

## ClubFest 2004

- October 3, 2004
- Sunday Afternoon
- Calamigos Ranch, Santa Monica Mountains above Malibu

## Save the Date for ClubFest '04; More Space, Even More Fun

Club members should make sure to save the date for this year's edition of ClubFest, held as it was last year at Calamigos Ranch, in the hills above Malibu. It's scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3.

Those who were lucky enough to attend ClubFest at Calamigos Ranch last year know what a great time it was: Tons of food. Tons of fun. Games, rides, raffles, families and fantastic friend-making.

Don't miss out this year: ClubFest 2004 is set for Sunday afternoon, Oct. 3, again at Calamigos Ranch. (It was such a great success!)

For 2004, we'll be expanding the space reserved for the Club at Calamigos. That means even more room for a memorable afternoon in the sun (and shade).

Watch for more details this summer in *Alive!*



Last year's ClubFest was a great success. Set the date for this year's picnic: Sunday, Oct. 3.

## Animal Services Offers Joy of Pets To City at Annual Pet Adoptathon

**Department lowers its adoption rates for two days to encourage the legal adoption of pets.**

Cute puppies, cuddly kittens and playful dogs hoped for new homes—and many received them—as the Department of Animal Services reduced its adoption rates Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2 as part of its annual Adoptathon. The event was designed to boost adoption rates of shelter animals.

Some 171 shelter animals were adopted, according to Animal Services.

Animal adoptions fees normally range from

\$38 to \$92 to cover license, vaccinations, microchipping and spaying or neutering the animal. The reduced rates enabled potential pet owners to adopt a new companion animal for \$15 to \$43 (plus \$10 dog license if applicable).

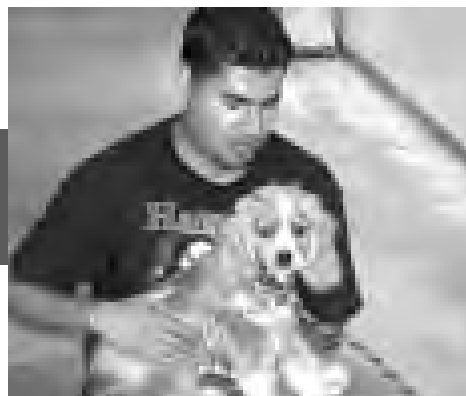
Many adoptable animals in search of new homes will also be available for adoption at the Alhambra PetsMart store located at 2568 W. Commonwealth Avenue (626-284-3390) where the same reduced rates will apply during the Adoptathon weekend.

Participating shelters included North Central, South Los Angeles, Harbor, West Los Angeles, East Valley and West Valley.

The Club congratulates Animal Services on its successful event for a very good cause.



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The following report was written by North Central Shelter Volunteer Sandra Levinson:

### Spring and Bring a New Friend Home

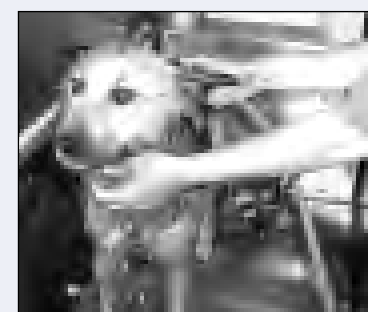
The weekend of May 1st and 2nd was very special for L.A. Animal Services. This year's theme was Spring and Bring a New Friend Home - Adopt A Shelter Animal. It wasn't just any weekend, it was Adoptathon 2004! This event is held nationwide every year and the goal is to bring the community into shelters to show them the hundreds of animals available for adoption. Yes, it's true this one weekend in the year offers a reduction in adoption fees; however, the main goal is to assist people in finding a friend for life, whether it be a dog, cat, bird or rabbit. When the weekend was over, 171 animals were adopted between the six Los Angeles city shelters.

The planning had begun months ago—meetings after work, soliciting donations, posting flyers, calling volunteers to come to the shelters and generally doing lots of running around! You name it, we did it. The volunteer office was very supportive in getting the volunteer committee members what they needed from tables to helium tanks and balloons to envelopes for mailing letters asking for donations.

Before we all knew, the time had arrived. All the hard work was about to pay off. When we arrived at the shelter early Saturday morning, it was time to put up the decorations, get the volunteers oriented and get ready for the doors to open. There were people standing outside

waiting for the shelter to open to come find a companion.

It really felt like a party atmosphere and the energy levels were high amongst the staff and many volunteers. Best Friends came out to help groom dogs; our cat and dog volunteers were there to answer questions. There was an opportunity to show off dogs in the pasture (what I like to call the play yard) to potential adopters. There was a true team effort with the animal care technicians, registered veterinary technicians, clerical and volunteers all working together to make this event a success.



What I took from this event was it wasn't just about offering a discount to the public to adopt animals but also about bringing people into the shelter. Even if they didn't adopt an animal we had an opportunity to educate

and show them the shelter is a resource for the public and that this is a place where there are many wonderful animals waiting for good, loving homes.

Now it's time to start planning for next year!