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The Pet Rescue Center
Has Moved!

**Our New Location
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Center

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GREETINGS MEMBERS & FRIENDS,

I am pleased to give you an update on our progress with The Pet Rescue Center in Orange County. The Pet Rescue Center, a non-profit, adoption center for rescued dogs and cats, was founded in November of 2007 by Dr. Matthew Wheaton of Alicia Pet Care Center. We have been working diligently since our founding towards our official opening in spring of 2008. We had anticipated moving The PRC into the former site of Alicia Pet Clinic in Laguna Hills until we met our first major roadblock weeks before our first fundraiser. The City of Laguna Hills had issue with our plan for The Pet Rescue Center taking residence in the old Alicia Pet Clinic facility due to zoning in that commercial center. This was quite a disappointment, but we are moving forward and are grateful we found out in time to make the changes necessary in a smooth fashion. Once Alicia Pet Clinic moved into its new site in Mission Viejo, becoming Alicia Pet Care Center, The PRC began operations. We have officially started rescues and adoptions for The Pet Rescue Center, at our new temporary home, and are just thrilled to finally be up and operating. We have been helping out with "medically red tagged" dogs and cats from the OC Shelter since Spring. It has been so great to save some really wonderful dogs and cats and after a little time and medicine are perfectly wonderful pets for a family. We have found homes for some of our 1st rescues and we are always searching for homes for the current dogs and cats at The Pet Rescue Center. Come meet "Pickle"(Lab), "Rocky" (Shar-Pei), and "Cheetoh & Marshmallow" (orange & a white kitten)! Come on in and visit us or please check out our website to meet our rescues that are currently looking for a home, www.thepetrescuecenter.org. We are getting our rescues from all over Orange County and look forward to saving many more in our first year with your help. Thank you for your support and love!

PROVIDING SHELTER BENEFIT...

The support for our efforts with The Pet Rescue Center has been overwhelming and we are so proud to be involved with a non-profit with such a lofty goal. Our Spring 2008 fundraiser, The Providing Shelter Benefit, was hugely successful and a lot of fun, thanks to all who attended and provided us with sponsorship or support. The evening was filled with optimism and love for the animal community that we are trying so hard to help. Many people from the Alicia Pet Care Center family, local rescue groups and the community at large supported our efforts by attending the event and participating in our raffles and silent auctions. We also secured a solid partnership with Purina and were happy to accept a \$10,000 check from them to help us get our endeavor off the ground. This money will help to fund our programs enabling us to help some of the homeless, downtrodden and sick animals The Pet Rescue Center will continue to come across that can benefit from our help. Please check out our website, www.thepetrescuecenter.org. We have made some great changes thanks to the dedication of our amazing graphic designer, Marianne Lanting and website programmer, Andrew Khoury.

While we are starting off a little smaller and slower than we had planned, this change of direction allows us to trouble shoot and deal with issues on a smaller scale to ensure a smooth launch of our programs. Our ongoing focus is to find a location that is suitable to our mission as soon as possible. We are actively looking in South Orange County for the perfect place to call home.

INTRODUCING AFFORDABLE SPAY & NEUTER of OC...

One of the sparks that started The Pet Rescue Center idea was the question of what to do with the usable location that Alicia Pet Clinic was vacating. Due to our glitch in the program with the City of Laguna Hills, we found ourselves back to square one with this issue once again.

We feel it is important, as we begin to more fully understand the situation with pets requiring rescue, to address this issue from the source of the problem, which is pet overpopulation. We are currently seeing some of the highest rates of animals processed in the nation at the Orange County Animal Shelter; in 2006-2007 approximately 13,000 dogs and

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Needs/Wish List for ASN:

- Blood machine
- Surgery table
- Surgery lights
- Anesth. machines (X2)
- Anesth. monitoring machines (X2)
- IV fluid pumps (X3)
- \$5000 in surgical instruments
- New autoclave
- Towels, Blankets
- New AC unit
- Computers (X5)
- New printers
- Lighted Marquis sign
- Monument signs



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cats were euthanized. We also are also in the midst of a recession fraught with a high number of foreclosures and soaring unemployment rates. Add to this the recent recommendation by the Orange County Grand Jury for all Orange County cities to adopt a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance calling for this service to be performed on all dogs and cats by 6 months of age. This non-profit endeavor opens at a very interesting time in Orange County, California. We are trying at every turn to help the community effectively manage the pet population in a loving and humane way, and find homes for those pets that are in need of a second chance at a family.

After much deliberation, we have decided to launch the Affordable Spay and Neuter Clinic in the former location of Alicia Pet Clinic. This fits within the definition of what the city will allow and is a much needed service for the community. This veterinary hospital will offer spay and neuter services for dogs and cats at "low-cost" rates. As an example, cat neuters will cost \$50, dog spays will be around \$100. This is approximately 75% less than most veterinary facilities offer in the area and allows people with financial difficulty to have these procedures performed on their animals prior to problems arising from unwanted pregnancies.

Offering a service that is affordable provides a bigger incentive for pet owners to do the right thing by spaying or neutering their pet and not adding to the problems faced by our shelters and rescue groups.

We hope that the Affordable Spay and Neuter Clinic of Orange County will fill a vital role in serving a segment of our community that desperately needs help and drastically reduces the number of animals presenting to our local shelter/rescue networks by preventing unwanted pregnancies. We opened the facility in mid-July and have gathered our team of veterinarians and support staff. We are optimistic that the Affordable Spay and Neuter Clinic will pay for itself but are seeking donations to offset some of the start up costs.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT...

My family and I are taking a huge risk embarking on this endeavor with the hope that the community will come together to support this cause to ensure its success. We have spent countless hours and much of our own money to make this solid commitment to ending animal suffering in Orange County and now desperately need your help. Donations can be made online at www.thepetrescuecenter.org, or by check made out to The Pet Rescue Center. Our mailing address is 25800 Jeronimo Road, Suite 100, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. Affordable Spay & Neuter of Orange County is a program of Alicia Pet Care Center and all net proceeds will be donated to The Pet Rescue Center.

It is my hope that by taking this leap of faith with The Pet Rescue Center and the Affordable Spay and Neuter Clinic, we can start to change the way that animals are treated in Orange County. We will reduce the number of animals ending up in shelters that face euthanasia by preventing unwanted pregnancies and will work with the local rescue community to make the overall rescue effort more efficient. My dream is to make such a large impact locally that other communities will be inspired to do similar work. Please do what you can to help us achieve these lofty goals.

By the way, our motto for the Affordable Spay and Neuter Clinic sums it up perfectly: "It's time to do the right thing."

Thank you,

Dr. Matthew Wheaton

