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### **The Pet Rescue Center's Grant A Wish Recipient, Azure, Needs A New Home!**

*Azure, the stabbed blue nosed Pit Bull, has returned to The PRC, with the loving blessing of her former family, to cooperatively work to find a new home for her. -*

**MISSION VIEJO, Calif. – October 16, 2009** – The Pet Rescue Center (PRC), a nonprofit animal rescue group that provides temporary sanctuary and medical care for homeless pets, is happy to welcome Azure back to our facility, to assist her in more formal training and re-homing. Azure first came to The Pet Rescue Center in January 2009 in dire need of expensive surgical care to heal wounds received during a domestic dispute. Her attacker, Justin Carrafield, is currently serving jail time for animal cruelty and marijuana cultivation. To heal the wounds of Azure, and her caretaker, Erin Lup, The PRC initiated its Grant A Wish Program to fundraise for Azure's case in order to provide care and payment for Azure's wounds and surgical needs, which would have otherwise been financially impossible. Today Azure is healthy, healed and happy, due to The PRC and Erin's love and care. Although, due to her owner's imminent college schedule, small confines of college housing and the sensitive demands of her breed, we have decided to work together with Erin to provide the best care for Azure in training and re-homing.

"I can't thank The Pet Rescue Center enough for taking her in and helping make the transition easier for both myself and Azure after a very difficult year. I love Azure like my own child, and always will. However, I know that The Pet Rescue Center will find her a good home that can provide for a big girl like her for the rest of her life," said Erin Lup, former owner of Azure and co-victim in the initial incident that brought Azure to The PRC's attention and care.

Azure is now in the care of The Pet Rescue Center, receiving training to accomplish basic commands and socialization. After an initial period of behavior assessment and training, The Pet Rescue Center will begin reviewing and interviewing potential adopting families to give Azure a happy ending to her situation. Azure has been and will continue to receive training from Vlade Roytapel of So Cal Dog Training at The Pet Rescue Center, she will also have three complimentary training sessions with her new adopting family.

For more information and for potential adopters, please visit [www.thepetrescuecenter.org](http://www.thepetrescuecenter.org) or call (877) 277-7938 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Pet Rescue Center's Grant A Wish Program, enabled Dr. Matthew Wheaton of Alicia Pet Care Center to provide treatment that was necessary to save Azure's life and ensure her recovery, despite the financial distress of the owner. This program is in its infancy, but we strive to eventually be able to provide desperately needed life-saving care to many other pets and financial relief to the owners in critical situations.

As a nonprofit, the PRC is dependent on donations, grants and corporate support to continue our programs. To make a tax-deductible donation, please visit [www.thepetrescuecenter.org](http://www.thepetrescuecenter.org). Donations can also be mailed to The Pet Rescue Center at 25800 Jeronimo Road, Suite 100, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

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**About The Pet Rescue Center**

The Pet Rescue Center (PRC) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit group that works in cooperation with California shelters and rescue groups to save the lives of dogs and cats at risk of euthanasia due to overpopulation by providing education, spay/neuter and rescue and adoption programs. The PRC provides a no-kill, veterinary-supervised temporary sanctuary for these pets while working to find them adoptive homes, and also allocates financial grants to provide critical or lifesaving treatments for pets of families undergoing financial hardship. For more information, visit [www.thepetrescuecenter.org](http://www.thepetrescuecenter.org).