

## Orange County Animal Shelters & Rescue Programs

### Animal Care Services

#### City of Mission Viejo Animal Shelter

(949) 470-3045  
28095 Hillcrest  
Mission Viejo, CA  
92692

#### **Coastal Animal Services**

**Authority**  
(949) 492-1617  
221 Avenida  
Fabricante  
San Clemente, CA  
92672

#### **Costa Mesa City Animal Control**

(714) 754-5311  
99 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA  
92626

#### Irvine Animal Care Center

(949) 724-7740  
6443 Oak Canyon  
St, Irvine, CA  
92620

#### Laguna Beach Animal Shelter

(949) 497-3552  
20612 Laguna  
Canyon Rd  
Laguna Beach,  
CA 92651

#### **Newport Beach/ Corona Del Mar Animal Shelter**

(949) 722-8301  
2075 Newport Blvd  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

#### **Orange County Homeless Pet Society**

(714) 536-8480  
21632 Newland  
Huntington Beach, CA  
92546 [www.rescue-a-pet.com](http://www.rescue-a-pet.com)

#### Seal Beach Animal Care Center

(310) 430-4993  
1700 Adolfo Lopez Dr  
Seal Beach, CA 90740

#### **Pet Project Foundation**

(949) 595-8899  
PO BOX 5678  
San Clemente, CA  
92674  
[www.petprojectfoundation.org](http://www.petprojectfoundation.org)

## Wildlife Rescue Organizations

#### **Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center**

714/374-5587  
21900 Pacific Coast Highway  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646  
Web site - [www.wwccoc.org](http://www.wwccoc.org)  
E-mail - [wwccoc@wwccoc.org](mailto:wwccoc@wwccoc.org)

**Minimum age to volunteer – 16**

#### **Pacific Marine Mammal Center**

949/494-3050  
20612 Laguna Canyon Road  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
Web site – [www.pacificmmc.org](http://www.pacificmmc.org)  
E-mail – [info@pacificmmc.org](mailto:info@pacificmmc.org)

**Minimum age to volunteer – 18**

## Pet-Related Volunteer Opportunities

#### **By MARYANNE DELL**

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Interested in volunteering to help animals?  
Contact one of these groups. More  
information about each group can be found on  
its Web site:

- **Animal Assistance League:** This Midway City group provides care for homeless animals until permanent homes can be found. Volunteers walk dogs, socialize cats, transport animals to veterinary appointments, help with fund raising and more. Foster homes for older dogs are greatly needed. Call: Patti Buhler, (714) 893-4393. Web site: [www.aaloc.com](http://www.aaloc.com).

- **Animal Network of Orange County:** This group fosters and places homeless animals. Volunteers provide loving homes for animals, transport them to vets and help at adoption events. Call: (949) 644-2279. Write: P.O. Box 8662, Newport Beach, CA 92658. E-mail: [foster@animalnetwork.org](mailto:foster@animalnetwork.org). Web site: [www.animalnetwork.org](http://www.animalnetwork.org).

- **Basset Hound Rescue of Southern California:** This nonprofit group rescues and finds home for basset hounds. Call: (805) 524-9353. Write: P.O. Box 32734, Long Beach, CA 90832-2734.

• **Capistrano Animal Rescue Effort:** CARE rescues lost and abandoned cats and dogs from San Juan Capistrano. Volunteers foster animals, walk dogs, help with fund raising and working at the cattery at the San Juan Capistrano PetsMart, cleaning cages and showing cats for adoption. Call: (949) 240-1735. E-mail: [info@capoanimalrescue.com](mailto:info@capoanimalrescue.com). Web site: <http://capoanimalrescue.com/>

• **Cats In Need:** This rescue group places cats out of PetsMart stores in several Southern California locations. Volunteers help at least one or two hours a month, assisting with adoptions, making phone calls, cleaning cages and more. E-mail [volunteer@catsinneed.com](mailto:volunteer@catsinneed.com) or Web site: <http://catsinneed.com>.

• **Friends of Santa Ana Zoo:** The Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park has a docent program whose volunteers work with animals and teach schoolchildren and families about conservation, endangered species, ecology and recycling. [www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org).

