



Date: June 19, 2015
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *West*
From: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine *gc*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Animal Care Services Updates – More Good News!

The Long Beach Animal Care Services Bureau (ACS) is pleased to provide the following updates on progress being made at the animal shelter.

As you know, in 2014, ACS saw record low numbers of cat and dog impounds and euthanasia. So far, in 2015, we are continuing to see positive results. Through the month of May, ACS has seen another 9% decline in dog impounds, as well as reductions in euthanasia of 21% for cats and 33% for dogs, as compared to the same time period in 2014.

Our new Behavior and Rehoming Coordinator has hit the ground running. We currently have a Live Release Rate of 84% for dogs and 59% for cats, compared to 78% for dogs and 49% for cats at this point in 2014. The Live Release Rate is the percentage of live animals that come to the shelter and leave with a positive outcome, such as return to owner, adoption, or transfer to a rescue group.

We are also proud to report that we have achieved over 10,000 animals being spayed/neutered through the voucher assistance program since its inception in 2009, with over 1400 of these achieved this year.

We continue to look for new and innovative ideas and partnerships to help save as many animals as possible. We will strive to reach more milestones in upcoming years.

I want to thank the Mayor and City Council for providing us the tools and support that help us achieve these outcomes.

If you have any questions, please contact Ted Stevens at 562-570-3051.

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