

Wish List Release

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Homeless Dogs at Riverside Humane Society Pet Adoption Center Issue Wish List of Critter Comforts

RIVERSIDE, CA, February 21, 2008 – Since January 22 when the Riverside Humane Society opened the doors to its new 17,000-square-foot Pet Adoption Center at 6165 Industrial St. in Riverside, the facility has been bustling with activity. Not only have several hundred people visited the center looking for a cat or dog to add to their household, but the larger facility has allowed the animal care staff to accept many more cats and dogs from area animal shelters and owners.

While the homeless cats and dogs are settling nicely into their larger, modern living quarters, the dogs collectively have a bone to pick. Through the large windows of the cattery they see the felines enjoying their new condos, climbing trees and toys and wonder why they don't have such creature comforts in their kennels.

“Kennels can be a very stressful environment for animals, especially if they haven't experienced them before,” says Director of Operations Denise Perry. “One of our goals here is to make the animals we take in as comfortable as possible. Oftentimes, when animals come in, they don't eat for a couple of days, get diarrhea and even vomit from the stress and change in their lives.”

“We were ever so fortunate to have North American Pet Products in Corona donate a supply of beautiful cat climbing trees and condos which the company makes,” says Cathy Walling, executive director of RHSPAC. “Each of our 20 feline habitats is now well-equipped and the cats are loving it. Our canine friends have not been as fortunate though.”

Speaking on behalf of the dogs, Perry gives their wish list to make their kennels more comfy and their days more enjoyable:

Kuranda dog beds

Nylabones (all shapes and sizes)

Chicken broth (to drizzle on dog food to entice eating)

Kong toys

Peanut butter

Puppy teething toys

Milk-Bone or any dog treats

Hot dogs (for training)

Items always needed for dog and cat care:

Kitty litter (clay kind)

Towels and blankets

Dish soap

Laundry soap

Paper towels

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“What the dogs need most at this time are beds – of all sizes – to make them as comfortable as possible in their kennels,” Walling pointed out. “Kuranda beds are virtually indestructible, durable and comfortable, and sit up off the floor allowing easier cleaning of the kennels. They’re available online and the best part is that people can log on to www.kuranda.com and purchase them (at a reduced price!) as a donation to RHSPAC. Their gifts will be sent directly to us.”

“Any gifts from the wish list will be so deeply appreciated by each and every one of us here...furry and otherwise,” she adds.

The Riverside Humane Society Pet Adoption Center is a non-profit public benefit charitable organization. The center accepts owner turn-ins of cats and dogs and transfers from area animal-control shelters. No healthy, adoptable animal is ever put to sleep. Prior to adoption, each animal is either spayed or neutered and microchipped, receives all necessary vaccinations and medical care, is monitored for physical, emotional and mental health, and is socialized.☐For more information, visit www.petsadoption.com.

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