. **DEL MAR DOG BEACH**
   3200 Camino del Mar. For hours call City of Del Mar at 858-755-9313 or go to www.delmardogpark.com.

2. **DEL MAR TORREY HIGHLANDS PARK**
   Landsdale Drive just off Del Mar Heights Road. Open sunrise to sunset. 619-236-5555.

3. **POWAY DOG PARK**
   13094 Civic Center Dr. Open sunrise to 9:30 p.m. www.ci.poway.ca.us for info.

4. **KEARNY MESA COMMUNITY PARK**
   3170 Armstrong St. Open 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

5. **MIRA MESA MADDOX NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**
   7815 Flanders Dr. Open sunrise to sunset. www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation.

6. **UTC DOYLE COMMUNITY PARK**
   8175 Regents Road, behind Doyle Rec. Center. Closed noon-2 p.m. Tues. & Thurs.

7. **CLAIREMONT MESA CAEMAN COMMUNITY PARK**
   4280 Avati Drive (near Moraga Ct.)
   Daily 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 - 7 p.m.
   Summer daily 7 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. & 5-7:30 p.m.

8. **KEARNY MESA COMMUNITY PARK**
   3170 Armstrong St. Open 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

9. **EL CAJON WELLS PARK**
   1153 E. Madison Ave. Open 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.

10. **PACIFIC BEACH CAPEHART PARK**
    Near the foot of Soledad Mountain Rd., south of Beryl St. Open 24 hours 7 days.

11. **MISSION BAY FIESTA ISLAND**
    Fiesta Island Road, off E. Mission Bay Drive. Open 4 a.m.- 10 p.m. www.fiestaislandgdp.com and www.fidosd.com

12. **DUSTY RHODES NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**
    Between Sunset Cliffs Blvd. and Nimitz Blvd. Closed Tuesday 7-10 a.m.

13. **OCEAN BEACH DOG BEACH**
    W. Point Loma Blvd and Voltaire St. Leash-free 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

14. **BALBOA PARK NATE’S POINT**
    Near Balboa Dr. at El Prado (6th Ave. and Laurel St.) Gate on Balboa Dr. closed 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.

15. **BALBOA PARK MORLEY FIELD**
    Enter from Alabama St. or Morley Field Dr. Gate closed 10 p.m.- 7 a.m.

16. **BALBOA PARK GRAPE STREET PARK**
    End of Grape Street at 28th Street Mon-Friday 7:30 a.m.- 9 p.m. Sat., Sun. and holidays 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.

17. **LA MESA HARRY GRIFFEN PARK**
    950 Milden St. 7 a.m. to one hour after sunset

18. **CORONADO DOG BEACH**
    100 Ocean Blvd. at the north end of Coronado beach next to the Naval Air Station North Island. Open 24 hours. 619-522-7380

19. **CHULA VISTA VETERANS PARK**
    785 E. Palomar St. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

20. **OTAY RANCH TOWN CENTER PARK**
    2015 Birch Rd., in the southwestern area of the mall. Hours:10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

21. **CHULA VISTA MONTEVALLE PARK**
    840 Duncan Ranch Rd. Open 7 a.m.- 10 p.m. Park hours vary, call 619-5269
SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Summer safety for dogs and cats

By SINDI SOMERS | SAN DIEGO PETS

For those of us that live in sunny San Diego County, it can be helpful to remember hot-weather safety tips year-round. With the onset of summer, it is especially important to consider our pets’ potential to become overheated and dehydrated.

Fresh, cool drinking water needs to be available at all times for pets. On hot days you might want to put bowls in different areas, making it easier for pets to get to water and stay hydrated. Water bowls for outdoor pets should be placed in shaded areas so they stay cool. It is recommended to empty outdoor bowls when pets are not outside to deter mosquitos.

