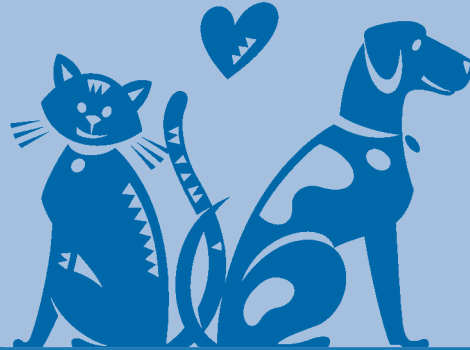


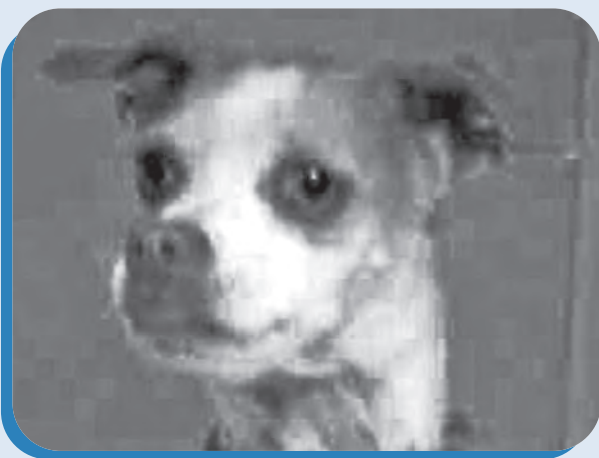
the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



The City Employees Club partners with Animal Services each month to showcase some of the pets that are available for adoption.

This Month's Pets For Adoption:



Lizzy

Lizzy is a beautiful four-year-old female Chihuahua mix. She is very playful, affectionate and calm. She is just waiting for a new family to love. Adopt her today!
ID# A1016734 – Harbor Animal Care Center



princess

Princess is a gorgeous four-year-old spayed poodle mix. She is very friendly and can't wait to play with you. Come adopt this cutie today!
ID# A1015191 – Harbor Animal Care Center.



roger

Roger is an awesome, one-year-old neutered lynx-Siamese mix. He loves affection and attention. He is a big handsome guy looking for a family to call his own.
ID# A1018143 – Harbor Animal Care Center.



Smokey

Smokey is a beautiful four-year-old neutered black tabby cat. He would prefer to be the only cat in the household. He is very friendly, playful and affectionate with people. Please give him a home today!
ID# A0998906 – Harbor Animal Care Center.



Mr. Hop

Mr. Hop is a gorgeous, five-month-old male rabbit. He is friendly and sweet and just needs a loving home where he can just hop and hop! He would love to hop into your arms and go home with you!
ID# A1015260 – Harbor Animal Care Center.

Meet Your New Hope coordinator!



These animals are available for adoption at the Harbor Animal Care Center, 957 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro. Contact Adan Lozoya, New Hope Coordinator, (213) 485-8755.

Other great animals are available for adoption at www.lanimalservices.com

Newsbrief

BOKS RESIGNS:

Ed Boks, General Manager, Animal Services, announced his decision to resign his position April 24. "I have given a great deal of thought to my experience as general manager," Boks said. "As I depart I would like to leave L.A. residents with a call to action that unifies rather than divides."

"The greatest challenge to Los Angeles' no-kill goal is effective, affordable, convenient spay/neuter options. As a community, we must help prevent unwanted pets from being born while our City shelters are filled to capacity with healthy beautiful animals waiting for loving homes. Pet overpopulation is a community problem that requires constructive community involvement and unity to solve."

In his open resignation letter, Boks asked every L.A. pet-loving resident to demonstrate their commitment to helping animals by taking the following actions:

1. If you have a pet, spay or neuter your pet. It is now the law.
2. If you want to help someone who can't afford to spay and neuter their pet, go to www.LAspay.org and make a donation to help provide the surgery for others.
3. Ask your friends, colleagues and employers to match your donation.
4. If you have room in your home and your heart for a pet, adopt one from your local shelter. You can do this by viewing photos of adoptable pets at shelters and rescue groups at www.adopt-a-pet.com or at www.lanimalservices.com.
5. If you love your pet, license your pet. The number-one reason animals die in shelters is because the owner can't be found.

"It is time L.A. pulled together to solve this societal problem," Boks said.

At press time, no timetable has been announced by the Mayor's Office to fill the vacancy.

In a letter to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Boks listed his accomplishments over the past three-and-a-half years, including development of what is claimed as the most successful municipal pet adoption program in the nation; successfully opening six new state-of-the-art animal care centers; embarking on the Department's first strategic planning process; updating and standardizing policies and procedures to ensure a well-run Department; and building what is claimed as the finest animal care and control medical and executive teams in the nation. "Gratefully, all of this has successfully contributed to the lowest three years of pet euthanasia rates in the Department's recorded history, with every reason to expect continued improvement," Boks wrote.

Boks also mentioned the difficulty of his former position. "Whether you love me or hate me is irrelevant. I simply ask that you now turn your focus to the animals who need your help most. You can choose where to place your energy and efforts and your choice can really make a difference.

"Pet overpopulation is a community problem, and L.A. needs to pull together to solve it. If you do nothing else, please go to www.LAspay.org and make a life saving donation today."