



Animal Welfare

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SAVE A DOG'S LIFE OVER THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

Dogs are very fearful of fireworks. Please make sure that your dog is secure during the 4th of July period, as dogs often run away when they hear loud noises like fireworks. Please check your yard to make sure there is no way for your dog to get away. And on the evening of the 4th, if you are out at a fireworks display, it is best to keep your dog in the house so there is no chance of it running away. The same is true of cats and other animals.

Los Angeles City Animal Shelters receive a large temporary influx of dogs (and to a lesser extent cats) over the 4th of July period. This influx starts in late June, when people start setting off fireworks. Citizens who find run-away dogs, as well as City Animal Control Officers who catch them, bring them into the Shelters to care for them. Most of these animals are redeemed by their owners within several weeks. But while they are at the Shelter, they occupy a kennel, which can cause overcrowding at the Shelters. In the past, if the Shelter became overcrowded, dogs would be killed to make room for these new dogs coming in.

We are implementing a "Temporary Animal Foster Parent Program" at the West Valley Shelter, to prevent the killing of any healthy adoptable dogs over the 4th of July period for lack of space. Members of the public will be able to foster a dog (or cat) in their homes for several weeks during the 4th of July period if kennel space is needed.

If you are interested in becoming a Temporary Animal Foster Parent Volunteer, please fill out the application which can be found at:

<http://tarzananc.org/docs/1307-1082.pdf>. Send your completed application, along with a copy of your driver's license, to Sergio.Rios@lacity.org. If your application

is approved by the Los Angeles Animal Services Department, you will be placed on a list and will receive an email from the Shelter if there is a need for temporary fosters. If you foster a dog and it ends up that you want to keep the dog permanently, you can go through the adoption process. Otherwise, the dog will be returned to the Shelter.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee at: Jeff@Mausnerlaw.com or use the contact form at: http://tarzananc.org/contact.php?admin_login_id=78

From Jeffrey Mausner, Chairman, Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee



(office use only)	
P #	_____
B-check	Yes No
1 on 1	Yes No
Emp. #	_____
Center	_____

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES
FOSTER PARENT VOLUNTEER**

Date _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Last Name				First Name				Middle Name			
Address				City				State		Zip Code	
() _____				() _____				() _____			
(circle) Home Work Cell Pager				(circle) Home Work Cell Pager				(circle) Home Work Cell Page			

E-Mail Address (Required field) _____

Do you? Own Rent/Lease Residence Type: House Condo Apartment Mobile Home

If you live in an apartment or other leased residence, you hereby represent that your lease in no way prohibits your ability to

Foster animals in your home: _____
(Signature)

HOME INFORMATION:

Do all household members agree to your fostering animals? YES NO

Do you have any pets of your own? YES NO

If you have cat (s), has it tested negative for Feline Leukemia and FIV? YES NO

List all animals that reside in your home:

Name	Breed	Age	Sex	Altered	Current on all vaccinations?
1. _____					
2. _____					
3. _____					
4. _____					
5. _____					

FOSTER INFORMATION:

What Animal Care Center would you like to report as your Home animal care center? (Circle one)

NORTH CENTRAL SOUTH LOS ANGELES EAST VALLEY WEST VALLEY HARBOR
WEST LOS ANGELES

Are you willing to give medication? YES NO

Are you willing to bring the animal(s) into the shelter for periodic checkups and vaccinations? YES NO

Do you have transportation to pickup animals from the animal care center? YES NO

Are you a member of a rescue organization YES NO

If yes, which one? _____

Have you ever been investigated by our department? YES NO If yes, please explain why _____

Why do you want to foster unweaned animals? _____

Who is your Veterinarian? _____

Do you have experience with foster care for unweaned animals? YES NO

FOSTER PREFERENCES:

Kittens only _____ How many? _____

Puppies only _____ How many? _____

Both Kittens and Puppies _____ How many? _____

Adult dogs _____ How many? _____ Adult cats _____ How many? _____

Do you have experience with foster care for unweaned animals? YES NO

I declare under penalty of perjury that all statements in this application form and attachments are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false, misleading or incomplete information shall be cause for disqualification.

Volunteer's Signature

Date

City of Los Angeles
Department of Animal Services

VOLUNTEER FOSTER PARENT AGREEMENT

As a Volunteer Foster Parent (VFP) for the Los Angeles City Department of Animal Services (LAAS) you are required to abide by the terms of the Volunteer Foster Parent Agreement.

