



PASADENA HUMANE

# Scoop

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## ARTHUR'S SECOND CHANCE

### A young dog with cancer finds a loving home thanks to supporters like you

Arthur, a stray, 4-year-old Jack Russell terrier, arrived at our doors just in the nick of time. You would never have guessed from his puppy energy and playful nature that a life-threatening tumor was growing just below his scruffy white coat.

Like all animals that come into our care, Arthur received a health exam when he arrived. A quick-thinking technician noticed a soft mass on Arthur's underside and immediately brought it to the attention of a veterinarian.

At first glance, the mass appeared to be nothing more than a benign skin growth. But we planned to remove the tumor at the same time as his neuter just to be safe. While in surgery, a veterinarian noticed the mass looked suspicious and decided to send it out to be biopsied.



ARTHUR at the shelter



ARTHUR at home

When the results came back, they surprised everyone who had fallen in love with Arthur's happy-go-lucky spirit. He was diagnosed with a mast cell tumor, a common cancerous skin tumor in dogs that has the potential to recur and spread to other parts of the body.

Despite his diagnosis, we believed that Arthur deserved a chance at a happy life. We set out to find an adopter who could look past his medical history. And it did not take long to find the perfect home.

After learning about his cancer diagnosis, Arthur's adopter Natalie only needed a few seconds to decide. "He deserves a loving home and a chance to have a great life regardless of his health issues," she shared.

While Arthur's long-term health prognosis may be uncertain, one thing is clear: thanks to supporters like you, Arthur is now living cancer-free in a loving home.

# DEAR FRIEND,

After nearly a year and a half of living under restrictions, California is re-emerging to a new normal. While I am thankful for some normalcy, some things are returning that I did not miss. Do you remember when the freeways around us were virtually empty? We were all forced to adjust to a slower, quieter way of being.

At Pasadena Humane, we learned that the animals responded well to the quiet. With less human traffic in the kennels, the dogs, cats and critters were able to sleep more. They were less stressed and healthier. And as a result, they moved more quickly into adoptive homes.

Like other shelters across the country, we are using what we learned from the animals as we settle into what we hope will be a post-pandemic world. By continuing with our new model of services primarily by appointment, with fewer visitors at a time, we can offer a more personalized guest experience, and the animals benefit too.

We recognize some people want to learn more about the shelter and animals we serve, even though they may not be ready to commit to an adoption. So, we are welcoming the public without adoption appointments for limited “visiting” hours led by volunteer docents.

We’ve enjoyed reconnecting with the community during the summer through in-person vaccine clinics, kids camps and events. More events are planned for the fall, including our Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run at the Rose Bowl on September 19. We hope to see you there!

As we navigate these ever-changing times, Pasadena Humane will continue to be a resource for the community while we put the needs of the animals first.

Thank you for your ongoing support in leading the way towards a more compassionate and caring community for all animals.

With Appreciation,



**DIA DuVERNET**  
President & CEO  
Pasadena Humane



## BABY OPOSSUMS SAVED FROM DEADLY CAR CRASH

When an opossum was sadly struck by a car and killed, a bystander noticed another heart-wrenching sight – the six babies she was carrying had fallen out of her pouch. The bystander immediately called us, and an animal control officer rushed the baby opossums back to our Sandra J. Goodspeed Wildlife Center.

Unfortunately, three of the opossums did not survive the tragic accident. The remaining three were tiny, bruised, and very vulnerable. We kept them warm in our incubator, tube fed them formula four to five times a day, and closely monitored them.

Just two weeks later, the surviving baby opossums had overcome the toughest of odds – they had doubled in weight since we took them in, and they are continuing to thrive and grow. They came to us from incredibly sad circumstances, but with your help, these orphans have a bright future ahead of them.

## 1903 SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT: **CAROL & BOB McCRARY**

Carol and Bob McCrary's longtime support of Pasadena Humane — some 27 years — leaves no doubt as to their love of animals and belief in our mission. It is a commitment they want to see endure for years to come. To that end, the South Pasadena couple elected to name Pasadena Humane as a beneficiary of their estate.

“The love and care we see at Pasadena Humane are an extension of our own love for animals,” said the couple. “Pasadena Humane has set a very high standard of animal care, and we wish to help provide the funds necessary to continue that care in the future.”