• **German Shepherd Rescue:** This group saves and finds homes for German shepherd dogs throughout California. Adoption fairs are held at local pet stores throughout Southern California. Call: Maria, (714) 773-5915. Web site: [www.gsrescue.org](http://www.gsrescue.org).

• **Greyhound Adoption Center:** This group rescues all greyhounds, retired racing and non-racing. Its kennel in La Mesa cares for the dogs until they are ready to be adopted. All their medical needs are attended to before adoption. Volunteers care for dogs during 2- to 3-hour shifts and take dogs to adoption events, staff phones, fill catalog orders, and more: [www.houndsavers.com](http://www.houndsavers.com).

• **Greyhound Pets of America:** This group rescues retired racing greyhounds, attends to their medical needs and places them in foster homes until permanent homes can be found. Help is needed to process the dogs when they leave the track and head for foster homes. C. Web site: [www.fastfriends.org](http://www.fastfriends.org).

• **Happy Cats Foundation:** This rescue group places animals out of the PetsMart store at 3775 Alton Parkway, Irvine. Volunteers are

needed to care for and help place cats. E-mail: Joy, [joy@happycats.org](mailto:joy@happycats.org). Web site: [www.happycats.org](http://www.happycats.org).

• **Haute Dogs:** This Long Beach-based group helps animals in many ways, including its annual Operation Santa Paws, which collects donations – both money and items – and distributes them to local animal shelters. Web site: [www.hautedogs.org](http://www.hautedogs.org).

• **Hemopet:** Greyhound rescue organization located in Garden Grove. Volunteers can assist in walking and grooming dogs and with kennel clean up. For details call 714/891-2232 or e-mail [hemopet@hotmail.com](mailto:hemopet@hotmail.com) or visit the following Web site <http://www.hemopet.com/>

• **Humane Animal Rescue Team:** This Fillmore-based group focuses on rescuing senior and disabled dogs, which are placed in foster homes until permanent homes can be found. Volunteers are needed to provide foster homes, check homes of potential adopters, help raise funds and more. Web site: [www.hart4dogs.org](http://www.hart4dogs.org).

• **Irvine Animal Care Center:** This animal shelter takes in animals of all types found in Irvine. Volunteers work with cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals. Its PALS group works with selected special-needs dogs. Call: (714) 724-7747. E-mail: [info@irvineshelter.org](mailto:info@irvineshelter.org). Web site: [www.irvineshelter.org](http://www.irvineshelter.org). Shelter location: 6443 Oak Canyon, Irvine, CA 92618.

• **National Cat Protection Society:** Natcat is a private, nonprofit group that cares for owner-relinquished cats and kittens while waiting to adopt them into loving homes. Volunteers are needed to provide lots of TLC to felines by grooming and socializing them, fostering underage kittens, helping with laundry, and more. An on-call handyman is greatly needed for small repairs and projects around the shelter. Call: (949) 650-1232, noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Web site: [www.natcat.org](http://www.natcat.org). Location: 6904 W. Coast Hwy, Newport Beach.

• **New Beginnings for Animals:** This south Orange County group provides care for homeless animals until permanent homes can be found. Volunteers help with dog and cat adoptions. Web site: [www.greatpets.org](http://www.greatpets.org).

• **Orange County Animal Rescue Coalition:** This group works with cats and kittens, holding adoptions at the PetsMart store at 670 W. 17th St., Costa Mesa, Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help at the adoptions and to foster orphaned kittens and cats until the animals are ready for adoption. Call: (949) 451-3272. E-mail: [frannie0416@cox.net](mailto:frannie0416@cox.net).

• **Orange County SPCA:** This group does pet-assisted therapy and has an annual Walk for the Animals. Call: (714) 596-7387. E-mail: [ocspca@surfside.net](mailto:ocspca@surfside.net). Web site: [www.orangecountyspca.org](http://www.orangecountyspca.org).

