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### Millie's Question of the Day



**Can cats be right or left pawed?**

Cats can be right pawed, left pawed, or ambidextrous (which means they use both paws). If you want to test if your cat is left or right pawed, or both, put a treat in the bottom of a narrow cup, and see which paw they use to take the treat out. The cup needs to be small enough so their head can't fit through.

## Up Coming Events

### Microchip Madness Entire Month of March

- Microchips \$10
- VVAPL, 21779 Zuni Road in Apple Valley
- Tuesday -Thursday 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- No appointment needed

### Adelanto Microchip Clinic March 18

- Adelanto City Hall, 11600 Air Expressway
- 9 a.m. to Noon
- First 50 pets of Adelanto residents FREE (Proof of residency required)
- Microchips \$10 for pets of non-Adelanto residents & pets after the first 50

### VV Hyundai Mazda Gone to Dogs Adoption Event

- April date TBA
- 14821 Palmdale Road

### PetSmart National Adoption Weekend

- May 12 & 13
- Apple Valley PetSmart, 19011 Bear Valley Road
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### San Bernardino County Fair Adoptions

- May 20-22 & May 25-29
- Open daily until dusk

### Weekly Vaccine Clinics

- Every Wednesday and Saturday 9 a.m. to Noon
- Open to the public
- No appointment needed
- Rabies vaccine is only \$8.00

**March Donations:** Sponsor a Microchip for a Senior's Pet

**April Donations:** Paper Towels

**May Donations:** Bleach & Cleaning Supplies

### The Latest Information

Website: [vvapl.com](http://vvapl.com)

Facebook: [vvapl.humanesociety](https://www.facebook.com/vvapl.humanesociety)

Cash, Debit, Credit, Check and PayPal Accepted  
 Donations are Tax Deductible



## VVAPL HUMANE SOCIETY

### \$50 OFF any dog or puppy



#### Adoption hours:

Tues.—Thurs. 9am-4:30pm

Fri.—Sat. 9am-2:30pm

#### View animals:

[vvapl.com](http://vvapl.com)

21779 Zuni Road, Apple Valley, CA 92307  
 (760) 247-2102

**Thanks to Dorothy K. Thomas Trust**

Expires 6/30/2017

Not redeemable for cash. Redemption value not to exceed \$50.

## IN TOUCH

YOUR PETS, Your COMMUNITY, YOUR CONCERNS

## Spring 2017

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A dirty, matted Bella the day she went home with her daddy.

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Animals adopted 2016	1546
Animals adopted YTD	212



## FAIRY TAIL ENDING AT VVAPL THANKS TO MICROCHIP

Three years ago in San Bernardino, Bella, a poodle under one year, was in her fenced front yard one minute and gone the next. After an unsuccessful search of their neighborhood and shelter, Jonathan and his wife were convinced someone took their baby. As days turned to weeks and then months, all hope of ever seeing their precious girl again was gone. Fortunately, Bella had something that would prove to be her saving grace...a microchip.

VVAPL Humane Society is a strong proponent of microchipping, which is an easy and inexpensive form of pet identification. A study in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association noted lost and stolen microchipped pets when found were returned to their owners more often than those without a chip – 22 percent of non-microchipped dogs returned versus 52 percent with chips and less than 2 percent of non-microchipped cats returned versus 38 percent with chips.

A word of caution. Microchips are only effective if the pet's microchip is registered and the information is up-to-date. A pet can't be returned if the pet's owner's information is wrong. It's also recommended to scan your pet once a year to make sure the microchip is working properly.

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## MARCH MICROCHIP MADNESS



- My dog never leaves the yard.
- My cat never leaves the house.
- My pet never...

Never say never with pets. A gate is left open and out goes your pet. A door is left ajar, and your pet escapes. Thunder storms, fireworks, and any number of things can scare a pet into doing the unthinkable...getting out and getting lost. What can pet owners do to help protect their pets? MICROCHIP, MICROCHIP, MICROCHIP.

