

pasadena humane society & spca



Trap-Neuter-Return

Spring and summer bring the return of warmer weather and long sunny days, but for animal shelters around the country it also signifies the start of “kitten season.” Each year PHS experiences an influx of hundreds of young kittens, many of which are too young to survive without their mothers. Our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program aims to curb the number of orphaned, young kittens coming through our doors by offering free spay and neuter to the largest group of unaltered animals in our community: feral cats.

The sterilization process for feral cats is commonly referred to as trap-neuter-return or trap-neuter-release. Members of the community humanely trap feral

cats, have them sterilized at a spay/neuter clinic, and then return the cats to their original location. While under anesthesia feral cats are also vaccinated and ear-tipped (a small part of the cat’s left ear is removed to indicate sterilization).

“TNR is crucial to reducing the number of young kittens arriving at our shelter every year,” says Ricky Whitman, Vice President of Community Relations at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. “In Southern California female cats can have as many as three or four litters per year, and kittens may breed as young as four months old.”

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LEADER OF THE PACK



In 1980, Pasadena was a different world for animals. Kennels were very crowded because of pet overpopulation. Spaying and neutering was a surgery done by private veterinarians on domestic pets after the first heat or litter. Our kennels were chain link and some had dirt floors. Disease was prevalent. Blood sport in the form of dog fighting and cock fighting was an everyday occurrence. Animal control officers were thought of as “dog catchers”. Euthanasia was performed in a chamber.

That was the situation for animals and shelter workers when Steve McNall began at the Pasadena Humane Society.

Thirty-six years later, cats, dogs and rabbits are sterilized when adopted at PHS. Public spay & neuter clinics offer low-cost, affordable surgeries and many offer vaccines, as well. Basic animal care is easily available and affordable. Shelter animals are treated with respect and kindness in a clean, modern facility by well-trained staff.

Currently, blood sport is illegal in most states. Cities have regulations that limit the number of animals in households and require dogs to be licensed and on-leash. For public safety reasons, cities have passed ordinances that protect citizens from dangerous dogs.

Cartoonish dog catchers have been replaced by animal control officers who are respected as first responders. ACOs are trained professionals, many earning advanced level certifications that give them police powers. They carry weapons and work with police and fire departments to provide safe and humane communities.

Steve’s leadership brought the Pasadena Humane Society where it is today. His vision for a compassionate, humane future for all animals has guided his staff and the communities in our service area. His dedication guaranteed that the future is bright for the animals.

Steve’s retirement marks the end of a long, successful, inspirational career.

Steve, it has been a privilege to be part of the team you developed. We wish you the best possible future. Thank you for all you have done.

Your staff and all of the animals.

COMMUNITY HEROES

Patrick Doran

When it comes to using your talents for the good of others, Patrick Doran has much to be proud of. Since 2012, Patrick has been volunteering his time as a video editor for “The Dog House,” a pet adoption show aired on the City of Glendale’s government access channel, GTV6. The twice-monthly TV show is filmed exclusively

Relations at the City of Glendale. “Not only is he very skilled, he is a fantastic team player who we enjoy having in the studio.”

Patrick began his career in editing over four years ago through Actors for Autism’s Advanced Media Vocational Academy. When an editing internship on “The Dog House” TV show came up

through Actors for Autism, Patrick jumped at the chance. “I love editing and I love animals, so it was a great choice,” he said. “I felt my editing experience could bring help to the animals.”

Patrick’s dedication to animals goes beyond editing “The Dog House.” Patrick also volunteers his time at a local cat adoption organization in Pasadena. “I feel it is important for me to help find homes for animals. It can be good for everyone in the community,” says Patrick.



at the Pasadena Humane Society and provides a platform for adoptable dogs, cats, rabbits, and other critters from the shelter to be seen by Glendale residents.

