



## City of Long Beach

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## Memorandum

**Date:** January 18, 2017  
**To:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*  
**From:** Marie Knight, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine *M.K.*  
**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**Subject:** 2017 Animal Care Services Open House

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Animal Care Services Bureau (ACS), cordially invites you and your staff to attend its ninth annual Open House event. The event will be held at the P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village, 7700 E. Spring Street, on January 28, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Open House will include a message from Mayor Robert Garcia, a brief review of 2016 achievements and improvements, recognition awards, refreshments, and tours of the City's animal care shelter. We will also celebrate and share information about our ongoing partnerships and collaborations. Additionally, we will be highlighting our new mobile adoption vehicle, medical suite, and a new cattery addition to our cat cottage.

2016 proved to be another record-breaking year for ACS and our life saving efforts. We achieved all time high live release rates of 85 percent for dogs and 62 percent for cats, and euthanasia of dogs and cats was down 30 percent compared to 2015. Attached are some charts showing our amazing progress over the past few years. There are so many exciting things to report for 2016 and 2017 for our organization, and we invite you to come learn all about them!

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Ted Stevens, ACS Bureau Manager, at (562) 570-3051.

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