

# Tail Tails and Catty Remarks

*FRIENDS OF LONG BEACH ANIMALS NEWSLETTER* Spring 2018

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit for the Animals - July 12<sup>th</sup>

Please join Friends of Long Beach Animals for our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit for the Animals on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Long Beach Playhouse. The evening will start at 6:30 with a reception including finger food, Tim Panik at the wine bar and music by Ralph Brunson. There will be time for you to bid on a wonderful selection of items in the silent auction and time for you to purchase tickets for the raffle.

At 7:30 we will introduce our Hero to Animals Award recipient followed by a performance of My Fair Lady, a story that will bring a tear to your eye, a smile to your lips and a song to your soul. Tickets are only \$30.



## You can purchase tickets at these locations:

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- VCA Los Altos Animal Hospital 3080 Woodruff, Long Beach 562-421-3749
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Or call us direct at 562-988-7647



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# JOIN US for our Annual Membership Meeting

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 Anaheim Street.

Yes, it has been 29 wonderful years that we have been caring for pets in the Long Beach and Signal Hill communities. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. There will be coffee and cookies!

Our guest for the evening will be Canines Companions for Independence (CCI). Founded in 1975, CCI is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

The assistance dogs they breed, raise and train aren't just the ears, hands and legs of their human partners. They're also goodwill ambassadors and often, their best friends. They open up new opportunities and new possibilities, and spread incredible joy. CCI unites people with dogs in a powerful program that leads to greater independence and confidence.

Along with an overview of their programs, a CCI volunteer will provide a demonstration and/or meet and greet with a "puppy in program". These puppies are on the path to becoming a future assistance dog for a person with a disability!

## TIMMONS SUBARU - SHARE THE LOVE EVENT

On April 27, 2018, FOLBA Board members Stacey Crouch, Nona Daly, and Larry Blunden and Humane Educator Deborah Turner attended the "Share the Love" event at Timmons Subaru. Also in attendance was Ted Stevens, Director of Animal Care Services (ACS) in Long Beach, and his staff who brought their adoption van and two dogs that were available for adoption.

Last year Subaru celebrated 10 years of its Love Promise Campaign which donates \$250 for each new car sold. Customers could choose from one of four national charities or a local charity selected by the dealership. This year Timmons Subaru selected FOLBA to receive these donations which totaled nearly \$35,000. FOLBA intends to use the money to support the Long Beach animal shelter, providing spay and neuter services for low income families, and humane education classes in local schools.

FOLBA would like to thank Greg Timmons, the Timmons Subaru staff and its customers for their generous support.





### FRIENDS OF LONG BEACH ANIMALS RECEIVES "ONE TOO MANY" AWARD

The annual award is given to an individual or group for making an impact in animal life saving and improvement. On Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Animal Care Services held its 10th Annual Open House, where Friends received the One Too Many award before a packed house including Mayor Robert Garcia and Councilmember Stacy Mungo. Friends received the award for our low income spay/neuter program, humane education, and for providing support for the shelter with programs such as a dog play yard and a veterinary clinic.



*FOLBA President Stacey Crouch &  
Animal Care Services Director Ted Stevens*



### PET EMERGENCIES—ARE YOU PREPARED?

Most of us have first aid kits in our homes and sometimes even in our cars, but do you have a first aid kit for your pet? The following is a list of items that you should consider having available in an emergency for your pet. The list is not all-inclusive but should get you started.

#### **Make your own PET FIRST AID KIT**

- Two rolls of gauze - one roll 2 inches in width and one roll 3-4 inches in width
- White "surgical" tape - 1 inch in width
- Two rolls of elastic wrap/bandage - one roll 2 inches in width and one roll 3-4 inches in width
- One roll of cotton batting - 12 inches in width
- Emergency ice pack
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Exam gloves
- Pillow case, blanket, or towel for transport and/or warmth
- Bottle of saline eye wash
- Rectal thermometer
- Blunt-tipped scissors
- Tweezers
- Flashlight
- Phone number and address of closest emergency veterinarian
- Phone number of animal poison control