Cats instinctively get their moisture from food. If they are on a dry kibble diet, consider integrating moist food. High quality canned, thawed, frozen raw or home-cooked lean unseasoned meats will increase fluid consumption, as well as nutrition and flavor. You can even manually add a little extra water to whatever they are eating. If your cat does drink from the water bowl, giving some form of moistened food is still highly beneficial and encouraged, not only on hot days but year-round.

In addition to proper hydration, providing adequate shade is essential if your pets are outside for any length of time. A doghouse can trap heat and should not be considered shade. Nor is a shady tree always sufficient. Consider installing an awning or other tented structure that will remain shaded regardless of which direction the sun is shining. Airflow through the structure is also important so that the area underneath remains cool.

If pets are indoors during the day and you don’t have air conditioning or want to minimize its usage, keep it cooler inside by closing the blinds. You might want to leave at least one window accessible for pets to see out. Some pets choose to rest on a tiled floor to stay cool. My dog opts for the bathtub, so I always leave the curtain pulled to one side.

When it comes time for exercise, extreme caution should be used on hot days. Schedule your dog’s walks, playtime, beach visits and other outings in the evenings and early mornings to avoid the sun when it is at its hottest. This can help diminish the risk of your dog overheating or getting heatstroke, which can be fatal. Sidewalks, pavement and sand can also get very hot on your pet’s paw pads. Paw boots are available for those dogs willing to wear them.

When venturing out, it can be beneficial for some pets to wear sunscreen. If the animal is a hairless breed or has been shaved, the shaved or exposed skin is at risk for sunburn. In addition, the nose — especially pale-nosed cats and dogs — need protection. Any area where the skin is thin or there is no hair could benefit from sunscreen on a sunny day. There are sunscreens designed specifically for pets, but human-grade sensitive skin and baby sunscreens can be OK. Some ingredients, however, such as common zinc oxide, are toxic if licked off and should always be avoided. Protective eyewear and sunglasses, including Doggles brand, are also available (www.doggles.com).

Bringing along water on walks and excursions is also a good idea. Portable water bowls are available for pets in a variety of styles. My favorite is the Water Rover. It clips to my belt and allows unused water to be saved for later in the walk (www.waterrover.com).

You may find that your pets naturally slow down when the temperature rises. However, if they are in need of some activity, indoor play is another option. Playing tug with a rope or other dog-friendly toy is a great way to work your dog’s muscles and mind. If you have the room, you can modify fetch by rolling the ball instead of throwing it or use a lightweight stuffed toy to throw. Training sessions with praise and food rewards can also help break up the day. Providing edible chew treats, such as bully sticks and raw marrow bones or a Kong or other treat-dispensing toy filled with snacks, can further help exert energy.

One last but crucial reminder is to never leave your dog in the car on a hot day. Even in the shade with the windows down, the interior of a car can reach more than 100 degrees in mere minutes. Leaving a dog in an open-bed truck while driving or stopped is also dangerous. In addition to the hazards of the sun’s rays, flying debris can get into animal’s eyes. Of course, if you have to stop suddenly or are in any type of accident, your pets are left completely unprotected. Seat belt harnesses can be purchased to ensure safety when riding in cars, but tying your dog in the back of a truck doesn’t lessen its chance of severe injury.

Keeping these precautions in mind can help you enjoy a safe, healthy and happy summer with your pets. I welcome your questions and comments. You can e-mail me at info@wildtame.com or visit me online at www.wildtame.com.
Ways to manage pets during July 4 fireworks

Fourth of July fireworks can frighten pets and farm animals and cause them to react in ways that might injure them. A Purdue veterinarian says there are numerous ways to protect your pets during the celebrations.

“Owners must use common sense when they allow pets to join the festivities,” said Lorraine Corriveau, a wellness veterinarian at Purdue University’s School of Veterinary Medicine. “Some dogs like chasing those spinning and swirling objects on the ground. Others fear loud noises. Owners can use simple tricks like putting cotton in their pets’ ears to muffle the sound.”