If accepted as a Volunteer Foster Program Volunteer and in consideration of becoming such, my initials and signature below indicate that I understand and agree to the following.

- _____ All potential (VFP) must attend a Bottle Baby Foster training/orientation, if applicable.
- _____ Once a fostered animal is weaned (8-10 weeks) it must be returned by the VFP to the animal care center and re-booked into the system.
- _____ Each and every adoption of a fostered animal must be processed at one of our care centers and is subject to the guidelines for the Foster Program.
- _____ Foster Parent Volunteers are required to sign in and out in the Log Book each time they visit a center with an approximately number of hours caring for the foster animals.
- _____ Foster Parents agree to provide time, proper and sufficient food and water, shelter, kind treatment, and proper veterinary medical care (provided by the Animal Care Center) for the animal(s) in my care, at all times.
- _____ LAAS makes no guarantees, whatsoever, as to the adoption, health, temperament, mental disposition, and training of the animals.
- _____ LAAS will be allowed to reasonably inspect the premises in which the animal(s) will be/are maintained, from time to time, for the purpose of determining the suitability of those premises for the care and maintenance of the animal(s).
- _____ If I fail to abide by the terms of this Agreement or otherwise fail to satisfy LAAS' requirements, as determined by LAAS at its sole discretion, I will be terminated from the LAAS Foster Program and all LAAS animals will be returned to a LAAS care center immediately.
- _____ Foster animals are only temporarily in my care, remain the property of the LAAS and are subject to relinquishment at any time. Failure to return a foster will result in termination, a "do not adopt" status and possible legal action.
- _____ I agree that I will not relinquish custody of the foster animal(s) to anyone except LAAS.
- _____ LAAS requires that the foster(s) remain in my care the entire time they are being fostered. If I cannot continue to care for the foster animal(s) for any reason, even temporarily, I shall return the animal(s) to one of the LAAS care centers. The animal(s) will not necessarily be returned to me.

- _____ I agree to not place the foster animal(s) in a dangerous situation (i.e., riding in an open pickup truck or left unattended in a car). Kittens must be kept indoors or in a crate while being transported. Puppies will be secured in a crate, kennel run, or enclosed fenced area. Dog and cats must be kept inside/indoors. Cats cannot roam free.
- _____ As with all animals, LAAS does its best to find each foster animal a good home; however, LAAS is not always successful and cannot guarantee all fostered animals will be adopted.
- _____ I agree to contact an LAAS staff member immediately and to follow their instructions, if the foster animal needs medical care of any kind, including bringing the animal into the animal care center if so directed and leaving it in LAAS custody, or administering medications if provided. LAAS will make the decision on the final outcome of any sick animal, which may include euthanasia.
- _____ Private veterinary cost incurred by a volunteer foster parent, for foster animal(s), will not be reimbursed by LAAS. Other expenses such as food, toys, or litter will not be reimbursed. Foster Parents will be supplied sufficient formula and milk for unweaned kittens and puppies. An initial supply is provided when the babies are picked up and an additional supply is available upon request.
- _____ If a foster animal dies in the care of the foster parent, the body must be returned to the Center for disposal and its death noted in our system.

All of the information I have provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. I agree and understand that falsifying information on this agreement or non-compliance with any of the terms and conditions mentioned above, at any time during the volunteer process, may disqualify my being a Foster Program Volunteer.

(Name of Foster Parent-Print)

(Signature, Parent/Guardian if volunteer is between 16 and 17)

(Name of Foster Parent-Print)

(Signature, Parent/Guardian if volunteer is between 16 and 17)

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES**

**IDEMNITY WAIVER,
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I hereby agree that I will assume full responsibility for personal injury, property damage suffered and/or death sustained as a result of, or in connection with, my participation as a volunteer with the Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS).

I agree, for purposes of this agreement, to release all employees, agents and/or volunteers collectively from and against all liability, claims, demands, damages to my person or property suffered and/or sustained as a direct and/or indirect result of my participation as a volunteer.

In connection with my participation as a volunteer, I further agree that I will not make any claim against, sue, attach the property of, and/or prosecute the LAAS for any personal injury, property damage, death, and/or whatever the cause of the event that gave rise to a claim.

I further understand that the behavior of domestic animals is unpredictable and that domestic animals are capable of spreading disease, inflicting serious personal injury, causing extensive property damage, and/or causing death. Knowing the risk of handling domestic animals, nevertheless, I hereby agree to ASSUME THOSE RISKS and to release indemnity and hold harmless LAAS, who might otherwise be liable to me (or my heirs or assigns), for damages.

