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Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim Thursday, July 14

The evening will start at 6:30 with a reception featuring delicious finger food, a wine bar and music by our favorite pianist, Ralph Brunson. You will have time to socialize with fellow animal lovers as well as browse and bid on silent auction items and purchase your tickets for the raffle. At 7:30 our canine volunteer, Ruthless McKenzie, will choose the winner of the door prize.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying follows J. P. Finch as he rises from lowly window washer to high-powered executive in this rousing musical satire. Biting comedy and bright insights are highlighted with delightfully memorable songs and dances in this classic Broadway musical. As Finch battles such corporate traps as office parties, backstabbing co-workers and caffeine addiction, could it be that the only real obstacle might be – true love?

Tickets are \$30 and will be available at the following locations on June 1st. Also, go to our website to order online: www.FOLBA.org, or call Friends at 562-988-SNIP(7647)

Belmont Pets and LaunderPet, 3429 Broadway	433-3605
Bixby Animal Clinic, 3938 Atlantic Ave.	426-4066
Bixby Knolls LaunderPet, 4102 Orange Ave., #113	427-2551
Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital, 2665 E. PCH	494-0975
Go Dogs Go, 3440 N. Los Coyotes Diagonal	421-9797
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**President's Message**

To all our members and friends,

Most of our readers might not know of the Memorial Garden that is located on the grounds of Animal Care Services. Friends of Long Beach Animals started the Memorial Garden to honor all of the shelter mascots who have passed.

The garden has morphed into many different styles through the years. It was once a Koi Pond, had a fountain and, through the ravages of time, had garnered some much needed work and updating. Thankfully, this all happened with the aid of the participants of Make A Difference Day. FOLBA took on the expense of the plants and had a couple of the Memorial Stones redone. A grateful "Thank You" to Val at Ocean Stained Glass in Seal Beach for refurbishing the Memorial Plaques. (See page 6 for the photos of Worf's)

Two of the mascots resided at the old shelter on Willow Street. There was Amy, a Shepherd-St. Bernard-mix dog and Puff, the cat, who hung out in the business office. Before that shelter was closed and the employees and critters became residents of the Companion Animal Village (spcaLA-Animal Control), a Rottweiler puppy was abandoned at the shelter with thoughts that the pup was dying.

The Veterinarian staff at the time determined he was suffering from acute flea spray overdose. He was then bathed and, within a short time, he healed and was then a normal Rottweiler pup. Animal Control tried to locate the previous owner. When no one stepped forward, he became the 3rd official mascot and the staff named him Worf. Worf was also transported to the brand new Companion Animal Village and remained the mascot for quite a few years. Worf passed away due to the usual old age ailments. A beautiful picture of him remains in the office.

Bear, a pit bull mix, became the next mascot. Bear was confiscated in a Cruelty-to-Animals case. ACS won the case and Bear was not to go back to the owner. Bear became the 4th mascot but succumbed early in his life due to his past treatment. During the time Bear was a resident, he gave the staff much love and the staff loved him beyond anything he could have ever wished. Tippy, the three-legged dog, is still alive and doing well with an ACS staff member.

Stop by the Companion Animal Village and honor the ACS mascots at the new Memorial Garden and, while you are there, you might find a new forever friend that is looking just for you.

Humanely, *Shirley Vaughan*

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Friends, also environmentally friendly, is asking for you to help save trees, printing expenses and postage cost. You can help by signing up to receive this same exact newsletter by email.

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We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Go tree life!



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

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Ask Zenny.....



Dear Zenny,

Next month I will be nine years old, and my parents are going to get me a dog for my birthday. Where do you think they should look for a dog for me? At a pet store maybe? Or a breeder? Or where?

Annabelle

Dear Annabelle,


The answer to your question is very easy. Your parents should adopt a dog from an animal shelter. There are a bunch of good reasons for this. First, they will be saving a life! The animals in shelters were given up, or abandoned or lost, and they are unwanted and helpless. By adopting one of them, you are giving it a new life in a loving home.

By adopting from a shelter, you are also helping to break the cycle of pet overpopulation. It's very sad, but there aren't enough homes for all the animals that are born. Each year, 8 to 12 million dogs and cats are euthanized because there aren't enough homes for them, and that's a terrible thing.

Also, people who work at shelters work with animals every day, and have a wealth of information which they are always willing to share with you, so you will get a lifetime resource on any issues you may have with your pet. And the staff of the shelters will have given the dog you adopt very good care, assisted by vet partners that come on a regular basis and ensure that the animals receive good care.