“Patrick is an absolute treasure,” says Tom Lorenz, Director of Communications & Community

Patrick Doran’s commitment to animals in our community is commendable and worthy of recognition. Patrick’s hard work in the editing suite has contributed to hundreds of animals finding new homes. It is for this reason that we are proud to feature him as our Community Hero. 🐾

Cats in the Community

Cats! We celebrate them as indoor house pets, but how should we manage the increasing number of outdoor, free-roaming cats in our neighborhoods? Dave Massey, a cat behavior specialist at PHS, answers some frequently asked questions about neighborhood cats.



Stray or feral?

Feral cats will not allow you to approach or handle them. They need to be humanely trapped in order to bring them to a veterinary facility. A stray cat is a pet cat that may have left or lost its home. Stray cats are more likely to approach you and be vocal. A stray should be given the opportunity to find their way back to their owner. If you continue to see the cat in the neighborhood or you feel it is in danger, please bring it to your local animal shelter.

Why is Trap-Neuter-Return the most effective way to control the feral cat population?

Cats live where there is a steady food supply, and they breed to capacity in that area. If you remove cats from your area, new cats will quickly find their way to the open food source. Humanely trapping, neutering and then returning sterilized cats back to their original feeding ground is the most effective way to prevent further litters. Spay and neuter also eliminates mating behaviors like yowling and roaming, and greatly reduces the instinct to fight and spray.

Why can't feral cats be adopted into loving homes?

Feral cats have had limited to no interaction with people. They do not enjoy being petted and can act aggressive if kept in a confined area. Kittens born to feral moms can be socialized if they are introduced to people before the age of 12 weeks old. The Pasadena Humane Society's Working Cats program offers alternative placement for some feral cats entering the shelter system. However, the vast majority of feral cats brought to shelters around the country are humanely euthanized.

For more information about free-roaming cats or our TNR program, visit pasadenahumane.org/TNR. 

Wondrous Willow

Breed ambassador, kitten socializer, and office dog extraordinaire are just a few of the many roles Willow has embraced since her adoption from PHS. But sweet Willow's future wasn't always so certain.



In the summer of 2015, our animal control officers picked up a 10-year-old pit bull tied to a stop sign in Monrovia. Willow quickly became a staff favorite at the shelter thanks to her calm demeanor and loveable personality. Within a couple weeks of her arrival, however, Willow suffered multiple seizures and was diagnosed with epilepsy.

Our staff knew that Willow's medical condition, combined with her age and breed, made her chances of finding a new home slim to none. But one of our staff members was not ready to give up on this sweet girl.

Joan Aquino, a cat behavior specialist at PHS, and her husband Carlos, had

previously fostered senior dogs with medical issues for local rescues. So when Willow's other placement options fell through, Joan and Carlos made the decision to adopt her.

"We weren't looking to adopt a dog," says Joan, "but she has been the perfect addition to our family." She gets along perfectly with the couple's two cats and snuggles with the many PHS kittens Joan and Carlos foster. Her epilepsy is now managed with daily medication and close observation.

Best of all, Willow comes to work with her mom every day where she has accepted the position of "official greeter" in the PHS volunteer office. Sara Muriello, PHS Volunteer Manager, adds, "Willow brings tremendous joy to our volunteers, many of whom followed her journey from shelter dog to beloved family pet."

How has your animal companion made a difference in your life? When did you first adopt from PHS? Share your adoption story with us by emailing us at pr@pasadena-humane.org with "Scoop Happy Tails" in the subject line. Your story may be featured in a future issue of *Scoop*, on our website, or on our social media channels! Include a high resolution photo (at least 3 MB at 300 dpi) and your story (no more than 300 words). 🐾

HELP US “GROW” PHS

Be a Hero to the Animals

Join the Heroes Circle, a community of supporters who share your concern for animals. With an annual commitment of \$1,000 or more, you will allow Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA to provide nourishing food, a warm shelter and much-needed medical care to the animals in our community.