By naming us in their trust, the couple are now members of our 1903 Society of planned giving donors, who receive special benefits for making this commitment, such as invitations to special events, recognition in our annual report, and a discount in our Shelter Shop. The society's name reflects the year Pasadena Humane was founded.

The McCrary's relationship with Pasadena Humane began when their son and his young family adopted a dog from the shelter. Years later, it was Carol and Bob's turn when they adopted Maggie, who had come to Pasadena Humane with a severely fractured leg caused by a hit-and-run accident. Following surgery and several months of rehabilitation, the McCrarys welcomed Maggie into their home in 2017. Today, the friendly hound mix bounds around their back yard showing no sign of her traumatic injury.

Bob, who also sits on the planning committee for our annual golf tournament fundraiser, is quick to encourage others who share the couple's sentiments to consider Pasadena Humane in their estate plans.

“If you are truly committed to the animals and their care, and Pasadena Humane is high on your list, then you should absolutely discuss your estate goals with the professionals at the shelter,” he said.



**CAROL & BOB McCRARY**  
with adopted dog **MAGGIE**

## did you know?

### AUGUST IS NATIONAL **MAKE A WILL MONTH!**

When you make a will or set up a trust, you can protect what matters most to you — including your pets — and support the causes you love.

If you are contemplating making a planned gift to Pasadena Humane, we are here to help:

- Request a copy of our free estate planning guide at [pasadenahumane.org/giftlegacy](https://pasadenahumane.org/giftlegacy).
- Set up a meeting with our Director of Philanthropy to discuss your estate planning goals.
- Attend our free virtual estate planning seminar on Wednesday, October 20 at 11 a.m. Learn about planned giving basics and how to include your pets in your estate plan.

For more information about planned giving and/or to RSVP for the seminar, please contact Mia Dunn, Director of Philanthropy, at [mdunn@pasadenahumane.org](mailto:mdunn@pasadenahumane.org) or call **626.792.7151** ext. 167.



It's almost time to leash up your four-legged friends and head to Brookside Park at the Rose Bowl for Pasadena Humane's 23rd annual Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run! Our biggest fundraiser of the year takes place Sunday, September 19, and this year, you can walk or run the 5k route around the historic stadium.

Registration and vendor booths open at 8 a.m. and the Walk & Run steps off at 9 a.m. Afterward, enjoy a family-friendly festival complete with demonstrations, a doggy costume contest, music, food trucks and more!



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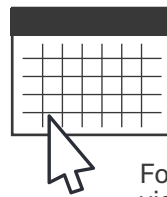
You can register online for \$50 until noon on September 17 or register in person on event day for \$65. All registrants receive a bib, finisher medal, t-shirt, and a bandana for your dog. Visit [wigglewagglewalk.org](http://wigglewagglewalk.org) to create a team, join an existing team or sign up as an individual. Build your personal fundraising page and invite everyone you know to join in on the fun. The more money you raise, the more prizes you'll earn!

Can't make it to the park that day? Sign up to participate virtually and run or walk at home — we'll mail you all your swag. Remember, you don't need a dog to participate, just a desire to help animals in need. Don't sit, stay, or heel...just go!



SAN MARINO MOTOR CLASSIC

The San Marino Motor Classic — featuring more than 400 mint condition collector cars — will take place Sunday, August 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Lacy Park in San Marino. Purchase tickets at [pasadenahumane.org/smmc](http://pasadenahumane.org/smmc) by August 15 and tickets will be mailed to the address provided. Tickets can also be purchased up to one day prior to the event at our Shelter Shop and at Lacy Park on event day. Proceeds benefit Pasadena Humane.



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For a full list of virtual & in-person events, visit [pasadenahumane.org/events](http://pasadenahumane.org/events).

Pasadena Humane is a donor-supported, nonprofit organization that provides animal care and services for homeless and owned animals in the Greater Los Angeles Area. The organization is dedicated to promoting humane treatment and compassion and care for all animals. The animals in its care come from 11 animal control contract areas, as well as partner shelters across the Los Angeles area and beyond. Pasadena Humane also offers lifesaving programs and services to the community that support the human-animal bond and keep pets in homes. To learn more, visit [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org).



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