• **The Pet Food Bank:** This nonprofit group helps provide supplies and food for rescue groups and shelters. Volunteers pick up and transport food and supplies. In addition to volunteer help, the group is looking for someone to donate a forklift. Call: (714) 379-1456. E-mail: [woof@thepetfoodbank.com](mailto:woof@thepetfoodbank.com). Mail: P.O. Box 3026, Seal Beach, CA 90740

• **Pet Partners of Orange County:** PPOC is a volunteer organization made up of people and their pets who, through special training, are certified to visit hospitals, convalescent homes, children's centers, schools and other facilities that incorporate the use of animals in the care and/or treatment of their clients. Visits are scheduled for a wide variety of times and days throughout the county, so volunteers can commit to the frequency, schedule and locations that are most convenient for them. Interested people without pets are also welcome to participate. PPOC is an affiliate of the Delta Society, an international, nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve human health through service and therapy animals. Information about Delta's Pet Partners Program: [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org). Information about PPOC: (949) 707-5468 or [ppoc@nicestones.com](mailto:ppoc@nicestones.com).

• **Pet Project Foundation:** This volunteer organization unites Friends of the San Clemente Animals and Animal Rescue Foundation into one group that supports the San Clemente/Dana Point Animal Shelter. Volunteers help care for shelter animals, work in the shelter office, provide foster homes and assist in fund raising. Call: (949) 595-8899. Write: P.O. Box 5678, San Clemente, CA 92674-5678. E-mail: [fosca@fosca.org](mailto:fosca@fosca.org). Shelter location: 221 Avenida Fabricante, San Clemente, CA 92672. Shelter phone: 949-492-1617.

• **Pet Pro-Life:** This group holds adoptions in two PetsMarts. Volunteers are needed to help at these locations and to foster animals: 17940 Newhope St., Fountain Valley; 670 W. 17th St., Costa Mesa. Call: (714) 964-3593. E-mail: [ppl@petprolife.org](mailto:ppl@petprolife.org). Write: P.O. Box 3653, Huntington Beach, CA 92605-3653. Web site: [www.petprolife.org](http://www.petprolife.org).

• **Seal Beach Animal Care Center:** This shelter cares for stray animals found in the city of Seal Beach. Volunteers work with dogs, cats and other animals; socialize animals; transport animals to and from vets; talk with potential adopters; walk dogs; and play with cats, and more. To work with cats, e-mail Barbara Hamzaa, [cats@sbacc.org](mailto:cats@sbacc.org). To work with dogs or for general volunteer information, e-mail Helen Evans, [dogs@sbacc.org](mailto:dogs@sbacc.org). Web site: [www.sbacc.org](http://www.sbacc.org). Shelter location: 1700 Adolfo Lopez Drive, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Shelter phone: (562) 430-4993.

• **Second Chance Pet Adoption:** This group works with cats, holding adoptions in Petco stores in Fountain Valley and Westminster. Volunteers are needed to clean cages, drive pets to vets for care, foster pets, bottle-feed orphaned kittens, write grants, write letters seeking donations, take photographs, update the group's Web site, work on a newsletter, show pets at Petco and more. Training and time commitment depend on tasks. Call: Kristine, (949) 500-0996. E-mail: [karilalaw@aol.com](mailto:karilalaw@aol.com). Web site: [www.petfinder.org](http://www.petfinder.org) (enter 92646 under ZIP code option, then scroll down to "Second Chance Pet Adoption.")

## Volunteer at the Orange County Zoo!

<http://www.ocparks.com/oczoo>

[oczoo@ocparks.com](mailto:oczoo@ocparks.com)

• **J. F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center:**  
Located in San Juan Capistrano. The J. F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through the highest-quality therapeutic riding programs and is committed to making ongoing, meaningful contributions to the field of therapeutic riding. Several volunteer opportunities are available. For more details call 949/240-8441 or e-mail [info@sheacenter.org](mailto:info@sheacenter.org) or visit the following Web site [www.sheacenter.org](http://www.sheacenter.org).

• **Friends of Orange County's Homeless Pets (FOCHP)**

Friends of Orange County's Homeless Pets (FOCHP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to making unwanted pets in Orange County more adoptable and providing them the opportunity to find lifelong families. You can volunteer to take dogs for walks, help with special events, foster or adopt homeless pets and much, much more! Check out the FOCHP Web site at this link - [www.fochp.org](http://www.fochp.org) - for details.