Helpful tips for lowering the noise stress of pets:

- Never leave pets alone outdoors, even if tethered or in a fenced yard. Dogs, especially, may escape and become lost or injure themselves chewing or choking on their leashes. Keep small pets indoors, preferably in a room without windows, and horses in their stalls.
- Make sure all sharp objects are removed from enclosures.
- Turn on the radio or TV for distraction.
- Do not take pets to fireworks shows.
- Do not leave a pet in a car unattended.
- Keep pets on leash or in a carrier if they must be outside.
- Protect animals from children who may not realize that waving sparklers or setting off “safe” firecrackers could upset pets.
- Keep I.D. tags current so the pet and owner can be reunited if loud noises cause it to run away.
- Sedate horses and some dogs if needed. Noise phobia can get worse as a pet ages. A veterinarian can advise about giving a mild sedative or tranquilizer to calm the fears of an over-stressed dog, cat or horse.
- Desensitize your pet by playing CDs that contain noises of thunderstorms, fireworks or gunshots.
- Pick up leftover sparklers and other sharp objects when the night of festivities is over.

— Information provided by William H. Craig, DVM, chief medical and underwriting director of PurinaCare® Pet Health Insurance.
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Pet owners should be aware this summer about the dangers of heat exposure. Pet emergency clinics receive several cases of heatstroke each week during the summer months. Dogs and cats of all breeds are sensitive to the effects of heatstroke and can fall victim to it in less than one hour, yet many of the symptoms may not be obvious to the average pet owner.

What pet owners need to know about the heat:

• Dogs and cats do not sweat — the only way they can get rid of excess heat is through panting.
• Exercise with your pet before the heat of the day. Limit activity on hot days.
• Working breeds, longhaired breeds, pug-nosed breeds, obese animals and enthusiastic dogs are especially vulnerable to heatstroke.
• The daily rule for water is: Provide one ounce of water for every pound the animal weighs.
• Family outings with the pet: Provide water in a bowl before any activity and frequently during the day. If you’re thirsty, so is your pet.
• Never leave an animal outside without access to plenty of water and shade. If it is too hot for you to be outside, it is too hot for your pet as well.
• Never, ever leave an animal in an unventilated vehicle. Period. The temperature inside a closed car will reach more than 100 degrees in 10 minutes on an 85-degree day. In 30 minutes, the car will reach 120 degrees or more.

Signs of heatstroke in your pet:

• Standing listless or lying on its side unresponsive
• Very rapid panting or hyperventilating
• Thick, ropey saliva hanging from the tongue and mouth
• Gum tissue and lips will be tacky and dry
• Gum color will be blood red in early stage and turn grey-blue as shock sets in
• Seizures or coma occur as the brain overheats

If you suspect your pet is suffering from heatstroke, cool your pet’s head and body with room temperature water and take your pet to the veterinarian immediately. If left untreated, it can lead to prolonged hyperthermia and cause irreversible brain and kidney damage.

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MORE INFO: www.WagsForWishes.com Rachael Gershwin 858-707-9474

July 15
21ST ANNUAL DACHSHUND SUMMER PICNIC
Noon-3:30pm – Cost: Free – Balboa Park, Corner Presidents Way & Park Blvd. Bring your own Lunch, blanket, short leashes ONLY.
MORE INFO: www.SDDC.us

July 25 & 26
ANNUAL TURTLE/TORTOISE & PLANT SALE
BENEFITTING THE SAN DIEGO TURTLE & TORTOISE SOCIETY
10am-4pm Cost: FREE Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101. We will have native and exotic animals plus adoptions, plants, t-shirts, baked goods and refreshments for sale.
MORE INFO: 619-593-2123 http://www.sdturtle.org/

AUGUST 2009

August 8
Surf CLINIC for Dogs & People - Del Mar Beach Dog Beach benefitting Helen Woodward Animal Center 10:00am to Noon Cost: $10.00 per person with 50% being donated to the Center. Pat Webber from San Diego Surf Academy and Rob Kuty of San Diego Pet Training will be there to teach dogs and people to surf in preparation for the Surf A Thon on Sept 7th.
Location - Dog Beach in Del Mar at the foot of Via De La Valle