It is understood and agreed that this Indemnity Waiver/Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk form is intended to be binding on my heirs, distributes, guardians, legal representatives, and/ or assigns.

**I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND FULLY. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS AN
INDEMNITY WAIVER/RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK FORM AND IS A BINDING
CONTRACT BETWEEN LAAS AND MYSELF. I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

Date: _____ Print Name: _____

Volunteer Signature: _____

Parent and/or Guardian Signature: _____

Jeffrey Mausner

Subject: FW: Pet Press

From: Brenda Barnette [mailto:brenda.barnette@lacity.org]

Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 3:56 PM

To: Jeffrey Mausner <jeff@mausnerlaw.com>

Cc: Leonard Shaffer <l.shaffer@tarzananc.org>; Louis Dedeaux <LOUIS.DEDEAUX@LACITY.ORG>; Sara Ebrahimi <sara.ebrahimi@lacity.org>

Subject: Re: Pet Press

Hello Jeff,

Here's what we have so far:

- Louis Dedeaux has been trying to get as many dogs and cats spayed or neutered as possible so they can go to foster. This is a ongoing process.
- Sara Ebrahimi is working on press releases and social media posts to launch around mid June and then regularly through the promotion.
- The "Friends of" shelter volunteer groups will be promoting in addition to what we do. East Valley has already started.
- We have had an offer from Saint John's Health Center (Providence) to promote to their Southern California centers.
- We have been discussing at our last two WoofStat meetings to make sure staff in all shelters know about it.

I am copying Louis and Sara. You know Louis. Sara is our PR Specialist. Sara will be glad to share promotional materials with you. She may also be asking Grayce in Neighborhood Empowerment to include something in her newsletter.

On another note, I do plan to hold a meeting for all Neighborhood Council Animal Liaisons for the purpose of networking, brainstorming and working out how we can best communicate with each other. At first, only a handful of Neighborhood Councils had a liaison, but that number is growing. I want to have key staff present also to be part of this process and to share business cards and contact information.

Brenda

Brenda F. Barnette
General Manager

LA Animal Services
Administrative Office

Department of Animal Services

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Jeffrey Mausner

Subject: FW: A continuation of harassment - Cite No. DAS#0006161

From: Brenda Barnette [mailto:brenda.barnette@lacity.org]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2016 11:25 PM

To: Ady Gil <ady@ady.com>

Cc: David Zaft <zaft@caldwell-leslie.com>; Larry Gross <commissioner.gross@yahoo.com>; ROGER SAMUEL WOLFSON, J.D., M.A. <commissionerwolfson@gmail.com>; Alana Yanez <ayanez791@yahoo.com>; neuterspay@outlook.com; Dana Brown <dana.brown@lacity.org>; Rita Moreno <rita.moreno@lacity.org>; Jeff Mausner <jeff@mausnerlaw.com>; Mark Salazar <mark.salazar@lacity.org>; Tami Drake <tami.drake@crs501.org>; Bari Fiore <bari@agwc501.org>; Gary Werner <gary@raa-inc.com>

Subject: Re: A continuation of harassment - Cite No. DAS#0006161

Hi Ady,

At the end of the day I was advised that staff did confirm your progress. Capt. Knipschere-Cox left you a phone message that your citation has been withdrawn.

Again, I apologize for any concern this may have caused you.

Sent from my iPhone

Jeffrey Mausner

Subject: FW: Citation No. DAS#0006161

From: Brenda Barnette [mailto:brenda.barnette@lacity.org]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2016 2:54 PM

