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OC Animal Care Hosts Successful Clear the Shelters Event 113 Animals Find Homes

Orange, Calif. (Aug. 25, 2017) — The County of Orange’s Animal Care shelter had incredible success during the Clear the Shelters event on Saturday, August 19, 2017, finding homes for 113 animals. The adoptions, which were \$17 to the public (plus licensing fee, where applicable), were generously sponsored by Supervisor Shawn Nelson, Fourth District.

“We want to remove any barrier to someone who is interested in providing a good home to an animal who needs one,” said Supervisor Nelson. “By making the adoptions low cost to the public, we had tremendous success.”

During this year’s Clear the Shelters event, OC Animal Care adopted 79 dogs, 24 cats, four tortoises, two rabbits, two guinea pigs and one duck. In addition, one cat was transferred to a rescue group, bringing the total animals released to 113. During the 2016 Clear the Shelters event, 106 animals were adopted.

“Adoption events like Clear the Shelters greatly assist us in bringing awareness to shelter animals,” said Dr. Jennifer Hawkins, Director of OC Animal Care. “When we can find homes for more than 100 of our animals in just a few hours, we call that a very good day.”

The Clear the Shelters event is part of a nationwide campaign by NBC4 Southern California / KNBC and Telemundo 52 Los Angeles / KVEA to raise awareness about the benefits of pet adoption and aims to reduce the animal overpopulation at local shelters. During the month-long campaign, the stations will cover news stories to spotlight the issue, including the importance of spaying/neutering, the benefits of micro-chipping, and helping families find the right pet for their homes.

OC Animal Care is an open admission shelter and took in more than 22,000 lost or owner-surrendered pets last year. OC Animal Care strives to save the lives of all healthy, treatable and manageable animals in our community. To reach that goal, the shelter hosts monthly adoption events and promotes animals online in addition to working closely with nonprofit rescue adoption partners, other local animal shelters and volunteer foster caretakers.

OC Animal Care’s next adoption event, the “Labor of Love” adoption event, is scheduled for Saturday, September 2, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, visit www.ocpetinfo.com.

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