West Valley Shelter Dedication Planned

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and about 300,000 cats. Jensen noted that the number of pets has doubled in the Valley over the past 10 years.

During the last two years, the East Valley Animal Shelter handled 103,199 animals, which was 45% of the total number of animals handled by the five Los Angeles Dept. of Regulation shelters.

A majority of pet owners do take proper care of their animals, according to department officials. But, officials said, there are many who do not and the result is exemplified by the number of animals handled by the shelters.

Jensen said a real threat of an overpopulation of domestic animals exists in the Valley. Even so, he noted that many individuals show a "lack of concern" about the welfare of their pets.

Agreeing with Jensen, Mason said he felt the problem is a combination of unwanted animals and irresponsible pet owners.

Many Turned Loose

Jensen pointed out that many owners move to the Valley and tend to feel animal regulations do not apply in "rural areas." (regulations are uniform throughout the city.) Thus, he added, some owners do not restrain their pets and when females become pregnant the mongrel pups and kittens are difficult to find homes for.

In many cases, especially with kittens, the unwanted babies are often turned loose to fend for themselves. The result is an increasing number of wild cats which are often obnoxious to residents and which can become health problems by carrying diseases.

What then should be done? Educate pet owners and reduce the number of unwanted animals.

Jensen, like other department officials, suggested that pet owners, who do not intend to breed their animals, have their pets medically treated to render them incapable of sexual reproduction. And, he urged that owners take the proper measures to ensure the welfare of their pets.

Careless Security

The District Supervisor at the East Valley Animal Shelter cited several cases —involving cats, dogs and horses—where individuals did not take the proper care of their pets.

Jensen said a great many people acquire horses, for instance, and do not know how to take the proper security measures.

"We have many cases where we have chased horses down city streets. In several instances, horses—not properly corraled—have been killed in traffic accidents as well as human beings," Jensen said.

He cited one case where a horse was found running loose. The shelter officials notified the police and newspapers about the horse in an attempt to locate its owner.

The owner never showed up. Why? According to Jensen, the animal had a hoof disease that could have been medically treated, but it would have cost money.

In other cases, Jensen said people will have a pet for a number of years. Although the relationship between the pet and owner is warm, the animal is turned over to the shelter as soon as it causes any problems.

Education May Help

"We hope the public over the next few years will become educated on how to properly care for animals and then there will be no need for additional facilities.

"Also, we hope the public will get our message, which is for people to be at least halfway responsible for their pets and take continuing interest in their welfare," Jensen said.



VISITING QUARTERS at newly completed West Valley Animal Shelter in Chatsworth are two dogs and escorts from Los Angeles Dept. of Animal Regulation. Ultra-modern $500,000 facility will be dedicated Wednesday. From left with pets are George W. Mason, supervisor, and Robert I. Rush, general manager of department. Shelter has latest appointments.

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New West Valley Animal Shelter to Be Dedicated

By BILL PACKER

During the first year of operation, some 36,000 animals are expected to find their way to the new West Valley Animal Shelter, which will be officially dedicated Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The shelter is located at 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth.

But, why is this large number of animals, mostly domestic, expected to be handled by the new facility, the second Los Angeles Dept. of Animal Regulation's shelter in the Valley.

Simply, the reason is many people do not assume the proper responsibilities of owning pets and do not look out for their welfare, according to Ernest Jensen, district supervisor of the East Valley Animal Shelter.

Capacity Large

Jensen told The News that the East Valley Animal Shelter, 13131 Sherman Way, North Hollywood, is "overcrowded" and he is hopeful the West Valley Animal Shelter will reduce the number of animals handled at his facility by 50%.

The $500,000 West Valley Shelter, according to its district supervisor, George W. Mason of Simi, will be able to house about 500 a day. The East Valley facility is able to house up to 400 animals daily.

It is estimated that there are about 20,000 horses in the Valley along with approximately 150,000 dogs

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Complete with show collar, Jip walks past Shelter cages on his hind legs.

Jumping through a hand-hoop provided by Roy Kabat, of Animal Actors compound in Chatsworth is easy for Jip.

