

FLA newsletter



Happy Holidays from all of us at FLA!

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Dear Supporters:

For the Love of Animals wishes you and yours the happiest holiday season. We thank you for your continuous support. With the swamp coolers installed, FLA has turned its attention on individual animals in need – here are a few dogs and cats recently given second chances and now spending the holidays with their new families:

Gina, a 2-year-old whippet, sharpei mix, underwent eye surgery to remove cherry eyes in both her eyes before the inflammation caused permanent damage to her sight. The surgery was expensive, and it took time to raise the funds, but generous donations made it possible. A month after recovering from surgery, Gina was adopted. She now lives with her parents, doting grandparents, a 4-year-old girl and Jack, the cat.

Remington, a poodle mix, was near death with a severe case of pneumonia. He was rushed to the veterinary hospital and after x-rays and immediate medical attention, he was sent home to his foster house (see below story). Remington's spunky personality caught the eyes of a couple from Eagle Rock who adopted him. Today, Remi enjoys taking long walks,

skipping and playing hide-and-go-seek with his stuffed toys. Three black kittens and a brown tabby were abandoned in October. They were too young to fend for themselves, just five weeks old, and they needed the love of a foster family. When a woman from San Dimas stepped in, she became their saving grace. Two brothers were just adopted to the same home in time for a special Christmas celebration! This time of year, when the air is biting cold and our own dogs and cats sleep warmly indoors every night, we are haunted by our homeless charges. Some of these wonderful animals have been waiting two years to have a home for the holidays. It is discouraging at times. But our adopting families and sponsors fill us with hope. Every adoption finds a place in our hearts, and we can never express how grateful we are to you – the true rescuers. Every donation means one more dog or cat who can be medicated instead of euthenised. One more special animal FLA can give extra attention to. One more animal whose suffering we can ease through professional training or behavioural evaluations. You have already done so much. But if you could do this one thing for us: please share your adoption story with friends and people you meet. Describe the dogs and cats you meet at Petco when you stop by to visit or make a donation. Advocate for adoption. Send people our way. Help them see what you already see in the faces of these remarkably loving, resilient animals. Thank you.

Animals in Need



Hansen is a great family dog. He loves kids and playing ball. A young pointer, lab mix, he would flourish in an active home – and the corner of the couch, please.

Sunkist is an affectionate, young adult cat. She loves to be pet and will show her appreciation with endless purring.

Sunkist has striking orange-gold "sunbursts" all over her coat and the prettiest green eyes.



Fostering a Pet, Saving a life

Two years ago, Val Hansen (pictured here) approached FLA about becoming a foster parent to dogs in need. Since her pet family passed away, she was looking to bring the joy and love of a pet back to her home while helping a homeless pet find a permanent home. Blackie became her first project. Since then, FLA has called on Val seven more times to foster dogs. The dogs are



often frightened, but Val helps them feel loved and secure so that they become happy, highly adoptable pets. Other dogs, like Remi, must get into a home environment because they become sick and cannot get well in a shelter environment. Another foster mom, Catherine Macias, had her own house full of rescued critters. But she was determined to become a foster parent and help save more lives. She stepped in to foster Jack, a spunky Pomeranian. After Jack was adopted, she took in little Nicki. Nicki had many medical problems, but that didn't scare Catherine. She nursed him back to health. Nicki fit in so well with the family, Catherine decided to adopt him! In the past, many of the shelter dogs who went to FLA's two foster homes would have had nowhere to go and the shelter's only answer was euthanasia. Because of these fosters and generous donations to cover expenses, FLA gets to rescue dogs and cats from horrible fates. FLA's newest foster mom is Mary MacGuire. She took in the four kittens who were abandoned in October (See above story). Interested in saving a life and want to learn more? Please call.



Why not make a tax deductible donation? A small contribution will make the animals' holiday a little sweeter, their future that much brighter. Contact us about individual animals needing medical attention or other FLA projects for 2007.

Around Town with FLA

FLA continues to hold Saturday adoptions at Petco, San Dimas. We are now in the back of the store to accommodate more dogs and cats. We have also been busy at other events. To name a few: Whiskers 'n Tails Animal Care and Pet Adoption Day, in Arcadia, a Best Friends adoption event at the La Brea Tar Pits, and a weekend adoption event at the California Mission Inn senior living community in Rosemead.