# ANNUAL YARD SALE

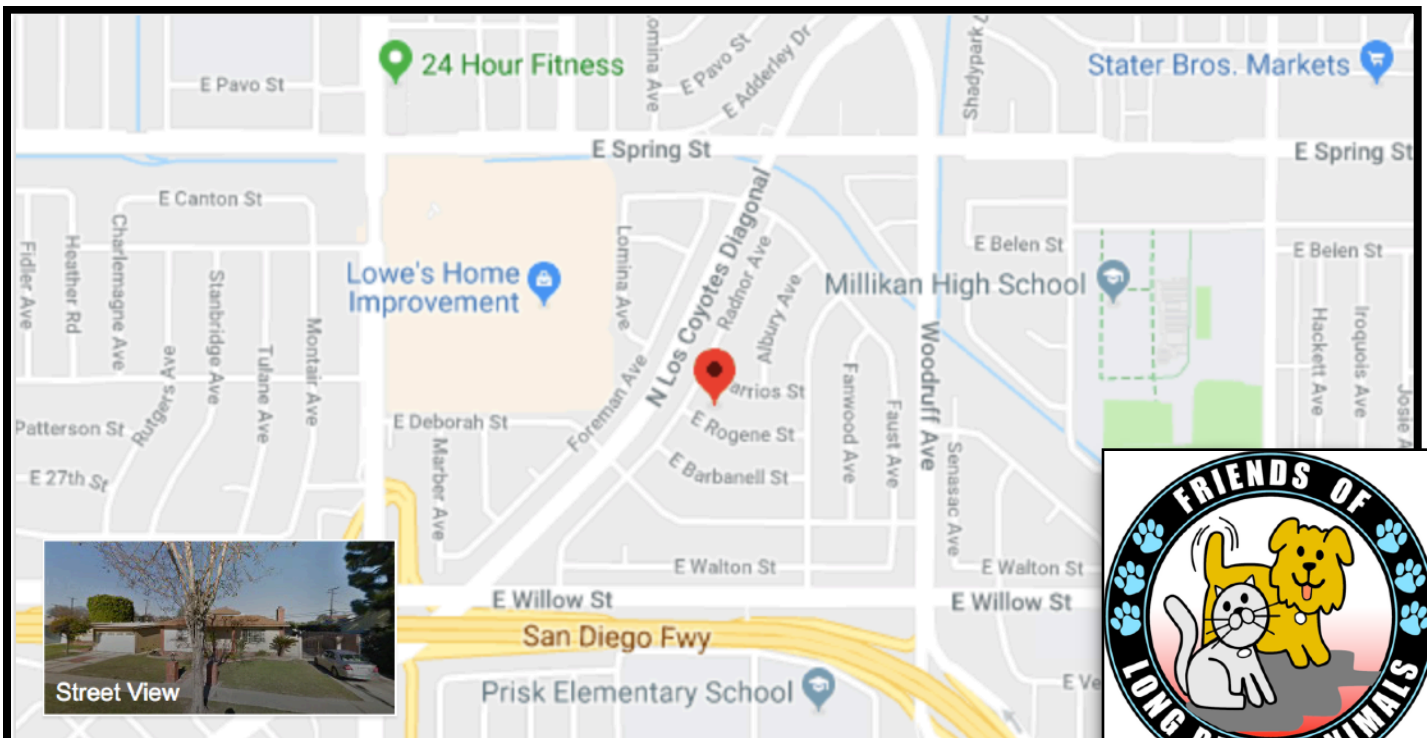
When: **Friday & Sat. - June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Where: **5817 Rogene St., Long Beach 90815**

Time: **8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

We have some great stuff this year.

Stop by to say Hi





### REED'S CORNER - GRAND OPENING - Where Shelter Dogs come to Play

Reed's Corner is a dog playground that consists of 3 secured fenced in areas where the shelter dogs get a break from their kennels and can run, play and get some needed exercise. It has been found that dogs that are allowed to get out of their kennels to play are less stressed, calmer, more social and are more adoptable.



*Reed's Corner - A Playground for Shelter Dogs*



The play yard was provided to the shelter by FOLBA though a generous donation from Kay Reed. Kay's donation to FOLBA was made in honor of her late husband Harold, who was a great dog lover, with an understanding that the funds would be used to benefit dogs. Friends felt a good way to honor Harold would be to provide a play area for shelter dogs.