One last thing: adopting from a shelter is what I call a win-win situation: You get to choose a dog from a great selection, you pay less, you encourage others to adopt animals from shelter and help to save more lives, and you are supporting a valuable charity and community institution.

So Annabelle, it's really what you kids call a no-brainer. Go with your parents to your local animal shelter and pick out your birthday dog. My only warning is that it will be hard to choose, because you'll fall in love with more than one dog.

Your friend, Zenny 

If you have a question or thought for Zenny, please write to him at FOLBA (Friends of Long Beach Animals)
"Ask Zenny" PO Box 92736, Long Beach, CA 90809

Rabbits Make Wonderful Pets

Animal Care Services in Long Beach takes great pride in the facilities we provide for the well being of the rabbits, and works very hard to find them good forever homes.

They make great pets, and surprisingly many people do not know this. Among all the house rabbit owners one fact is clearly understood, a bunny will brighten even the worst of days. If you are considering adopting one or two for your home, go online to House Rabbit Society to get the facts. They have all the information available from feeding a proper diet to providing a happy home to your new friend. And always have a hoppy day.



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We need 5000+ supporters to help us spread the word: Please go to our Facebook page, "Friends of Long Beach Animals" and hit the "Like" button. We love reading your comments but to build our numbers remember to hit the button.



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Kate Karp	Old Scratch was a senior when I adopted him in May. Neither my friend Bryan nor I had the slightest idea we'd love him as much as we did.	Kate Karp
Kate Karp	In Memory of Savannah and in honor of her loving humans Kathy Goddard as well as in honor of Nona Daly and Shirley Vaughan for approving the adoption. Savannah was 3 when Kathy took her in and 16 when she passed.	Kathy Goddard

For information on the BYC Program go to www.FOLBA.org

HAPPY ADOPTIONS

Kitten received a very special new home. Her owner had passed away and no provisions had been made for her.

For all of her 11 years of life, all she knew was one owner and did not have to share Mom with anyone else. She was a sad little girl and pined away in her loneliness. She was rescued and featured at Bixby Animal Clinic for adoption.

Her temperament was beyond sweet and a kind soul. Someone came along who was actually looking for an adult cat to live with her mother who resided in a Senior Living Facility. This was a match made in Heaven! A Senior being rehomed with a Senior.

This kind of adoption does not happen every day. This was truly a gift to both Kitten and her new Mom.

Thank you Bixby Animal Clinic, Dr. A and the staff for fostering some of the misfortunate cats abandoned at Animal Care Services.



Elle had a very sad story which turned into a special home at last! Elle was part of a Cruelty to Animals case at Animal Services. She and several other cats and a couple of dogs were confiscated by ACS.

They were housed in an unacceptable way and all were thin and scruffy. Elle persevered staying at the shelter for a long time and was one of the sweetest cats ever. She was given a 2nd chance to find real love thanks to Bixby Animal Clinic and staff.

The special folks came along. They saw Elle while at Bixby because they had to euthanize their long time pet. Turns out that they had adopted their current cat from FOLBA many years ago.

They thought it was Kismet to rehome another rescue. Even though our pets can never be replaced when we lose them, there are special times when another animal fits in the place of the lost one.



Big News: FBI Collecting Data on Crimes Against Animals



A first look at the FBI's animal cruelty statistics will be available next year, but it will take three to five years for the data to begin showing helpful patterns.

Acts of cruelty against animals are now counted alongside felony crimes like arson, burglary, assault, and homicide in the FBI's expansive criminal database.

On January 1, the Bureau's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) began collecting detailed data from participating law enforcement agencies on acts of animal cruelty, including gross neglect, torture, organized abuse, and sexual abuse. Before this year, crimes that involved animals were lumped into an "All Other Offenses" category in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's annual *Crime in the United States* report, a survey of crime data provided by about 18,000 city, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies.

By adding animal cruelty offenses to NIBRS, law enforcement agencies and the advocacy groups that pushed for the inclusion in the FBI database are hoping the results will reveal a more complete picture of the nature of cruelty to animals.

The National Sheriffs' Association was a leading advocate for adding animal cruelty as a data set in the Bureau's collection of crime statistics. The association for years has cited studies linking animal abuse and other types of crimes - most famously, murders committed by serial killers like Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer, and the "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz. The organization also points out the overlap animal abuse has with domestic violence and child abuse.

"If somebody is harming an animal, there is a good chance they also are hurting a human," said John Thompson, deputy executive director of the National Sheriffs' Association. "If we see patterns of animal abuse, the odds are that something else is going on."

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Groups that advocated for the new animal cruelty data hope that by adding it to NIBRS - rather than the summary-based statistics agencies provide the Bureau each year - they will get a much richer data set from which to mine.

