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### Millie's Question of the Day



**Do cats & dogs have fingerprints?**

Both cats' and dogs' noses are unique, like human fingerprints. It's becoming more and more common to take nose prints of dogs in case they are ever lost or stolen.

## Up Coming Events

### Fall Cruise Nights – Dog Adoptions

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month: September 8 & October 13
- Burgerlicious, 21044 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley
- 5 pm to 8 pm
- No coupon or promo codes accepted

### Coldwell Banker "Home for Dogs" Adoption Weekend

- Saturday, September 9
- VVAPL Humane Society, 21779 Zuni Rd., Apple Valley
- 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Prize given out with each adoption
- You could win a FREE pet adoption
- Use coupon below for \$50 off any dog or puppy adoption
- Cat/kitten adoption fee only \$25

### PetSmart National Adoption Weekend

- September 15 & 16 and November 10 & 11
- Apple Valley PetSmart, 19011 Bear Valley Road
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- No coupons or promo codes accepted

### Victorville Fall Festival – Dog Adoptions

- Saturday, October 7
- Victorville City Hall, 14343 Civic Drive
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- No coupons or promo codes accepted

### 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

**September Donations:** Paper Towels  
**October Donations:** Bleach & Cleaning Supplies  
**November Donations:** Dry Dog & Cat Food

### The Latest Information

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

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 Donations are Tax Deductible



## VVAPL HUMANE SOCIETY

**\$50 OFF** any dog or puppy

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

**Thanks to Dorothy K. Thomas Trust**

Expires 12/31/2017

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

**Adoption hours:**  
 Tues.—Thurs. 9am-4:30pm  
 Fri.—Sat. 9am-2:30pm  
**View animals:**  
[vvapl.com](http://vvapl.com)

## IN TOUCH

YOUR PETS, Your COMMUNITY, YOUR CONCERNS

## Fall 2017

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Making a Difference One Life at a Time  
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Rosco's is ready to go home.

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Animals adopted 2016 1546  
 Animals adopted YTD 1058

## ROSCO'S NEW LEASH ON LIFE

Rosco, a Maltipoo estimated around 6 years old, was found wandering the streets of Victorville. From his appearance, he had been neglected for some time. His fur was matted, especially around his bottom containing dried feces, and the fur around his mouth was extremely darkened due to drainage from rotting, infected teeth. On top of that, his testicles failed to descend into his scrotum, called abdominal crypt, which can lead to testicular cancer and hormone imbalances. Without medical intervention, Rosco's days were numbered, but thanks to the LifeSaver Medical Fund, Rosco has a new leash on life.

The veterinarian worked on Rosco for over three hours. He had over ten teeth pulled and was put on antibiotic to treat the infection from the numerous rotted teeth. His remaining teeth were cleaned. The doctor performed a procedure to remove his testicles, and cleaned up the staining around his mouth and eyes. After everything was done, Rosco's medical bill was \$700, which was covered in full by the LifeSaver Medical Fund.

Today Rosco is in a loving home. The fee to adopt him? Only \$25, thanks to a donation from the Dorothy K. Thomas Trust and the LifeSaver Medical Fund.



## SAD GOODBYE TO HONORARY AMBASSADOR DOG

VVAPL Humane Society is saddened about the recent loss of Honorary Ambassador Dog Foxy. She was a sweet, gentle girl always willing to help VVAPL's animals. Whether posing for promotional and educational photos, teaching children about animal safety and responsible pet ownership or attending events alongside Ambassador Dog Millie, Foxy was an excellent representative for VVAPL, and we are grateful for her service to our animals.

## SWG Fuel For Life Supports VVAPL

Southwest Gas encourages a culture of giving, and their employees have a long and proud history of making a meaningful difference in the communities they serve. Through their employee charitable giving program – Fuel For Life – employees have the opportunity to support local nonprofits through one-time gifts or ongoing payroll deductions.

This year, through the Fuel For Life program, the generous SWG employees donated \$7,608.42 to VVAPL Humane Society, which will be used for animal care and adoption programs.



“Southwest Gas and their employees are amazing,” said Terry Saenz, VVAPL Media & Community Relations Director. “Because of their giving, we reach more prospective pet parents, which means more pets find homes.”