August 11
DOG DAYS OF SUMMER CONTEST & K-9 FESTIVAL IN CARDIFF - BENEFITS RANCHO COASTAL HUMANE SOCIETY
10am-2pm Cost: FREE Bring your pets and enter the costume contests and other assorted contests for prizes, vendor booths with animal products, silent auction items.
Location - Headline Graphics parking lot at the corner of Newcastle & Aberdeen Ave. Cardiff 92007.

August 15
ANNUAL FUR BALL
SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY
6pm-Midnight. You and your well-mannered, on-leash doggie companion will have a ball at our annual gala benefitting animals and vital community programs. Live music, dancing and an auction are all part of this elegant and celebrated affair. You also won’t want to miss out on our fabulous raffles, including a collection of highly-rated wines, and dinner by Jeffrey Strauss of Pamplemousse Grille. Ticket prices are $500 for Ultra VIP Seating, $225 for Blue Ribbon Seating and $175 for Red Ribbon Seating and they’re selling fast! Reserve tickets call (619) 243-3439 or email us. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.sdhumane.org or call (619) 243-3408. Event will be held at the San Diego Animal Shelter, 5500 Gains Street, San Diego, CA 92110 http://www.sdhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=evn_FurBall

August 29
2ND ANNUAL BIG DOGS ROCK ADOPTION EVENT
11:00am to 3:00pm Cost: Free to attend but fee to adopt. Goodie bags filled with lots of pet stuff to the first 50 adopters.
Location - Fiesta Island on Mission Bay.
MORE INFO: www.SDShelters.com

August 29
3RD ANNUAL KRUISE 4 K-9’S MOTORCYCLE RUN OCEANSIDE TO JULIAN
8:00am Cost: $25.00 Motorcyclists from Southern California will blaze a trail from Oceanside to Julian to lend a helping hand to California’s Labrador Retrievers at Labrador Harbor’s fund-raiser. The run will end at Menghini Winery in Julian, CA 1150 Julian Orchards Dr, Julian CA92036. Registration/sign-in will take place in the Spoons Bar and Grill Parking lot 2725 Vista Way, Oceanside, CA 92054 at 8:00am. Ride begins at 9:00am. Ride approximate distance 56 miles. Registration is $25/person which will include an event T-Shirt and lunch at the winery.
MORE INFO: www.LabradorHarbor.org

August 29
2009 Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals
8:30am - FREE This is the 12th Annual qualifying race with over 300 dachshunds registered. Location - Qualcomm Stadium Parking Lot - Section JS on the Rugby Field
MORE INFO: www.HolidayBowl.com (619) 283-5808
Email Katharine@holidaybowl.com
SUMMER CALENDAR

MONTHLY EVENTS CALENDAR

DOGS

GREYHOUNDS TO GO WALKING CLUB
All well behaved, leashed dogs welcome. EVERY Sat. 10:00am in front of the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park, 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego.
MORE INFO: http://greyhounds2go.org/sd_events.html

GREYHOUND WALKING CLUB
All well behaved, leashed dogs welcome. Generally the 1st & 3rd Saturdays at different locations around the County.
MORE INFO: http://www.gwcd.org/schedule.html

COCKER SPANIEL SOCIAL
1st & 3rd SATURDAYS OF EVERY MONTH
In Oceanside & La Jolla
MORE INFO: Email Peggy Mundell at SDDogRescue@cox.net
Or Visit http://cocker-spaniel.meetup.com/4/

FRENCH BULLDOG MEET-UP GROUP
Meet 2nd & 4th Saturday each month at local parks & beaches
MORE INFO: http://www.frenchbulldog.meetup.com/41/ or e-mail Robert Goulet at RGoulet69@hotmail.com

