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FRIENDS OF LONG BEACH ANIMALS Newsletter

Fall 2016

Come join us at the annual Veterans Day Parade!



LONG BEACH 20th VETERANS DAY PARADE

NOVEMBER 5, 2016



FOLBA members, volunteers, supporters!

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2015 entry

Friends (FOLBA) will once again be walking in the Parade to honor those veterans who have fought for our freedom. We will also be honoring those forgotten heroes, the War Dogs, who assisted in protecting our country.

See page 3 for details.



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FRIENDS OF LONG BEACH ANIMALS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On June 16, 2016, FOLBA held the annual Membership Meeting "Meet & Greet" at the Long Beach Playhouse. The guests were greeted with a welcome table, samples of fresh baked dog food from *Max Muffins (owners David and Pam Sposto)*, and a delicious catered *Taco Bar from Rivera's Restaurant*. Members voted on retaining 3 Board members: Nona Daly, Donna Cottrell and Heather Landeros. (All three were voted to continue serving on the FOLBA Board).

The meeting began with a welcome from Shirley Vaughan, FOLBA president. She introduced Jill Prout from the Long Beach Animal Care Services, Adoption Department. Jill brought two adorable dogs that were available for adoption. A best moment of the evening occurred when Shirley presented Margo Carter, a longtime volunteer and supporter of FOLBA, with an appreciation gift card for her many years of service helping with FOLBA's membership. Margo will be turning over her tasks to Eric Ouellette, FOLBA's accountant, who has streamlined computer software to do the job. Margo will continue to support FOLBA in many other ways. Thanks Margo, you're most sincerely appreciated!!!

Highlights of the meeting included:

- FOLBA members and guests were treated to a sneak peak performance by cast members from their upcoming Long Beach Playhouse performance of "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying." (July 14 was FOLBA's "Benefit for the Animals" and "H2S" was a crowd pleaser!)
- Board Member Donna Cottrell presented PowerPoint slides on FOLBA which was aimed at the many new attendees. Assisting were Deborah Turner who discussed FOLBA's Humane Education Program and Shirley Vaughan who reported on the State of Friends.
- The finale of the event was the children reading their winning essays. FOLBA had held a contest in May for elementary and middle school students. The topic for the essay was "Be Kind to Animals." The winners received a certificate, cash prize and a FOLBA T-shirt. (See pages 4 & 5 for Winning Essays).

Clinic Update

A few years ago, Friends of Long Beach Animals decided to take on the very ambitious project of opening a low cost spay/neuter clinic. We explored a number of options and ultimately decided to work with the City of Long Beach Animal Care Services to open a clinic on the grounds of the shelter.

Since then, things have progressed, very slowly at times but, nonetheless, there is now a clinic building and equipment on the grounds of the shelter. While we are very happy about the new clinic, after many board meetings and much discussion, we have made the decision to redirect our focus, donate the clinic building to the City of Long Beach and FOLBA no longer plans to subcontract and offer veterinary services in this facility.

In the coming year, FOLBA will elevate the SNIP Program and continue to focus on responsible pet ownership, education and humane treatment of all animals. We are working with Animal Care Services to place, on the outside of the building, our logo and a statement that the clinic was donated by Friends of Long Beach Animals. Friends of Long Beach Animals includes all of our member and animal friends who have generously donated to the Dual Purpose Clinic.

The shelter animals will now receive veterinarian care in a comfortable and spacious location. We are proud that we have been able to help our shelter friends receive the care they deserve in their quest for a loving home.



There are many wonderful
pets at the Companion Animal
Village in need of a permanent
home.

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LONG BEACH 20th VETERANS DAY PARADE



When: Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 am
Where: Parade starts on Atlantic Avenue at Harding St.
Look for FOLBA'S red, white and blue balloons in the parade lineup.



Dogs welcome!!*
Hope to see you there!

- *There are horses and loud bands so keep your dog's temperament in mind.
Water provided.*

The Veterans Parade starting point is Atlantic Blvd. and Harding Street, 6800 Block of Atlantic. Staging for entrants is on Atlantic between Harding and Artesia. Walkers and dogs can meet a volunteer at the red, white & blue balloons that will be attached to the American Blue truck along Atlantic Blvd at 9:30. The parade starts sharply at 10:00, proceeds south on Atlantic to 56th Street and then returns north on Atlantic back to Harding.

FOLBA'S "BENEFIT FOR THE ANIMALS"

On July 14, FOLBA sponsored a fundraiser at the Long Beach Playhouse. The very popular Broadway musical comedy "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" delighted the FOLBA audience. Prior to the performance attendees were invited to a variety of finger foods.

The tasty dishes were prepared and donated by Robin Rosin, cookies were from Rossmoor Bakeries and Susan Schulberg made the delicious chocolate treats.

The raffle and silent auction items were donated by individuals and community businesses: restaurants, gift baskets, pet stores, amusement park tickets and much more.

Special thanks to Yolanda Brown for donating a guitar and Tom Rosenberg for his amazing quilt!