To: Jeffrey Mausner <jeff@mausnerlaw.com>

Cc: Ady Gil <ady@ady.com>; David Zaft <zaft@caldwell-leslie.com>; Larry Gross <commissioner.gross@yahoo.com>; ROGER SAMUEL WOLFSON, J.D., M.A. <commissionerwolfson@gmail.com>; Alana Yanez <ayanez791@yahoo.com>; neuterspay@outlook.com; Dana Brown <dana.brown@lacity.org>; Rita Moreno <rita.moreno@lacity.org>; Mark Salazar <mark.salazar@lacity.org>; Tami Drake <tami.drake@crs501.org>; Bari Fiore <bari@agwc501.org>; Leonard Shaffer <l.shaffer@tarzananc.org>; Eran Heissler 18 <Eran@heissler18.com>; Ornit Toren <Ornitt@aol.com>; Deanna Dylan Scott <deannadylan1111@aol.com>; Renee Shamloo <rbshamloo@gmail.com>; Mary Aratoni <maryarat_a@yahoo.com>; Eva Bruss <ebrusa@sbcglobal.net>; Bari Fiore <triedandtruerescueinc@gmail.com>; Debbie Kozin <debbiekozin@gmail.com>; Jill Banks Barad <jbbarad@roadrunner.com>; donna horn <dhornx2@gmail.com>; Shelley Gross <shelleyagross@gmail.com>; MichaelGross059@gmail.com; Lynn Davis <lobalynn@gmail.com>; Scott Silverstein <s.silverstein@whcouncil.org>; Karen.Knipscher.Cox@lacity.org; Gary Werner <gary@raa-inc.com>; brad@raa-inc.com; Arielle Bernard <Arielle.Bernard@lacity.org>

Subject: Re: Citation No. DAS#0006161

Thanks Jeff. Staff is checking with Zoning and Planning to make sure the exception is still under consideration.

Brenda

On Fri, Mar 25, 2016 at 2:40 PM, Jeffrey Mausner <jeff@mausnerlaw.com> wrote:

Hi Brenda. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

I want to let you know that Rockin' Rescue is pursuing the zoning variance vigorously and has been completely successful so far in this process. It is, unfortunately, a long process with several hearings. This is what has happened so far.

1. On October 13, 2015, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee unanimously passed the following resolution. A copy of this Resolution is attached at pages 5 and 6, paragraph 7:

“Resolved that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee recommends that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council assist Rockin’ Rescue in obtaining the change of use/zoning necessary to obtain a kennel permit.”

2. At its October 27, 2015 meeting, the full Board of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council unanimously adopted the following resolution, which is at page 7 of the attached materials, paragraph 8:

“Resolved: The TNC approves the Animal Welfare Committee recommendation that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council assist Rockin’ Rescue

in obtaining the change of use/zoning necessary to obtain a kennel permit.” The motion carried unanimously.

3. Pursuant to these Resolutions, I and other members of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee, as well as Tarzana Neighborhood Council President Leonard Shaffer, appeared at the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC) PLUM Committee and full Neighborhood Council meetings, to speak in favor of the Variance. Volunteers from the West Valley Animal Shelter, Chairperson Debbie Kozin of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee, and other supporters of Rockin’ Rescue were also at the meetings. We presented a Petition supporting Rockin’ Rescue’s application, with **over 200 signatures obtained in about 2 weeks.**

4. On January 13, 2016, the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council unanimously voted in favor of the Variance, with two conditions consented to by Rockin’ Rescue. The letter from the WHWCNC to the Los Angeles City Planning Department, dated January 15, 2016 (mistakenly shown as 2015), is page 11 of the attached materials. The letter states: **“After a presentation by the Applicant, the Neighborhood Council Board voted to approve both the Use Variance and the Parking Variance, with the following conditions consented to by the Applicant: ...”**

5. On March 11, 2016, a hearing was held before the Department of City Planning. Over 350 signatures on the Petition in support of the variance, the resolutions in support of the variance by the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council and the Tarzana Neighborhood Council, and other documents in support of the variance, were presented at this hearing. Andrew Pennington, Senior Planning Deputy for Councilman Bob Blumenfield, also spoke in favor of the variance. The Hearing Officer took the matter under consideration.

As you can see, there is ***overwhelming community support for a variance*** that will allow Rockin’ Rescue to continue to operate at its current location, saving the lives of dogs and cats in our community, and providing a place where people can adopt rescued pets. But unfortunately, the zoning variance process is a long one, even in a situation such as this where there is so much community support. After the report of the Hearing Officer is issued, the Planning Commission, as well as the City Council, still have to consider the matter, which is going to take several months longer.