The grand opening was attended by Kay Reed, Mayor Robert Garcia, Councilmember Stacy Mungo, Animal Care Services Director Ted Stevens, Folba members Stacey Crouch, Nona Daly, Larry Blunden, Shirley Vaughan and Margo Carter.



*Nona Daly & Shirley Vaughan*

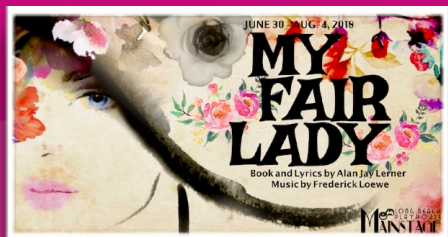
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## MEET THE BOARD



In this issue we introduce our Board President, Stacey Crouch. Stacey recently retired after 28 years with the Port of Long Beach (Port) as a Senior Environmental Specialist. The Port is a department of the City of Long Beach. While at the Port she oversaw Environmental Impact Reports for the port's large marine terminal projects.

Stacey's passion for animals started when she was a small child and she has had every sort of pet from a chicken to a horse. It was also that passion that led her to study biology in college. After college Stacey had the opportunity to live in Australia where she worked at the Australian Museum in the paleontology, entomology, and ornithology departments. Stacey found studying the Australian birds and other animals particularly exciting.

Upon her return to the U.S., Stacey went to work for the Port where she worked on the challenging job of balancing Port growth and its importance to the local, state, and federal economies with protecting the environment. During her tenure with the Port she handled everything from programs that were designed to keep pollutants out of storm water runoff, provided alternative nesting areas for local and migratory birds, provided guidelines for using xeriscaping instead of traditional landscaping, ensured projects met regulatory standards, and required mitigation for impacts associated with construction and operation of marine terminals.

That love of animals led Stacey and her husband, John, to foster a four-week-old black kitten. Later, like many people who foster, they were unable to give up the kitten, now named Pumpkin. It's now been 11 years and Pumpkin is still a valued member of the family.



## SIGNAL HILL DOG PARK GRAND OPENING

On March 17, 2018, FOLBA Board members Nona Daly, Larry Blunden, and Steve Strichart attended the Signal Hill Dog Park Grand Opening. Located adjacent to the Gateway Center shopping and restaurants, the dog park has spaces for both large dogs and small dogs. In attendance were



Mayor Ed Wilson who cut the ribbon, City Council members,

and Community Services/Parks and Recreation staff. Since FOLBA represents both the cities of Signal Hill and Long Beach it was an ideal opportunity to get the word out about the FOLBA Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP) and Humane Education programs.



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## BEWARE OF SUMMERTIME SNAKE DANGERS TO YOUR DOG-

By STEVE STRICHART

As you go outdoors with your dog and/or your cat this summer, beware of unwelcome company.

Venomous snakes are most active across the country this time of year.



***Because we live in California, there is an easy lesson to learn, and that is, IF IT DOESN'T HAVE A RATTLE, IT IS NOT POISONOUS."***

Pit vipers - which include rattlesnakes, have wide, triangular heads. The first sign of a pit viper bite is swelling around the puncture. Since pets are often bitten on snout, swelling can quickly interfere with breathing ability. Pit viper venom spreads rapidly, affecting organs and tissues in just a few hours.

The best thing to do is research the poisonous snakes found in the area you plan to take your pets. That way, in case of a bite, identifying the snake can help save your pet's life. Snakebites require immediate medical attention. Don't attempt first aid at home or in the outdoors. Get your pet immediately to the veterinarian or emergency veterinary clinic. While some bites are not dangerous, others are life-threatening. Each bite is a unique event where the snake can choose whether or not to inject venom, and waiting could be deadly.

Many clinics use a simple blood-clotting test to rapidly determine the severity of the venom. In mild cases, vets administer fluids and pain medications and observe the dog for 24 hours. Severe cases may require anti-venom, an antidote to the snake's venom.

Most snakes are not aggressive unless provoked, this includes rattlesnakes. This is one time when curbing your dog's inquisitive nature could save its life. In many parts of the country, snake-aversion training is offered to keep dogs safe.

Common sense will keep both you and your pets safe.

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## Mark Your Calendar

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• **Membership Meeting**  
**June 14<sup>th</sup> / L.B. Playhouse**

• **Benefit for the Animals**  
**Thurs. July 12 L.B. Playhouse**





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