**Photo:** SWG Fuel For Life check presented to VVAPL. (left) SWG Customer Specialist Joe Pagano, VVAPL Executive Director Sherri Quinn, SWG MDC Kim Altmann, VVAPL Media & Community Relations Director Terry Saenz, and Ambassador Dog Millie

## We Cleared Our Shelter & Treated Homeless Pets

August 19 was a very busy day – Clear the Shelter National Adoption Drive & International Homeless Animal Day. We not only cleared our shelter by finding homes for our animals, but we treated five dogs belonging to owners from the homeless community.

Thanks to a donation from the Dorothy K. Thomas Trust and Southwest Gas’ employee donor program, Fuel For Life, we were able to offer FREE pet adoptions at the Nationwide Adoption Drive “Clear the Shelters.”



**The Blue Crew at the Clear the Shelter Event**

In addition, SWG’s employee-volunteer team called the Blue Crew – Building Lives Up Everywhere – helped during the event. At the end of the day 36 dogs, 12 cats, 2 rabbits and 1 guinea pig found a home.

In honor of International Homeless Animal Day, in partnership with Victorville Animal Care & Control, and thanks to donations from VVAPL supporters and Fuel For Life, we spay/neutered, microchipped and gave rabies vaccines to five dogs belonging to the homeless community at no charge to their pet owners.

We had two major obstacles in this endeavor – signing up pets belonging to the homeless community and getting pet owners in the homeless community to trust that VVAPL and Victorville Animal Care and Control would give their pets back.

During an event to feed the homeless community, we signed up ten pets. We told the pet owners not to be alarmed when Victorville Animal Care & Control showed up because they were going to transport their pets to VVAPL for the medical procedures and return them. We were thrilled with a 50% turnout on Aug. 19. It is a start to building a relationship within the homeless community and making this an annual event.

## Foster Parents Needed at VVAPL



**Christine Meyers & Foster Puppies**



“It’s so exciting to raise them up and send them to good homes,” said long-time VVAPL Humane Society dog foster Christine Meyers about the many puppies and their moms she’s cared for over the past four years. Whether she’s bottle feeding puppies, socializing the mama and her pups with her dogs and cats, or potty training the mama dogs, it’s always a labor of love with one goal in mind...

### Get the puppies and their moms ready for homes.

VVAPL Humane Society needs more dog and cat foster parents. Home environments are healthier for puppies and kittens, and the constant human interaction helps with socialization. Having litters in homes also frees up space for adult pets at the humane society.

Foster parents are a valuable resource. It is a short-term commitment of two to eight weeks. If you have love to share with needy animals and want to be part of saving pet lives, please call VVAPL for more information at (760) 247-2102.

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR PETS



**Change isn’t good:** Try to keep your pet on their normal feeding, play and exercise schedules.

**Pet’s need a getaway:** Provide a safe, quiet area for your pet away from the holiday chaos with fresh water, toys and a comfy bed.

**Pet costumes can be hazardous:** Wearing costumes can stress pets. The costume should allow your pet to move, breathe and bark or meow. Always supervise your costumed pet, so it doesn’t ingest any part of it.

**People food is a NO, NO:** People food and scraps can lead to intestinal upset and life-threatening problems. Also put a lid on the trash can to keep your pet from looking for tasty tidbits in the garbage.

**Ingesting alcoholic beverages can be life threatening:** Make sure your pet has plenty of fresh water.

**Decorate with care:** Pets can be injured and have life-threatening problems by chewing through light chords, knocking over candles and ingesting decorations and holiday plants, such as poinsettias.

**Christmas tree hazards:** Christmas tree water is NOT safe drinking water due to fertilizers, insecticides and flame retardants that were used on the tree. Secure your tree to keep it from falling in case your pet tries to pull something off or climb up it.

**Microchip...Microchip...Microchip:** Accidents happen. Cats and dogs, whether inside or outside, should be microchipped. It’s easy, safe, inexpensive and permanent. And always keep your information current with your microchip provider.

**New Year’s Fireworks:** Keep pets indoors in a secure, quiet and comfortable room or crate. Exploding fireworks can terrify pets to the point of panic causing irrational behavior to escape the noise.