Please note that the show for FOLBA'S Summer 2017 "Benefit for the Animals" at the Playhouse will be the musical "Guys and Dolls."

Mark your calendars and come join Friends
at the **Belmont Shore Christmas Parade,**
Saturday, December 3rd at 6pm.

This year's theme is "A Candy Land Christmas"
Honoring the Long Beach Police K-9 Officers.

Because You Care

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DESCRIPTION

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In Loving Memory of "Misty"
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Mark Leonard
"Friends of Captain Carnage Trailer Racing"
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FOLBA 2016 "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" ESSAY/POETRY CONTEST



Earlier this year, FOLBA put a call out to students to submit either an essay or poetry for our first annual "Be Kind to Animals" competition. The response was terrific, we received more than 80 entries from elementary and middle school students.

All winners won cash prizes and they were invited to FOLBA's "Meet and Greet" in June to read their essays at the FOLBA membership meeting. As promised, we are also sharing the winning essays with all members in this issue of our newsletter.

(Essays are presented exactly as written & submitted).

WINNING ESSAYS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

First Place

Heaven Díaz, 4th Grade

Thomas Edison Elementary

Be Kind to Animals

I have to be kind to animals because animals are just like us, they are living things and they have feelings too. First, you have to be kind to animals because it is sad to see them suffer. You need to make sure that your pet or any animal in need, gets food, water shelter, and grass. Not every animal needs grass but make sure that they have it if they need it.

You should also keep track of their medical needs. You should start by making sure that they have their shots, especially their rabies shot. Rabies is very dangerous. You may even get them if the infected animal bites you or comes in contact with an open wound that you may have.

You should make sure that your animal is always healthy.

Animals that are abused by their owners deserve a better life than they got. So if you know someone that is abusing their animal then you should call for help and try and find a better home for that animal. The person that should get the animal should be caring and shows that they can take responsibility for the animal.

Every animal deserves to be happy to be happy, no matter what type of animal they are. Something that people forget is that animals have feelings too, not just us. They deserve to be happy just as much as we do.

Second Place

Sabrina G. Gonzalez, 4th Grade

Thomas Edison Elementary

Be Kind to Animals

I am going to tell you some ways you can be kind to animals. You always need to give animals something to eat. You shouldn't stop an animal from having fun. If you do, then the animal will have a lot of energy they can't let out.

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You could volunteer at an animal shelter to help wild and homeless animals. You can also make donations to animal organizations and to shelters. If you are able to adopt an animal you will make them very happy. Those are just some of the things you can do.

If you see someone bullying an animal, tell them to stop. If they don't stop, tell an adult. Not all animals can fight back and no animals can talk. Animals are living beings, so they need as much care as you and I do.

It is important to give animals love. You can give them love by playing with them, feeding them, and hugging them. You can also pet them and be their friend. Animals will love you for being kind to them. That is why you should be kind to all animals.

Third Place

*Sariah Bridgewater, 2nd Grade
Roosevelt Elementary*

This is what I would do to be kind to a animals. When they poop I will pick it up. When there nee herts I will tak them to the vet. When there alone I will be there. When they want to take a walk I will take them for one.

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

First Place

*Daniel Rodriguez, 6th Grade
Stephens Middle School*

KINDNESS

Common sense, is a adility that every one is born with. But some times people get caught up with there problems or difficulties and they seem to lose there comman sence. There has been many reports about miss treating of animals or also know as abus. These reports very in different ways and different catagories but all the same. Cruelness, cruelty and cruelty. Many people have the mind-set of simplicity to animals, "it's just a cat . . ." "It's just a dog . . ." "Don't worry he can be replaced . . ." Well I say no, no to all mistreating, no to all the abuse, no to all the standard treatment. Even if it might just look like a animal from the outside they are just like us they can feel, they can see, and they can cry in pain just like us. But the sad part is no one can here them there just a silent spirit hoping, dreaming to be heard, and without a doubt they to believe that it won't happen, and if it weren't for outstanding people like you the population of pets would have been invisible.

Toys, attention, vaccinations and even story time are all only the basic nessites to child-pet care.

People say "nonsense, what and your crazy," and many more phrases when that statement is shared. But that statement is the truth when owning a pet you have to fully be comitted and solomy try your best to give the pet a life just as amazing as you want yours to be. Overall, I am just sharing what should be done.

Have a nice day and thank you.

Second Place

*Deileen Vazquez, 6th Grade
Stephens Middle School*

Many people think "hey why should we car about homeless animals if there are also homeless people on the streets." Well homeless pets are a huge problem in our society. They often get killed on the streets while their owners don't care or even realize that they're gone. One small mistake can cause a huge effect. Owners may let their pets out for a while to play or do their business and assume they'll be back in no time but end up waiting days for their pets to re-appear. This soon to be tragedy is all formed when people first decided to get a pet. Some people don't even re-think and go over the responsibilities of having a pet. It's almost as if taking care of a child. They both need to be cared for and loved. There are too many pets and not enough food or supplies for them. Most people don't realize that animals/pets also have feelings and emotions. They can also feel thirsty, hungry, scared, hot, stressed, and playful and for that they may need food, water, treats, toys, etc. Instead of giving them this we sometimes ignore them and focus on something else, but we shouldn't ignore them. We should always be kind to them and treat them as any other person. I'm pretty sure I can speak for those who have pets that having a pet is amazing. Your pets are the most best companions you could ever have. They're loyal and wonderful. And it truly affects me and hurts me when I see dogs on the streets hurting or lonely out in the cold because I couldn't imagine my puppy by herself like that. We need to step up and be more caring and loving to our pets we can't be brutal, abusive, hurtful, disrespectful, we have to be the opposite, because at the end of the day we are just any other animal.