DOGGIE HAPPY HOUR
W Hotel 421 West “B” Street, San Diego. 92101. Last Tuesday 5-7pm - Bring your dog and socialize on their outside patio. Please call first at 619-231-8220 to make sure they are still having it

EDUCATION CLASSES

PET FIRST AID
American Red Cross
Held Monthly - Cost: $60.00 4-hour class includes Pet First Aid Handbook. Classes held in Mission Valley & Vista.
MORE INFO: www.SDARC.org or call 858-309-1439

HAPPY HOUR LECTURE SERIES
San Diego Humane Society
3rd Thursdays, Different classes and times.
MORE INFO: http://www.sdhumane.org

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES
Escondido Humane Society
Bi-monthly classes
MORE INFO: click on “Education”, then “Upcoming Classes at http://www.escondidohumanesociety.org/

DOGGIE CAFE
San Diego Humane Society
Last Friday 6-8pm - Have fun socializing with your pets and trainers will be on hand for training tips. To reserve a space call 619-299-7012 extension 2230
MORE INFO: http://www.sdhumane.org

KIDS

ANIMAL TALES
FREE story telling program for kids 4 to 8yrs. Stories and crafts. 3rd Sunday, 1:00pm
MORE INFO: Please call 619-299-7012 ext. 2251 or visit http://www.sdhumane.org and navigate to “Just for Kids”.

TOTS TALES
FREE story telling program for preschoolers or your playgroups. 4th Thursday, 10:30am
MORE INFO: Please call 619-243-3432 or visit http://www.sdhumane.org

PARROTS

PARROT CLASSES
Monthly classes held at the Marina Village Conference Center, $10.00 Non-Members, $15.00 at the door.
MORE INFO: To register go to web site at http://www.peac.org/sem_by_site.shtml

RABBITS

SDHRS
Volunteer or find out more about San Diego House Rabbit Society.
MORE INFO: 619-718-7777 or visit web site at www.sandiegorabbits.org

RADIO PROGRAMS

TALKN’ ANIMALS WITH DR. DOG
Every Sun. 9-10am - 760AM KFMB
MORE INFO: http://www.drdog.com

BUNNY STORE
July: 4, 11, 18, 25  Aug: 1, 8, 15, 22  Sept: 5, 12, 19, 26

HRS ADOPTION DAYS
July: 5, 19  Aug: 2, 16  Sept: 6, 20

SDHRS SPEAKER SERIES – community welcome
3rd Saturday of each month, 4-6 p.m.
$5 donation at door; refreshments and door prizes
4805 Mercury St., Suite C, San Diego
July: skip this month
Aug 15: Volunteer Amy Spintman will present “Caring for Your Disabled Rabbit”
Sept 19: Carmine Bausone, DVM, will present “Alternative Methods of Healing” joined by Flopper’s Garden fine herbs and flowers for rabbits
Oct 17: Jeffrey Jenkins, DVM, will present “Elder Rabbit Care and Medical Concerns”

SHELTER RABBIT ADOPTION DAY
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday, July 18
SDHRS Adoption Center, 4805 Mercury St., Suite C, San Diego
Rabbits from the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility will be available for adoption. Application and fee apply. Learn more at www.sandiegorabbits.org
http://www.sandiegorabbits.org

BUNNYFEST, ANNUAL FUND-RAISER
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, Oct 4
San Dieguito Park, Lomas Santa Fe and Highland Drive, Del Mar
SDHRS annual fund-raiser, open to the public. Open-air fair with bunny-themed craft vendors and rabbit supplies. Enjoy the Cottontail Café, demonstrations of rabbit agility, kids activities and more!
RABBIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHULA VISTA SHELTER

The House Rabbit Society is recruiting rabbit volunteers to help care for rescued rabbits at the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility. Our goal is to create a team of about 20 volunteers, filling two shifts each day. The early shift will change out litter boxes, give pellets and water and tidy cages. They also can give exercise time to the rabbits. The afternoon shift will top off hay and water, give out a small amount of fresh greens to each rabbit and exercise the remainder of rabbits. We are also seeking volunteers who can assist with transporting rabbits to and from vet appointments (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays) and take photos, write descriptions for adoption Web sites and socialize the rabbits to help make them friendlier.

