



Department of Public Health—Animal Care and Control (ACC)

Homeward Bound Mega Pet Adoption Event Finds Homes for Dogs and Cats

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Animal Care and Control (ACC) kicked off their participation in the ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge by co-sponsoring the 2nd Annual Homeward Bound—Mega Pet Adoption event. The event was held June 8 and 9 at Yucaipa Regional Park where 162 animals were adopted (80 from San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control), 283 vaccinations were given, 56 microchips were implanted and 146 dog licenses were sold. Other sponsors included The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley, Yucaipa Animal Placement Society, Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF) and the San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department.

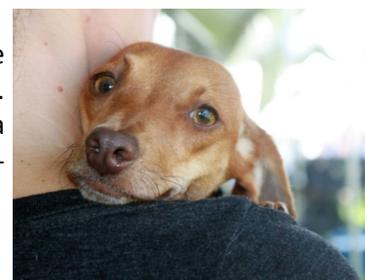
June 1 was the official kickoff for the 2013 American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Rachel Ray \$100K Challenge. ACC is competing for a share of the \$600,000 in grant funding available to the contestants, which includes a grand prize of \$100,000. This nationwide competition is for animal shelters and their communities to increase animal adoptions or increase animals returned to their owners between the months of June and August 31, 2013.



Amaral family adopts kitten

“The County of San Bernardino would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the four municipal animal shelters and thirteen non-profit animal rescue organizations who partnered with the County to make this year’s Homeward Bound-Mega Pet Adoption event a resounding success,” said Brian Cronin, Division Chief of Animal Care and Control.

“Please remember every day should be a Mega Pet Adoption day for the many homeless animals housed at County animal shelters,” said Cronin. “If you, your friends, neighbors, or associates are interested in adopting a pet please visit a local shelter or contact one of our rescue group partners to find the pet of your dreams.”



A family pet waits in line for vaccinations

You can help ACC during the Rachel Ray \$100K Challenge by spreading the word; tell everyone you know that San Bernardino County shelters are in the running for \$100K and encourage them to adopt a cat or dog in June, July or August from one of our animal shelters located in Devore or Big Bear Lake. If ACC wins the prize, monies will be used to enhance the care of homeless animals in our shelters waiting to be adopted.

For more information about ACC's participation in the Challenge, please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control program at 1 (800) 472-5609 or visit www.sbcounty.gov/acc.