STARS WITH TALES

The East Valley Animal Shelter has many fine animals for adoption. "We can't guarantee that every adopted dog or cat will be a movie star," says Robert I. Rush, General Manager of the Los Angeles City Department of Animal Regulation, "but our graduates can offer companionship, family protection and loyalty."

A dog's life at the pound.

It's love at first sight. A puppy at the West Los Angeles Animal Shelter cuddles with actress Dolly Read during a recent Shelter visit for a peek at the pets. Pets can be seen and adopted every day, except Sunday.



Dogs like this pug-nosed Brindle Bulldog are available for adoption at the Valley Animal Shelter, 13131 Sherman Way, North Hollywood. The Shelter is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.







BKA Week Highlights

That Special Week



Phyllis Diller served as "Queen of Be Kind to Animals Week" in Los Angeles. The well know comedienne was selected for the role by the city's Department of Animal Regulation.

Savings Bond Drive Shows 108% Increase

BY JAMES McNAMARA

A substantial increase in the purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds by Los Angeles City Employees was recorded in the June Bond Savings Campaign.

A 108% increase in Bond subscriptions was reported by the City Controller's Office, according to Robert I. Rush, General Manager of the Department of Animal Regulation, and 1970 Bond Chairman.

Before the 1970 Bond campaign, 1162 employees were purchasing Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan. During the campaign, an additional 1260 employee subscribers joined the Bond purchasing rolls.

Total City Employee involvement in the Bond Savings Program is now 2422.

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Little change. Mostly fair but some early morning fog or low clouds. Highs 90 to 95. APCD predicts light eye irritation with visibility four to six miles in most Valley areas.

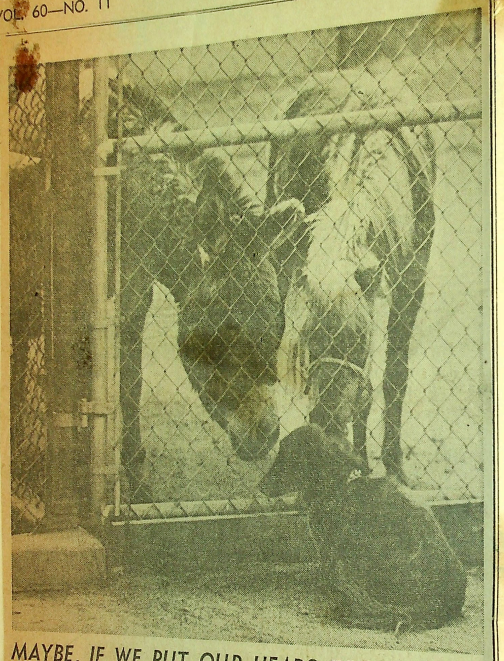
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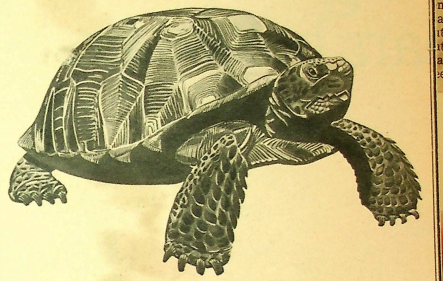
Dog has confidential meeting with friends from equine kingdom at East Valley Animal Shelter. Los Angeles City Dept. of Animal Regulation reports stray horses are one of major problems encountered by facility, located at 13131 Sherman Way, North Hollywood.

Pollution Survey Results

"The Los Angeles Municipal Co requires any animal carcass tha not buried in an established cemetery be reported to the Boa of Public Works, Bureau of Sani tion, for pick-up and disposal. E forcement is provided jointly by t Department of Animal Regulati and the Board of Public Works." LOS ANGELES (CALIF.) DEPT. ANIMAL REGULATION.

PET PARADE

By ELEANOR PRICE



DESERT TORTOISE The land tortoise, the most common being the southwest desert tortoise (Gopherus agassizi), has a more arched shell than his turtle cousins who live in water. The case is called carapace and is made up of a series of bony skin plates attached to and covering the backbone and dorsal ribs. The lower shield, or plastron, is built around the breastbone and ventral ribs. Since the shell parts are closely united, the tortoise can withdraw his head, legs and tail if danger threatens. As further protection, the shell color is dull to blend into the dry regions the tortoise frequents. The lumbering, docile chelonian makes an interesting pet if fed well and given a place to hibernate during winter. Law prohibits removing one from its native desert home as a pet, but a friend raising them can give you one. Write to the International Turtle and Tortoise Society at 8847 De Haviland Ave., Los Angeles 90045.

