

# December 2023

## Director Update

Hangar Fire Incident: The Hangar Fire Incident on October 7th prompted immediate adjustments to OCAC's daily operations. All resources were swiftly relocated indoors, resulting in reduced kennel space, heightened cleaning requirements, and various other modifications. As a direct response to the incident, a solitary modification was enforced, permitting walks and exercise routines exclusively within the confines of the property due to the proximity to the hangar deconstruction.

To ensure the safe continuation of adoptions, meet-and-greet appointments are now exclusively conducted in the adoption center. Consequently, the on-site animal population has decreased, with 109 dogs relocated to Ohio by ASPCA at no cost to the County, entirely funded by ASPCA. Notably, these animals will not be returned. Further, 41 kittens were transported to Los Angeles, 37 underage kittens and their mothers and 14-15 dogs found refuge in Northern California, and VCA in South Orange County generously fostered large dogs during this challenging period.

Over 100 dogs were fostered by individuals recruited for the pilot dog program initiated in the summer, with approximately 20% finding permanent homes through adoption. Of those fostered, approximately 20% were subsequently adopted.

### Pilot programs Updates:

- "Sittin' with Kittens": Resulted in over 20 adoptions and will be implemented seasonally.
- "Dog Foster Program": Piloted during the summer, gained momentum in the face of the fire, prompting a call to action.
- "Kennel Connection": Introduced to schedule dedicated time to view dogs. The pilot program revealed that regular morning operations yielded 200% more in adoptions, compared to the scheduled hours. Current operations also contributed to decreased lengths of stay, allowing space to highlight prime adoptable dogs and allocate remaining space for those not legally cleared for adoption.

## Budget Update

The second-quarter billing is scheduled for next month. Utilizing two quarters' worth of data, year-end projections will be concluded by the end of January 2024. Preparation for the FY 2024-25 budget is underway, with estimates set to be provided in the Notice of Intent by April 1, 2024.

## **Operational Update**

### Field Calls:

There was a significant drop in calls during the third quarter, with over 18,000 calls, reducing to 5,037 in the fourth quarter. Field calls during “baby season” increase due to abandoned or found wildlife and kittens. Additionally, the cooler weather led to a decline in snake-related calls. The response time for priority 1 calls is approximately 28 minutes.

### 2024 Intake and Adoption Statistics:

- Dog and Cat Intake: Over 11,000
- Dog and Cat Adoptions: 5,100
- Dogs and Cats returned to families: 1,400
- Dogs and Cats transferred to partners: 2,200

### Foster Program:

The Foster Program has been highly active in 2024, with nearly 2,500 kittens/cats, 161 dogs, and 155 puppies (more than the cumulative total of the three years prior) fostered.

### Director Recruitment:

The recruitment for a permanent director has closed. Interviews are slated for January, and onboarding is planned for February. The organization remains committed to navigating challenges and ensuring the welfare of animals in its care.



 OC Community Resources

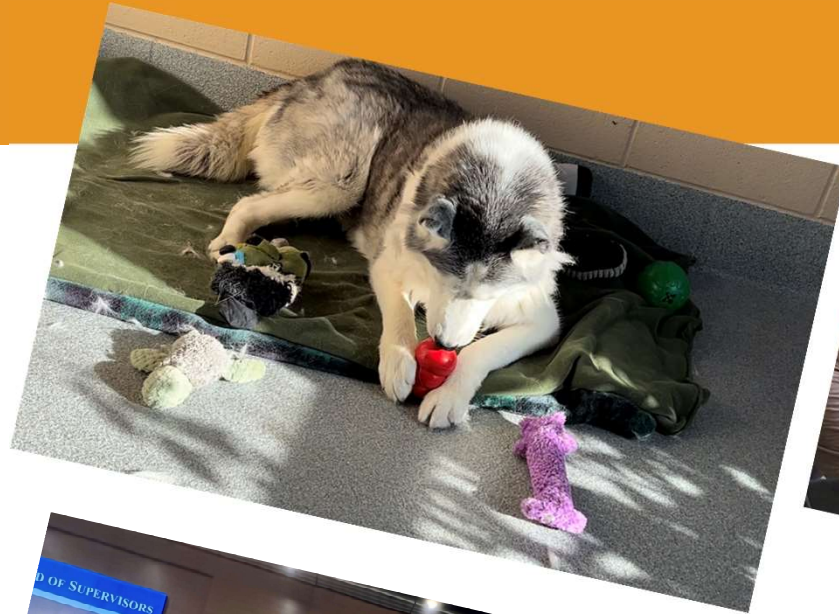
 OC Animal Care

# OC Animal Care Update

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December 2023

# Today's Agenda

- Director's Update
- Budget Update
- Operational Update





# Director's Update



- **Hangar Fire Incident**
- **Pilot Programs Conclusion Update**
- **Coming soon – Daily Adoption Options**

# Hangar Fire Incident

- [109 Dogs](#) relocated to Ohio by the ASPCA!
- Impacts to daily operations
- Transport and foster efforts
- Today





# Pilot Programs & What's Next



**kennel connection**

During OC Animal Care's Kennel Connection Pilot Program, visitors can view adoptable pets in their kennels every Wednesday and Saturday from 2 pm to 4:30 pm.

No appointment needed to walk through.

**WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS  
2 PM - 4:30 PM**

If interested in meeting one-on-one with a dog, visitors must sign up for an adoption meet-and-greet with an Animal Care Attendant.

