

# Two L.A. Departments Save The Day ... and a Kitten

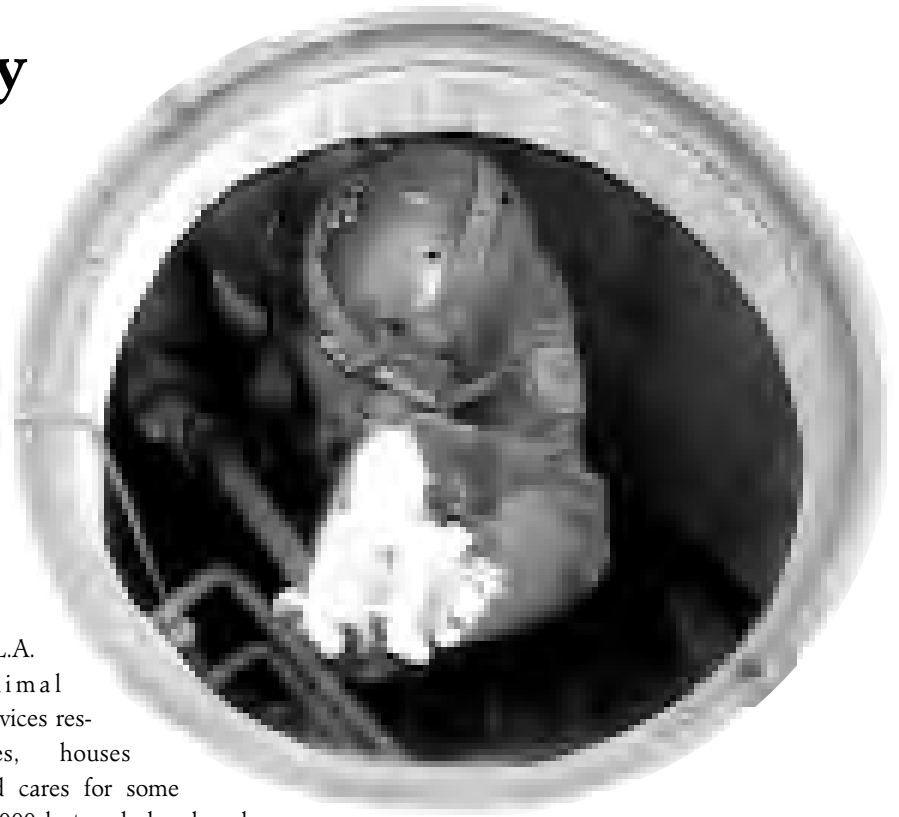
■ **Two L.A. City Departments — Animal Services and Public Works — came together Sept. 9 to rescue a kitten. The Club congratulations and gives a big Shout Out to all who were involved in the rescue operation!**

A furry black and white kitten was trapped in a storm drain on the corner of Killian Street and Cedros in North Hollywood. Officials are not sure how the kitten got there, as it was too small to likely have gotten there on its own.

Public Works was on scene when the East Valley Shelter was alerted of the situation at around 10:20 in the morning. Animal Control Officer Armando Navarette rushed to the location where he was met by Santiago Vazquez of Public Works. They began to plan out the rescue: The Animal Control Officer would have to use emergency respirator equipment to avoid breathing in toxic fumes. He

had never used this equipment before. Vazquez patiently showed Navarette how to use the equipment. He also made sure the Animal Control Officer understood rescue procedures in a storm drain.

After donning the equipment, Officer Navarette slowly descended into the manhole and made his way into the storm drain. The Public Works crew kept watch right outside the manhole, monitoring him as best they could. Finally, Officer Navarette emerged from the manhole. The Animal Control Officer had captured the kitten, which he carefully handed over to the Public Works crew as they helped him out of the storm drain.



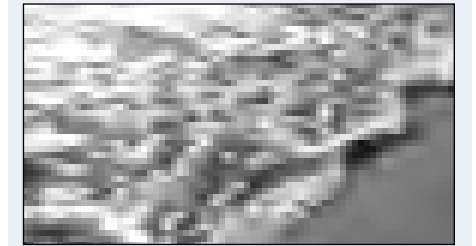
L.A. Animal Services rescues, houses and cares for some 70,000 lost and abandoned animals annually, enforces animal-related laws and acts to prevent cruelty to animals. 🐾

**Animal Control Officer Armando Navarette emerges from the storm drain with the rescued kitten.**

## Newsbrief

### CLEAN WATER

In a move that signals a significant change in environmental protection policy for the City of Los Angeles,



Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Jack Weiss announced that the City of Los Angeles has dismissed its lawsuit against the Regional Water Quality Control Board over its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit, and will begin to abide by strict standards for controlling runoff into Santa Monica and San Pedro Bays.

"For too long, the City has fought against environmental regulations in the courtroom instead of fighting for the improvement of water quality on our beaches," said Weiss, who is also Chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. "The decision to dismiss this lawsuit shows that the current Council has made a critical policy shift to commit to protect our waterways and clean up the bay."

"It's time to stop suing and start taking care of our environment," said Garcetti, Vice-Chair of the Council's Committee on Environmental Quality. "Just like individuals, cities have to clean up for themselves. I'm proud that my colleagues have joined Councilmember Weiss and me in taking responsibility for our impact on our coastal waters."

The stormwater system, composed of gutters, drains, catchbasins and pipes, collects rainwater runoff and channels it through a complicated drainage system that ultimately deposits everything it gathers in the ocean. Trash, animal waste, chemicals, and other pollutants are transported untreated through the stormwater system and harm the beach environment. 🌊

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