Your gift will allow us to respond with kindness to every animal that comes to us in need, regardless of age, medical condition, breed or other criteria, like Honey, who was taken to PHS after being hit by a car. Our staff brought her to our veterinarian for immediate care and we began searching for her family.

Thanks to caring heroes, we gave Honey a new chance in life! We are happy to report that after surgery to repair her

leg, and medicine to cure her respiratory infection, Honey has a new home with a loving family.

In addition to helping sick and injured animals, like Honey, your annual support of \$1,000 or more will help to ensure the continued success of PHS programs and services, such as adoptions, spay and neuter services, humane education and outreach, cruelty investigations and so much more!

Heroes are eligible to receive a variety of exciting benefits such as the VIP Adoption Concierge, a private behind-the-scenes tour of the shelter and name recognition on kennel plaques. Invitations to special events like the annual Heroes Circle reception and Breakfast of Heroes, along with a 10% discount in the PHS Shelter Shop are also offered to our Heroes as a thank you for their support.

Become a hero today by visiting www.pasadenahumane.org/heroes and making your annual commitment of \$1,000 or more. Your generosity will make a world of difference for the homeless and abandoned animals while they wait for their forever families.

For additional information about the Heroes Circle, please contact Ryne Meadors, Major Gifts Officer, at 626.792.7151 ext. 123 or rmeadors@pasadenahumane.org. 🐾

When you donate to the Pasadena Humane Society, you help animals in Arcadia, Bradbury, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena. The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is not part of any national animal organization. All of the funds you contribute to PHS stay locally. Donate to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA and help the animals in your community.

EVENT ROUND-UP

Revvin' Up for Another Classy Affair

Tune your engines! The San Marino Motor Classic is gearing up for its sixth annual outing on the green lawns of Lacy Park on Sunday, June 12 from 9 am-3 pm. Spend the day with your family and witness more than 200 classic and collector cars, and historic motorcycles, from all eras of the

twentieth century. Lacy Park is located at 1485 Virginia Road in San Marino.

General Admission tickets are \$25 each, but purchase tickets through PHS by April 30th to save \$5 at \$20 a ticket!

Proceeds from the event will support the Pasadena Humane Society and the Rotary Club of San Marino. 🐾

IT'S TIME TO WIGGLE & WAGGLE — Register Today for 18th Annual PHS Wiggle Waggle Walk

Join thousands of animal lovers and their four-legged companions on **Sunday, September 25**, for our annual dog walk and biggest fundraising event of the year at Brookside Park in Pasadena. Help us reach our goal of \$325,000 to provide care for the nearly 12,000 animals that come to PHS every year!

Find out more about this exciting event on our new Wiggle Waggle Walk website and sign up today to be part of this heartwarming and family-friendly event! Register today to win exciting prizes and help fundraise for the animals!

Find out more at www.wigglewagglewalk.org.

For more information regarding PHS Fundraising Events, please



contact Special Events Manager Megumi Xavier at 626.792.7151 ext. 167 or events@pasadenahumane.org. 🐾

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TNR appointments at the SNiP Clinic include free spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations (FVRCP and rabies) and ear-tipping for feral cats throughout our service cities only: Arcadia, Bradbury, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, South Pasadena, San Marino and Sierra Madre. Additional services such as FeLV/FIV testing, flea treatment and microchipping are

available upon request for an additional cost. A small inventory of humane traps are also available to rent for a deposit of \$55, which is fully refunded upon return of the traps.

TNR is by appointment only. To make an appointment, email snip@pasadenahumane.org or call 626.792.7151 ext. 166. 🐾

Facility Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am–6 pm
Sat 9 am–5 pm
Sun 11 am–5 pm

Adoption Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am–5 pm
Sat 9 am–4 pm
Sun 11 am–4 pm

The Shelter Shop Hours

Mon–Fri 9 am–6 pm
Sat 9 am–5 pm
Sun 11 am–5 pm

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