



Department of Animal Services
Robert Miller
Director

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Dear Adoption Partner:

Congratulations and thank you Adoption Partners! Because of you and devoted organizations like yours, the Riverside County Department of Animal Services saved over 14,000 lives in 2008. The Adoption Partner Program is an integral part of our plan to reduce euthanasia in Riverside County. We attribute 25% of those saved lives to the work of adoption partners (rescues groups) like you.

As an organization interested in partnering with new groups and maintaining relations with existing groups, we are looking for ways to remove barriers to save more lives this year. We strive to be a "rescue friendly shelter". We have made some procedural changes at our four County shelters to make it even easier to transfer animals to your organization. Changes include free services, reduced or no fees, less paperwork and less follow-up. We have dedicated staff to help make the transfer of animals to your organization as professional as possible.

The Department of Animal Services recognizes that we cannot reduce needless euthanasia of homeless animals alone. Due to current economic conditions, this year promises to be especially challenging. Your assistance and commitment to help the ones most in need is vital to saving lives. We invite you to join us and become an Adoption Partner.

All Adoption Partners are asked to sign the revised Adoption Partner Agreement. The agreement can be found on our website: <http://www.rcdas.org/rescues.htm>. Please have an officer of your for-profit or non-profit organization fill it out and send it back to us along with a copy of your business license and CA Seller's Permit or proof of 501 c3 or equivalent non-profit status. Our fax is (951) 358-7738.

An Adoption Partner Coordinator will contact you after we receive your paperwork. Please visit our website at <http://www.rcdas.org/adoption.htm> to see the selection of wonderful animals in need.

Please call us with any questions at (951) 358-7295.
We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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