That's because NIBRS requires participating agencies not only to report crimes but also all the circumstances of a crime. Additionally, the Bureau plans to phase out summary-based UCR statistics—which have been collected roughly the same way since 1930 - in favor of NIBRS by 2021.

Those who lobbied for better animal abuse data would agree. "With this information, law enforcement and victim services would be able to better target their intervention efforts with respect to both animal cruelty and those crimes for which animal cruelty serves as a marker," said Dr. Mary Lou Randour of the Animal Welfare Institute, which worked closely with the National Sheriffs' Association to advance their cause. "Identifying and analyzing animal cruelty crimes would provide an important tool for law enforcement."

The National Sheriffs' Association's John Thompson urged people to shed the mindset that animal cruelty is a crime only against animals. "It's a crime against society," he said, urging all law enforcement agencies to participate in NIBRS. "By paying attention to [these crimes], we are benefiting all of society."

Reprinted from: <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2016/february/tracking-animal-cruelty/tracking-animal-cruelty>

PAUSE 4 PAWS



A "PAWS Up" for the Communication Studies Event Planning Class at CSULB.

The fundraising event took place on CSULB Campus and Friends of Long Beach Animals (FOLBA) was the chosen recipient. In collaboration with Paws 4 Healing, Therapy Dogs were provided for those students worn out from finals.

The flyer stated, "There's no better way to take a breather from the pre-finals week madness than with Therapy Dogs." Then it added: Having a pretty RUFF Day at school? Worn down to the BONE? Want to CATCH a little break?

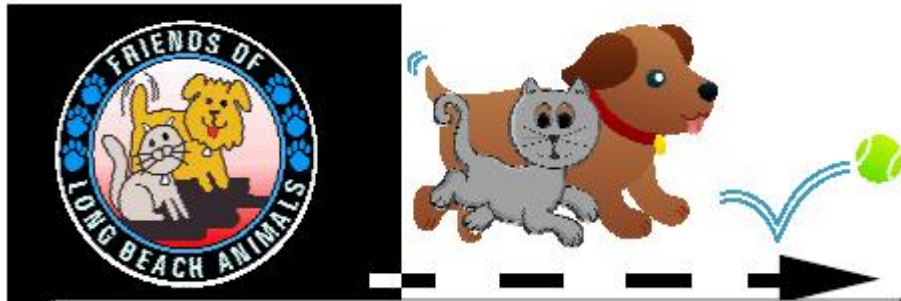
This unique idea was successful for both the students and FOLBA. Students went home with some great prizes that the group had gathered.

What is better than lying down in the grass with a well behaved dog: a successful and wonderful day for the students, the class and animals in the Long Beach Community.

Clinic Update



Special surgery doors have been installed and the cabinets. Next will be the equipment.



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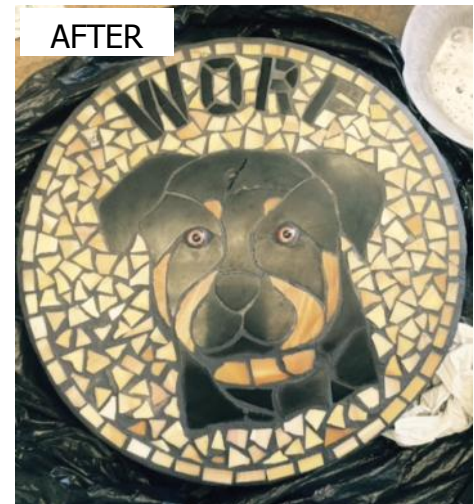
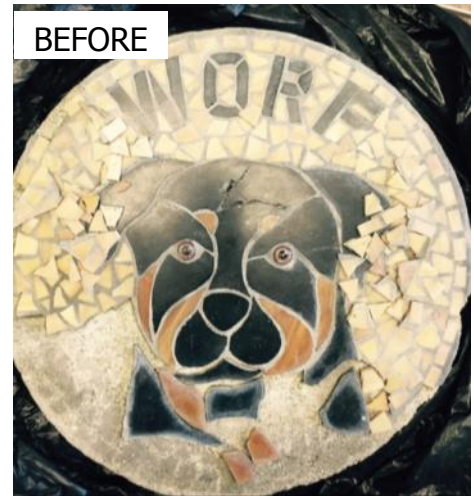
Come and mingle with other animal lovers while enjoying our Wine/Beer and Taco Bar, pet adoptions, fresh dog food samples from a local vendor, a live performance from the cast of the popular musical "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying", and a short update of FOLBA's activities during the past year. We will be giving out prizes to local students, who wrote essays about kindness to animals.

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