



Attendees included Officers Susan Greenberg, Gil Moreno, Byron Criddle, Troy Boswell, Hugh Briefman, Ernesto Poblano, Regina Suenaga, Sean McCarthy, Verna Riparip and Oscar Peregrina; Animal Care Technicians Jacob Miller, Loyd Garens and Armando Pasillas; Lieutenants Michelle Roache and Jan Selder; and Captains Wendell Bowers, Theodore Berquist and Louis Dedeaux.

Party (for the) Animals

■ **Animal Services says thanks with party for those who provided exemplary service during recent firestorms.**

Story and photos provided by Karen Knipscheer, Animal Services Public Information Officer

ANIMAL SERVICES — It was a wonderful night of good food and good friends when Animal Services hosted a party for its employees, Emergency Equine Rescue Team, Pierce College, Hansen Dam Equestrian Center, LAPD Mounted Patrol, Los Angeles County Animal Control, DaMoore Feed and Tack and Los Angeles Equestrian Center for the great job they did in the recent Topanga Firestorm.

Guerdon Stuckey, General Manager, shared with the guests the awards the department received from the House of Representatives and Councilman Dennis Zine. Then Guerdon gave out commendations to all who worked during this time of emergency. The commendations read, "Thank you for your exemplary hard work and dedication to 'Saving Animals' Lives' in relation



to the recent fires. Your efforts resulted in the rescue of many horses and various other animals in their time of need during this emergency.

"On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Animal Services, I am pleased to recognize you and your staff for their outstanding assistance and cooperation in assisting us to house animals during the Topanga Wildfires, 2005. Your hard work and dedication made the saving of animals' lives successful."

More than 100 people were scheduled to attend.



Guerdon Stuckey, General Manager, and Officer Eric Gardner.



Guerdon Stuckey, General Manager, and Officer Troy Boswell.



Attendees.

The Pet Club

Making Pet Resolutions

■ **Here are some questions to take care of your pet.**

Let's start the New Year right by congratulating the new pet owners/guardians for their newest family member(s). With your newest family member comes a great lifetime of responsibility. Get to know your pet and its care needs; take it to a licensed veterinarian and get all the necessary shots; and continue to follow up on them throughout its lifetime. Also consult with your veterinarian about proper care for your pet along with the proper foods, treats and the right amount to feed your pet to avoid future medical problems. Consult a trainer for possible behavioral problems. i.e.: barking, biting, chewing, digging, jumping, escaping, urinating and defecating where it's not desired. Also, teach your young children how to handle your pet properly so that your pet doesn't bite them from fear or pain.

Existing pet owners/guardians should make some New Year's resolutions to improve life for both you and your pet. What resolutions would be good for you or your pet? Does your dog bark excessively? Explore training options. Does your dog escape? How does it escape? How do I stop it? Does my dog need some training or additional training? Do I need to increase his/her exercise? Is my pet overweight? Do I need to put him/her on a diet? Am I feeding the wrong food for his/her age, breed, or the wrong amount? Am I not providing the right amount of exercise for

my pet? When was the last time my pet(s) was seen by our veterinarian? Is it time to update my pet vaccines? Does my pet need to be sterilized? How much does it cost, and what are the advantages? Is my dog licensed? Do I know the animal laws for the City of Los Angeles? These are great questions for you to determine what New Year's resolutions you can make to better the life of you and your pet. Explore your options by consulting your veterinarian, trainer or LA Animal Services. You can visit the Website: www.laanimalservices.com.



For the non-pet owners/guardians, here are some questions: o I want a pet? What kind of animal do I want? What are the responsibilities? Do I have enough time for an animal? Do I have enough space? What are the benefits? How much does a pet cost? Is it a lifetime commitment? Do I have enough love to give to an animal? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be ready for a pet and you can visit any one of six LA City shelters. For more info visit our Website: www.laanimalservices.com. If you answered no, then maybe you are not ready and should not consider a pet at this time.

Please, make a New Year's resolution today to better enjoy our lives with our very much-loved pets.

Send Questions

This month's column was written by Animal Services Public Information Officer D. Clark.

Feel free to send questions and concerns to me, and I'll be happy to respond to them in my column. I'm excited about this, so don't hesitate! Write to me at: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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- Assistance with finding permanent housing
- Assistance with finding employment
- Court and social services advocacy
- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services