The Orange County Zoo, located in Irvine Regional Park, is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of zoo activities. Volunteers are an important part of the zoo, whether it's assisting the regular Animal Keepers with cleaning the exhibits, preparing diets for the animals, giving guided zoo tours, providing educational programs or other activities. The Orange County Zoo has two types of volunteers, regular volunteers and docents. All volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

Regular volunteers assist the zoo's Animal Keepers or work on needed projects throughout the zoo. Volunteers that assist the Animal Keepers help with cleaning exhibits, preparing diets and assisting with projects. Regular volunteers can also lend their talents in many other ways – staffing the Gift Shop, horticulture, photography, animal observation, construction, maintenance, painting, general facility repairs, and more. If you are interested in participating in the regular volunteer program or would like additional information, please contact Matt Christianson, Zoo Curator at (714) 973-6845 or [Matt.Christianson@rdmd.ocgov.com](mailto:Matt.Christianson@rdmd.ocgov.com).

Orange County Zoo Docents are the zoo's education volunteers. Docents assist in the Zoo Education Department by giving guided tours to school children, conducting story time programs, staffing Discovery Carts with various animal artifacts, helping with special events such as "Halloween at the Zoo" and "Christmas at the Zoo." Additionally Docents may conduct educational talks, handle reptiles, assist with off-site events, direct children's crafts, and much more! A training class and manual is provided for all docents. If you are interested in becoming a docent or would like additional information, please contact Marcy Crede-Booth, Zoo Education Coordinator at (714) 973-6846 or [marcy.crede@rdmd.ocgov.com](mailto:marcy.crede@rdmd.ocgov.com).

# Santa Ana Zoo

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<http://www.santaanazoo.org/index.htm>

ACoviello@ci.santa-ana.ca.us

**Weekday Docents:** If you like sharing the wonders of the animal kingdom with children, the weekday docent program is for you. Docents lead school tours and assist with our traveling outreach program weekday mornings. Minimum age: 18. Please contact Alison at (714) 647-6568 for additional information.



### Imagine *YOU* in the *ZOO*!!

**Weekend Docents:** The weekend docents staff our animal contact area, Critter's Corner, on the weekends. You must be able to work independently and have good public relations skills. Minimum age: 18. Please contact Tish at (714) 647-6562 for additional information.

**Special Events:** Every month, something new and interesting is happening at the Zoo! Whether it is the Zoo-B-Que, Zoofari or Boo at the Zoo, we're always in need of volunteers to assist with the events. Work on kids' crafts, scoop ice cream or paint faces. Minimum age: 16. Please contact Stephanie at (714) 953-8555 x12 for additional information.

**Zoo Monitor:** Are you interested in farmyard animals? Zoo monitors help visitors identify the different animals in our Children's Zoo while monitoring visitors' behavior. There is a minimum commitment of four hours per month. Minimum age: 16. Please contact our Education Department at (714) 647-6568 for additional information.

**Zoo Train:** Have you always wanted to be a train engineer? Volunteers are needed for train operations including track maintenance and train maintenance. Open Fri., Sat., and Sun.; Minimum age: 25. Please contact Stephanie at (714) 953-8555 x12 for additional information.

**Clerical:** Is office work your cup of tea? Do you enjoy working on computers? Then helping out filing, stuffing, folding, labeling, or entering data may be your perfect match. No experience required. It's fun, easy and interesting. Work mornings or afternoons, weekdays or weekends. Minimum age: 16. Please contact Stephanie at (714) 953-8555 x12 for additional information.

**Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park**  
***VOLUNTEER APPLICATION***

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Zoo's Programs \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background \_\_\_\_\_

Previous volunteer experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Languages \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold a valid California Driver's License? \_\_\_\_\_ CDL # \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in being a Zoo volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Position: Docent  Special Events  Zoo Monitor  Train  Clerical   
*(see back for detailed descriptions)*

Where/How should we contact you about scheduling? \_\_\_\_\_

When are you available? (circle all that apply) Mon Tu Wed Th Fri Sat Sun AMs PMs

I understand that my individual or group's services are being offered on a voluntary basis without anticipation of any financial remuneration and I shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Santa Ana, its Boards and Commissions and their officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, loss or liability of any kind or nature for any possible injury incurred during volunteer service. I understand that I will be required to go through a screening process background check. I agree to cooperate with agency's Volunteer Program Policies and Procedures.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Return to:* Volunteer Department, Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92701