So thank you for your patience on this, and please inform the appropriate staff of your earlier instruction that the Department will monitor only, so long as the animals look well cared for and they are still moving forward with their zoning request. Please make sure that the Administrative Citation that was issued to Ady Gil (DAS#0006161) is rescinded. I am and will continue to be personally involved in moving Rockin’ Rescue’s zoning request forward as quickly as possible. I also stop by Rockin’ Rescue on occasion, to say hello to the dogs there (some of whom came from the West Valley Shelter), and can assure you that the animals look very well cared for.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

Best regards, Jeffrey Mausner
Chairman of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee,
Board Member of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council,
Volunteer at the West Valley Animal Shelter

From: Ady Gil [mailto:ady@ady.com]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2016 1:16 PM

To: Brenda Barnette <brenda.barnette@lacity.org>

Cc: David Zaft <zaft@caldwell-leslie.com>; Larry Gross <commissioner.gross@yahoo.com>; ROGER SAMUEL WOLFSON, J.D., M.A. <commissionerwolfson@gmail.com>; Alana Yanez <ayanez791@yahoo.com>; neuterspay@outlook.com; Dana Brown <dana.brown@lacity.org>; Rita Moreno <rita.moreno@lacity.org>; Jeff Mausner <jeff@mausnerlaw.com>; Mark Salazar <mark.salazar@lacity.org>; Tami Drake <tami.drake@crs501.org>; Bari Fiore <bari@agwc501.org>

Subject: A continuation of harassment - Cite No. DAS#0006161

Dear Brenda,

I would like to demonstrate to you that your employees are not following your orders, as were given to them on 9/9/2015 based on the email that you have sent to me, the commissioners and high staff members of your organization. you said "the Department will monitor only".

Your employees continue to harass us about the permit, giving us citation of having more than 3 dogs and 3 cats, as if they have no clue of what is going on. Instead doing that, they could periodically check with us on the status in a courteous and professional manner. I personally update them in writing for any new development, which you can research yourself and find this statement to be 100% true.

Please see proof of the administrative notice.

I DID NOT "reply all", and not sure of the Brown act, but I am going to CC all the commissioners as they should be aware of the department constant harassment against a rescue that actually makes the department "numbers" better and help, without the city or taxpayer's money, to achieve a No Kill LA by 2017, while the city does whatever it can not make sure it is hard for us to save animals, by wasting my time writing this email, as an example, or giving us a \$200.00 fine.

Instead, it would have been nice and polite to send us a "Thank you" letter after I personally delivered with my truck 1,000 lbs (one thousand pounds) of dog treats to LAAS West Vally facility, 3 weeks ago, as a gift.

Thank you,

Ady Gil

On Sep 9, 2015, at 2:28 PM, Brenda Barnette <brenda.barnette@lacity.org> wrote:

Please do not use reply to all and discuss due to Brown Act.

Commissioners,

I checked into the concerns expressed by Rockin' Rescue supporters, employees and founder at the Commission meeting last evening.

What I learned is that an officer has been there on more than one occasion. Ady Gil, or someone at Rockin' Rescue, has been advised that they cannot have a kennel permit until they are properly zoned.

Basically,

1. as long as the animals look well cared for,
2. and they are still moving forward with their zoning request

the Department will monitor only.

If the animals were to be found in poor condition, or if the zoning request to use as a rescue shelter is denied, or if they halt efforts to get proper zoning, we would give them notice to comply with the 3 dog and 3 cat limit. Otherwise we will just continue to monitor as they go through the zoning process .

Brenda

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Jeffrey Mausner

Subject: FW: Animal Awareness Week Kick off at Kirk School on Monday, April, 25

From: Hillary Felder [mailto:hfelder@kirkschool.org]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 4:12 PM

To: 'Jeffrey Mausner' <jeff@mausnerlaw.com>; 'Sergio Rios' <Sergio.Rios@lacity.org>

Cc: obol@obol.info; deannadylan1111@aol.com

Subject: RE: Animal Awareness Week Kick off at Kirk School on Monday, April, 25

Dear Jeff,

I want to thank you on behalf of our entire school and staff for the wonderful visit we had with the animals and volunteers from the West Valley Animal Shelter. It turned out to be a wonderful day and the children thoroughly enjoyed it! Amanda was a fabulous presenter and did a great job of keeping the children engaged while giving them many interesting facts about the animals you brought and the services that the shelter provides for the community.

I really appreciate all the hard work you did to organize the animal's visit and coordinate the volunteers. I hope we can do this again in the future.

Thank you and kind regards,

Hillary

PS Thank you, Deanna, for connecting all of us!

Hillary Felder

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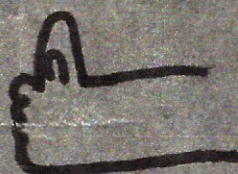
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Thank You

Jeff Mausner and
the West Valley

Animal Shelter for
bringing and saving
the animals



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