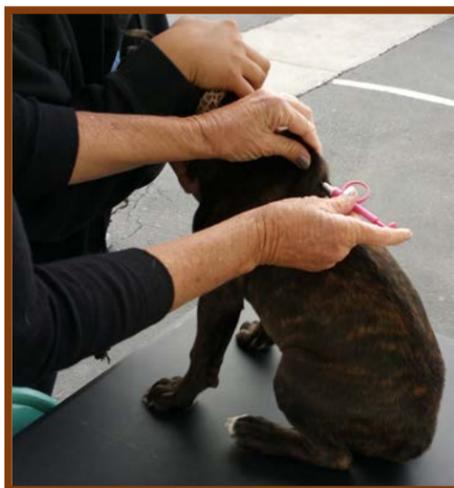
Here's the facts:

- Identification tags can fall off.
- It's estimated only 5 to 8 percent of pets have microchips.
- A study showed lost and stolen cats and dogs that were found, were returned at a much higher rate than non-microchipped cats and dogs.

VVAPL is encouraging pet parents to act during March Microchip Madness. During the entire month, the humane society is microchipping pets for only \$10, which includes implanting the chip and registration. Microchipping is done during regular business hours Tuesday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday – Saturday 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Not sure if your pet has a microchip? We'll scan your pet at no charge to check.

Microchips only work, though, if the chip is registered and the pet owner's registration information is kept up-to-date. Pet parents MUST keep their information current. It's also recommended you scan your pet once a year to make sure the microchip is working properly.

A collar identification tag is also recommended. Think of it as the first line of defense, but collar tags can fall off. A microchip, on the other hand, is the second line of defense and a permanent form of identification implanted just beneath the surface of the skin, as quick and painless as a vaccination. Don't rely on the "Luck of the Leprechaun." Take advantage of this low-cost microchipping event and give your pet a greater chance of returning home if lost or stolen.



Microchip is a piece of cake.



Roxy gives a big thank you!

## FAIRY TAIL ENDING AT VVAPL...CONTINUED



Three years after going missing, Bella ended up at VVAPL. Thanks to her microchip, with up-to-date information, Jonathan and his wife received a call they never thought would come...

### BELLA HAS BEEN FOUND!

Jonathan picked up a dirty, matted Bella. Although a little timid with him, as soon as Bella saw his wife, she was crazy happy.

Bella won't leave her mommy's side. They are inseparable. After spending three years wondering what happened to their sweet girl, now they can relax because she's home. It's a fairy tail ending thanks to a tiny microchip.



PHOTO: Beautiful Bella & her very happy mommy.

## TAIL WAGGIN' 2016



2016 was a Pawtastic year for VVAPL Humane Society. Here's a few of the highlights:

Finding forever homes is our top priority and once again attending off-site events and partnering with rescues. In total, 1546 pets found their forever homes, including 159 going to rescues.

Thanks to a generous truck donation by Southwest Gas, VVAPL's Dogs on the Go Mobile Adoption Vehicle made its debut at February's PetSmart Adoption Weekend. The adoption vehicle traveled to 12 off-site events, including the San Bernardino County Fair's 8-day event, resulting in 192 dogs finding their forever homes.

VVAPL Ambassador Dog Millie educated over 6,000 children through the C.A.R.E.S. Animal Safety/Responsible Pet Ownership program, attending several schools with Mojave River Watershed Group.

To return pets to their owners, they need identification. Unfortunately, most pets coming to VVAPL have no identification, so we launched Chip & Return, a low-cost microchip program in March. Microchipping, a permanent form of identification, increases the chance a lost pet will be returned to their owner if found. We microchipped close to 250 pets last year for only \$10, as well as 100 Adelanto pets FREE of charge.

Between food and monetary donations, the Holiday Food Drive raised over 11,000 pounds of pet food, resulting in the 3rd annual FREE pet adoption event. Seventeen dogs and 15 cats found forever homes at no charge to their pet parents.

VVAPL Humane Society is thankful to everyone who had a part in the many successes of 2016 and look forward to more in 2017 as we continue to... *Make a Difference One Life at a Time.*