May’s Journey

Roaming the streets of South Pasadena, May was alone and terrified. The four-year-old dog had wandered for days in search of food and shelter. As she approached a hamburger stand, the hungry Chihuahua settled down under a dumpster.

The staff at the fast-food joint fed May for days, throwing her hamburger scraps. They hoped the tiny dog would eventually find her way home. After nearly a week, the store manager decided it was time to call the Pasadena Humane Society.

Animal control officer Gabby Hendriksen coaxed May out from the back of the dumpster with a hamburger. The little dog trembled as the officer used a spray bottle and Dawn soap to remove the discarded grease that had leaked through the dumpster and coated her fur. Sensing relief that her ordeal was over, May fell asleep in a warm towel in the truck compartment as Gabby was finishing up the call.

Back at the shelter, May received a clean bill of health and was put into a volunteer program for shy and fearful dogs. With time, she grew more confident and was adopted into a loving home.

Our Animal Control Officers rescue animals like May every day. Officers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in our animal control contract cities. If you see an animal in distress or suspect animal cruelty, call animal control at 626.792.7151.
Dear Friends,

I can’t help but reflect on all of the animals that needed our help this summer. Hundreds of injured, orphaned, and homeless animals came to the animal shelter, where they received the care and love they deserved from staff and volunteers.

There was Edgar, the tiny kitten who had heart surgery because generous individuals donated to the newly created Miracle Fund. Or, Ricky, the Chihuahua who was rescued by our animal control officer after being hit by a car and losing a leg. He received immediate and life-saving care, and he was adopted into a loving home on the Wiggle Waggle Wagon, our mobile outreach vehicle. I can’t forget the baby squirrel that our wildlife team tended to for weeks before she was released back into the wild. Or, Bobby, the rabbit that was transferred to us from a partner shelter that ran out of space (see inside for more information on the PHS transfer program). Needing some time to grow, he was placed in a foster home and, ultimately, with a permanent family.

Each of these animals has one thing in common—YOU! Because of you and your generous support, we rescued, healed and placed each of these animals in loving homes. Thank you for helping the Pasadena Humane Society save lives.

If you are looking for more ways to support the animals at the Pasadena Humane Society, consider joining me and over 2,000 pet lovers on September 24 for the Wiggle Waggle Walk, a community dog walk that raises funds to support the animals in our care. Learn more about the Walk in this issue or visit pasadenahumane.org. I look forward to seeing you at Brookside Park on this special day.

Humanely Yours,

Julie Bank, President/CEO
Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA

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New Look: Animal Control Trucks

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA animal control rescue trucks are getting a makeover! Each truck will have a different message about responsible pet ownership and how the Pasadena Humane Society can help. The newly designed trucks will begin rolling out in summer 2017.
Pasadena Humane Welcomes Shelter Animals from Across the Region

Saving lives in the region is a top priority for the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS). PHS launched a pilot program in 2016 to bring animals from high volume shelters across the Greater Los Angeles Area to the Pasadena Humane Society. Since then, PHS has transferred in more than 400 dogs, cats and rabbits.

Animals like Whitney, a 9-month-old kitten left for dead with her three siblings under a heat lamp in a pig pen. The kitten survived her ordeal, but was having a hard time finding a home in the county shelter. Or, Big Ben, a 5-year-old Great Dane mix, whose size and age made it difficult to find a home in the Inland Empire. After arriving at PHS, he quickly found a loving home with a canine sibling and acres of land to explore.

“This program gives animals a third chance at finding a loving home,” says Kevin McManus, Director of Placement and Customer Care at the Pasadena Humane Society. “We open up space in high volume shelters while finding the pets great homes at PHS. It’s a win-win!”

To view all the adoptable pets at the Pasadena Humane Society or to make a donation to support this program, visit pasadenahumane.org.

Birds

The Pasadena Humane Society receives nearly 1,000 birds each year. If you find a young bird on its own, your first instinct might be to seek help. However, baby birds have the greatest chance of survival by staying with their mother. Follow this flow chart the next time you come across a young bird.

If the bird is sick or injured, please call animal control immediately at 626.792.7151.

For more tips about living alongside wild animals or to get involved with the wildlife program, visit pasadenahumane.org/wildlife.
It’s Wiggle Waggle Walk Time!

Grab your leashes and your best four-legged friend! The 19th Annual Wiggle Waggle Walk will take place Sunday, September 24 at Brookside Park at the Rose Bowl. Help us raise $300,000 to provide food, shelter, medical care and other services to the thousands of animals—domestic, exotic, wildlife and livestock—who come to the Pasadena Humane Society each year.

Registration is now open! Create a team, join an existing team or sign up as an individual. Build your personal fundraising page and invite friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to join in on the fun.

No dog, no problem. Kids and adults without canine companions are invited to walk around the Rose Bowl and attend the pet expo. Even if you can’t attend the event, you can fundraise online for the animals at Pasadena Humane.

Register before September 11 to save $5 off the $25 registration fee. Get started at wigglewagglewalk.org.

Volunteers Needed!

Looking for a fun way to help animals? Volunteer at the Wiggle Waggle Walk! Join more than 250 animal lovers who lend a hand with event set-up, registration, activities and clean-up. It’s a great opportunity for individuals and groups to get involved. To sign up, email volunteer@pasadenahumane.org with “WWW Volunteer” in the subject line. We’ll see you at the Walk!