Shifts are 9 a.m. to noon and 3 to 5 p.m., and the shelter typically has between eight and 20 rabbits. Training will be provided.

This is a great volunteer opportunity! To learn more, e-mail cvrabbits@sandiegorabbits.org.

How to cool down a hot bunny

You need to cool down a hot bunny. Heat is deadly to rabbits, and when the temperature creeps up into the 80s or more, heat stress becomes a real concern. Overweight rabbits seem more susceptible to heat stress — a good motivation to trim Bun down before the hottest months of summer.

Cooling tips:

- Freeze water in 1- or 2-liter size soda bottles and keep in the cage as a giant ice cube for bunny to lean against. Keep a couple of bottles rotating in the freezer.
- Dampen a towel and drape it over one end of the cage with a fan blowing gently on it, enough for good air circulation but not so it’s drafty.
- Gently mist rabbits’ ears and fur with clean water.
- Place a square or two of ceramic tile or marble in the cage. It will remain cooler than the air temperature and will be a cool place for Bun to rest.
- Always have plenty of fresh drinking water available.
- If your rabbit spends time outdoors, be sure to provide shade and keep him out of the direct sun in the hottest times of day.
- If your rabbit becomes exposed to too much heat, seems listless, is not eating or acting normally, get him to a veterinarian immediately. Do not wait!

JUST SAY NO TO FLEAS!

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Families facing ever-increasing economic challenges have had to cut back on expenditures, including spending money on their pets. In what is being called “economic euthanasia,” pet owners are being forced to euthanize their pets in the face of expensive and often unexpected veterinary procedures. The tragedy is that if funds were available, these pets would continue to live full and happy lives.

The Foundation for Animal Care and Education (FACE) has been saving the lives of pets in Southern California since 2006. FACE was created to spare pet owners the agonizing choice of either allowing their pet to suffer or having their loyal companion euthanized, solely due to a lack of sufficient funds.

As word has spread about the FACE Foundation and what they do, more cases have been coming in, putting the foundation in an unavoidable situation in which it will have to start turning cases away. Financially, FACE reached capacity for cases coming in for the month of June, and without more donations, the foundation will have to turn families and their pets away from receiving financial assistance. The foundation is asking interested pet lovers to make financial contributions to the charity.

At the time of this release, the most recent success story from the FACE Foundation is an adorable dog aptly named Rug (pictured here). When bone fragments lodged in his esophagus, Rug needed immediate surgery. With a grant from FACE, Rug received the care he needed and his owners were able to choose life for their beloved dog.

The FACE Foundation was the brainchild of a group of concerned members of the community with a passion for animal welfare and a group of veterinarians from the Veterinary Specialty Hospital in Sorrento Valley who could not stand to see beloved family members “economically euthanized.”

“It was heartbreaking to see so many pets — family members — euthanized or surrendered because their owners could not afford to pay for veterinary procedures,” explains Cini Gannon-Robb, the vice president of FACE.

The FACE Foundation relies solely on donations from individuals, foundations and corporations, and is actively seeking support from the community through cash contributions, partnerships, in-kind donations and volunteers to continue assisting pets in need.

Since its launch in 2006, the lives of nearly 100 pets have been saved.