FOLBA YARD SALE

FOLBA had a yard sale on September 24th and 25th. It was very successful, raising over \$1,100 for the SNIP and Humane Education programs. The success was due to those who donated items and the volunteers who worked long hours to put the sale together, got up early and helped with sales on those very warm days. A special thanks to Doris VanRossum. She held the sale at her home and brought in many family members and friends to prepare for the sale.

**THANKS DORIS!!
WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO!!!**

The 10 Best reasons to SPAY or NEUTER your pet by Dr. Melisa Hicks

10. YOUR PET WILL LIVE LONGER.

Spaying female pets prevents uterine infections called pyometra and breast cancer. In cats, 80% of breast cancer is fatal and in dogs 50% of breast cancer is fatal. Spaying your pet before her first heat cycle offers the best protection from these diseases. Neutering male pets prevents testicular cancer, prostate disease, and sex-hormone related diseases.

9. YOUR FEMALE PET WON'T HAVE HEAT CYCLES.

Female dogs have a heat cycle approximately every 6 months for their entire lifespan. Female cats go into heat 4 to 5 days every 3 weeks during breeding season. Female cats in heat are very vocal!

8. YOUR MALE PET WON'T RUN AWAY FROM HOME TO LOOK FOR FEMALES TO MATE WITH.

Male dogs will dig holes under fences and jump over fences in search of female dogs. Once outside they are at risk to get lost, stolen, or hit by a car.

7. YOUR NEUTERED MALE PET WILL BE BETTER BEHAVED.

Unneutered male dogs can have aggression problems and inappropriate sexual behavior towards people or objects. Unneutered male cats often spray odiferous urine to mark their territory - sometimes all over the house!

6. NEUTERING AND SPAYING YOUR PET IS COST EFFECTIVE.

The cost of spaying/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of caring for a litter. Also if your dog gets hit by a car while looking for a female dog or your male cat gets in a catfight with another male cat you will have expensive medical bills.

5. SPAYING AND NEUTERING DOES NOT MAKE YOUR PET FAT.

Gaining weight is due to exercise and diet. With the proper exercise and the right nutrition your pet will have a healthy waistline.

4. NEUTERED AND SPAYED PETS ARE MORE LIKELY TO GET ALONG WITH OTHER ANIMALS SO YOU CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE PET IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

3. YOUR PET DOESN'T HAVE TO HAVE A LITTER FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT THE MIRACLE OF BIRTH.

There are plenty of books and videos available to allow children to see puppies and kittens being born. It is a better lesson to teach your children to be responsible pet owners and not contribute to pet overpopulation.

2. SPAYING AND NEUTERING YOUR PET IS GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY.

Millions of dollars are spent annually to shelter and care for stray, abandoned, and unwanted pets. Human health is threatened by dog bites, rabies, and other transmissible diseases. Roaming animals contribute to animal waste in our neighborhood yards and parks. We can only decrease the problem by decreasing pet overpopulation.

1. SPAYING AND NEUTERING HELPS PREVENT PET OVERPOPULATION.

Every year millions of animals are euthanized because there are not enough homes for these animals. Having your pet spayed or neutered ensures that you are not contributing to this tremendous burden.

If you can't afford to spay or neuter your pet there are resources for financial assistance.

There are other options including other low-cost spay/neuter clinics, vouchers available through Animal Care Services, and Care Credit is a payment program like a credit card for your pets' medical needs that you can apply for through your veterinarian's office.

REMEMBER you should prepare for spay/neuter costs BEFORE you get a pet.

www.carecredit.com

www.longbeach.gov/acs

www.goldenstatehumanesociety.com

Dog's Bed Time Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-sized bed is soft and deep.
I sleep right in the center groove,
My human beings can hardly move.
I've trapped their legs, they're tucked in tight
And here is where I pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude,
Til morning comes and "I want food!"

I sneak up slowly to begin,
And nibble on my human's chin.
For morning's here, it's time to play,
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord, for giving me,
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs me and holds me tight,
And shares their bed with me at night.



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Adopt from a shelter or humane society.

Become a Responsible Pet Owner



Is your pet a sex offender?

If you haven't neutered your dog or tom he will stray and get females pregnant against their will, creating unwanted and unwanted litters. Far too many puppies and kittens turn up on the SPCA's doorstep because owners don't get their pets fixed.

So stop the offending. Get your pet desexed.



ADOPTION = Short-Term Answer
SPAY/NEUTER = Ultimate Solution