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Phyllis Diller observed Be Kind To Animals Week (May 2-8) by adopting a Golden Labrador Retriever from the West Los Angeles Animal Shelter.

"Actually," she said, "my children selected the dog as their new pet. But I get to feed and water it during visiting hours on Tuesday and Thursday. The kids take care of it the rest of the time."

Miss Diller last year was appointed Queen of Be Kind To Animals Week as the representative of the Los Angeles City Department of Animal Regulation.

"She was such a gracious Queen," said Robert I. Rush, Department General Manager, "that we decided to renew her option."

Miss Diller, an avowed pet fancier, said she was partial to pets found in the City's Animal Shelters.

"Maybe, it's because many of the dogs and cats found in the Shelters have been abandoned or foresaken somewhere along the line," she said. "The underdog is my bag."

She expressed a hope that everyone desiring a pet would visit the Shelters.

"Our new pet addition to the family was selected at random, and she has all the attributes essential to a faithful companion and good protector."

Asked for her reaction to her appointment as Queen of the animal world, Miss Diller said she was flattered.

"But I'm a natural for the regal role," she said, "some of my best friends are animals."

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