To learn more about FACE and how you can help, visit the Web site at www.face4pets.org.
ANIMAL RESOURCES

Animal Adoption Organizations

A Passion For Paws Akita Rescue  Cheryl Weatherford  (858) 551-7511  www.APassionForPaws.org
Angel Wings Cat Rescue Inc.  Wilma Daubman  (760) 744-0764  www.AngelWingsCatRescue.com
Bat Rescue  Richard Wilkins  (858) 679-0211  www.batrescue.org
German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue  (760) 726-4813  www.GSP-Rescue.org
Greyhound Adoption Center  Toll Free 1-877-478-8364  www.greyhoundog.org
Greyhound Connection  (619) 286-4739  www.GreyhoundConnection.org
Operation Greyhound  Bruce or Bob  (619) 588-6611  www.OperationGreyhound.com
Paws of Coronado  Louise Shirey  (619) 435-8247  www.PawsOfCoronado.org
Pit Bull Rescue of San Diego  Kate John  (858) 361-3592  www.PitBullRescueSanDiego.com
Pug Rescue of San Diego County  www.pugbutts.com
S.D. Turtle & Tortoise Society  (619) 593-2123  www.SDTurtle.org
Southwestern Rottweiler Club San Diego  Deanna Giller  (619) 645-8800  www.SRCSD.net
Westie Rescue of California  (619) 579-6395  www.WestieRescueCA.com
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Animal Welfare Organizations

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Lions, Tigers & Bears  Bobbi Brink  (619) 659-8078  www.LionsTigersandBears.org

Dog Clubs

BREED SPECIFIC DOG CLUBS

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Irish Setter Club of San Diego  Madelon McGowen  (619) 441-7339  Email - MadMac646@yahoo.com
San Diego Whippet Association  Jo Rufing  (619) 477-4222  www.SanDiegoWhippets.com

Spay & Neuter Services

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County Animal Services – South
5821 Sweetwater Road, CA 91902 (619) 685-6309
www.sddac.com Hours: Tues-Sat 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Camp Pendleton Animal Shelter
4th St. Area 25 Bldg. 25132 CA 92054 (760) 725-8120

CARLSBAD

County Animal Services – North
2481 Palomar Airport Road, CA 92009
(760) 438-2312 or (760) 746-7307
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CHULA VISTA

City of Chula Vista Animal Shelter
130 Beyer Way, CA 91911 (619) 691-5123
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Animal Control Facility
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City of El Cajon Animal Shelter
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Escondido Humane Society
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www.EscondidoHumaneSociety.com
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OCEANSIDE

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San Diego Humane Society & SPCA
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ENCINITAS

Rancho Coastal Humane Society
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www.RCHumaneSociety.org
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RANCHO SANTA FE

Helen Woodward Animal Center
6461 El Apajo Road, CA 92067 (858) 756-4117
www.AnimalCenter.org Hours: 7 days 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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885 Canarios Court, #108, Chula Vista, CA 91910 M-F 6 p.m.-8 a.m. Sat. Sun.
3:30pm-8am www.PESCSanDiego.com

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California Veterinary Specialists (760) 431-2272
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www.CaliforniaVeterinarySpecialists.com

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VCA North Coast Veterinary & Emergency (760) 632-1072
414 Encinitas Blvd. Encinitas, CA 92024 7 Days 24 hrs.
www.VCANorthCoast.com

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Animal Urgent Care of Escondido (760) 738-9600
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Pet Emergency & Specialty Center (619) 462-4800
5232 Jackson Drive #105 La Mesa, CA 91942 7 Days 24 hrs.
www.PESCSanDiego.com

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VCA Emergency Animal Hospital & Referral Center
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www.VCAEmergency.com

MURRIETA

California Veterinary Specialists (951) 600-9803
25100 Hancock Ave. #116, Murrieta, CA 92562 7 days 24 hrs.
www.CaliforniaVeterinarySpecialists.com

POWAY

Animal Emergency Clinic (858) 748-7387
12775 Poway Road Poway, CA 92064 M-F 6 p.m.-8 a.m. Sat. Sun. 24 hrs.
www.AnimalEmergencySD.com

SAN MARCOS

California Veterinary Specialists (760) 734-4433
100 N. Rancho Santa Fe Road #133 San Marcos, CA 92069 7 Days 24 hrs.
www.CaliforniaVeterinarySpecialists.com

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