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**LITTLES ON THE LAWN**

A weekly adoption playgroup event, featuring once-worried small pups that have graduated into confident companions, ready to find their forever homes!

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- What we learned
- What's next – Daily Adoption Options



**BECOME A DOG FOSTER PARENT**

Foster a dog this summer and give a shelter pet a break from the shelter with a "stay-cation" at your home!

Foster commitments can range from two weeks to two months. Our team can match you with a dog in need that fits with your lifestyle and time availability.

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**SITTIN' WITH kittens**

Cuddles, purrs, and playful companionship await you for a weekly adoption event, featuring medium breed cats in need of foster care and new families for their forever homes.

**SUNDAYS 11 AM - 2 PM  
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# Budget Update

- **Fiscal Year 2023-24**
  - Q2 service billing will be calculated next month
  - Year-end projections will be completed by 01-31-24
  - Any cities with projections higher than their NOI estimates will be notified
- **Fiscal Year 2024-25**
  - Budget preparation is currently in progress
  - Estimates for each city will be provided by 04-01-24
- **Upcoming**
  - Happy Holidays!





# Operational Update

**Quarter 4\* (Oct. – Dec. 20)**  
**5,037 calls for service**

Average response time for  
priority 1 calls is  
approximately 28 minutes.

**Priority 1 calls** are those determined to present a risk to public safety; 27 priority 1 calls during this time period.



# Intake & Adoptions



Dog and cat intake:  
**over 11,000 and counting**

Dog and cat adoptions:  
**over 5,100 and counting**

Dog and cats returned to their families:  
**over 1,400 and counting**

Dogs and cats transferred to partners:  
**over 2,200 and counting**



# Foster Program

January 1, 2023, to December 20, 2023

Kittens/Cats:

2,497

Dogs:

161

Puppies:

155

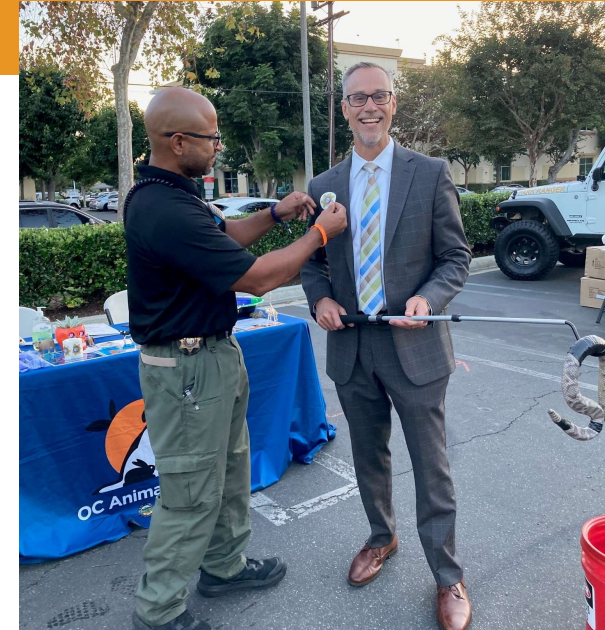




# Operational Update

## Past Community Initiatives

- Saturday, Oct. 14 – Pet Food Pantry – fed 850 animals with 14,975 lbs. of food
- Wednesday, Oct. 18 – Anaheim Equus Workforce Solutions Resource Fair
- Saturday, Oct. 21 - Santa Ana Save More Appliance Grand Opening booth
- Sunday, Oct. 22 – Subaru Orange Coast Santa Ana mobile adoption event
- Wednesday, Oct. 25 - City of Fullerton Annual Employee Safety Fair info booth
- Thursday, Oct. 26 - Fullerton Octofoofest info booth
- Thursday, Oct. 26 - OCSSA & Orangewood Foundation Trunk or Treat Event
- Friday, Oct. 27 - Supervisor Katrina Foley's Senior Summit & Resource Fair Booth
- Saturday, Oct. 28 – Adoptions at AASCSC Bountiful Harvest Health Fair in Irvine
- Saturday, Oct. 28 - Villa Park Halloweenfest booth
- Monday, Oct. 30 – Commonwealth Carnival Debrief Fullerton
- Tuesday, Oct. 31 & November 3 - Beswick Carnival Tustin
- Saturday, Nov. 4 – Katy Cares La Habra Girl Scouts
- Saturday, Nov. 11\* – Pet Food Pantry – (virtual due to fire)
- Thursday, Nov. 16 – Gildwell Dental Health & Benefits Fair info booth
- Friday, Nov. 17 – UCI Health Pet Adoption Fair
- Wednesday, Dec. 6 – Staff All-Hands at OCAC
- Thursday, Dec. 7 – City of Brea tree lighting
- Saturday, Dec. 9\* – Pet Food Pantry – (virtual due to fire)
- Sunday, Dec. 10 - Home for the Holiday Irvine Adoption Event
- Thursday, Dec. 14 - Katy Cares Presentation for a girl scout troop
- Friday, Dec. 15 - Fidler Elementary Carnival for Team Kids
- Tuesday, Dec. 19 – Volunteer Roundtable at OCAC
- Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Santa Paws adoption event at ACI Jet
- Wednesday, Dec. 20 – Foster Appreciation Party at OCAC



## Upcoming Events

- Friday, January 5, 2024, Zoom Presentation for California Online Public Schools
- Saturday, January 13th Pantry
- Tuesday, February 6th Presentation about Responsible Pet Ownership
- Saturday, February 10th pantry
- Monthly vaccination clinics and spay/neuter clinics onsite with partner HEART

# Thank you!



 Community Resources



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