Illustrated By Robert Clay

GUARDIANS OF ANIMALS

A former child actor, now with children of his own and narrator on ABC-TV's "Animal World," Bill Burrud says, "I want to become the messiah of animal conservation, to make people aware that if we're not careful of the animals still existing in the world, ultimately they will be exterminated." Bill tells of other people who share his aspirations. At Carpinteria Beach, for example, a center has been set up to clean grebes and cormorants from well-leakage oil and then to send them to zoos for recuperation and rehabilitation. Also serving as "guardian angels" are the men in the Department of Animal Regulation's Operation Airlift. Using helicopters, they pick up animals that have wandered into urban areas and return them to their natural habitats. And there is the big "angel," Dr. James L. Naviaux, head of National Wildlife Health Foundation. In his spare time, with the help of neighborhood children in Pleasant Hill, he takes in and attempts to cure any animal with any ailment, keeping it in his backyard as long as it is happy there. And Bill says not to forget that the work done by students and veterinarians at The Veterinary Medical School at the University of California at Davis benefits wildlife as well as domesticated pets we have in our homes.

Spotlight on Shows: Aug. 23, Silver Bay Kennel Club will conduct its show in Balboa Park in San Diego

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Airlift 500 Wild Animals to Safety of Forest Fire

Five hundred wild animals have been airlifted by helicopter since September from areas of human habitation throughout Los Angeles to their natural habitat in Angeles National Forest, it had been reported today by the Los Angeles Dept. of Animal Regulation.

A wide variety of undomesticated animals, including opposum, raccoons, foxes, hawks and other small creatures, have been transported in the city's unprecedented program.

2 Courses Open

The program, titled "Animal Airlift," is a new wild life conservation program and it is the first of its kind in the nation.

Robert I. Rush, general manager of the Dept. of Animal Regulation, noted there are two basic courses of action open to solving the complexities created by wild animals in areas of human habitation.

One, he said, is wholesale destruction of wild animal life; the other entails relocation and conservation of animals.

Flown Back

Supervisor of the program, George W. Mason, who also is district supervisor of the new West Valley Animal Shelter which will be dedicated tomorrw in Chatsworth, said the animals are caught in "live traps."

The traps are box-like and constructed of wire. The animals, which are trapped in fringe residential areas, are then put aboard a Bureau of Transportation (Board of Public Works) helicopter.

As of July 23 of this year there were 37 flights, each carrying more than 10 animals.

The animals are taken to the Tujunga District, a remote region of the Angeles National Forest. The district, located about 15 miles n ortheast of Pacoima near Pacoima Canyon, is inaccessible by vehicle.

On the flights, Mason said, there has been very little difficulty with the animals. One of the few unusual incidents involved raccoons, Mason said.

He explained that two raccoons, which are difficult to catch with bare hands because of their sharp teeth, tried to get back into the helicopter after being turned loose.

Forest Dangerous?

The raccoons, Mason added, probably thought it was safer in the helicopter.

Only raccoons and other animals that are native to California are taken back to the wilds. Other animals are given sanctuary in zoos or similar facilities.

Large animals, such as deer, are relocated by department vehicles.

Low Cost Anti-Rabies Clinics Are Offered in Los Angeles

Low cost public anti-rabies clinics for dogs are being held at twenty-four Los Angeles City recreation centers and playgrounds during the month of August.

The Los Angeles City Department of Animal Regulation, in cooperation with the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association and the County Health Department, is operating the clinics until August 27 in most parts of the City.

The low cost anti-rabies program was originated in Los Angeles in 1955, and has since been emulated in many other parts of the country. The program has been endorsed by the World Health Organization.

Tuesday, August 4, 1970—Van Nuys (Calif.)
THE NEWS



MANY WILDLIFE SPECIMENS FOUND IN AREA

David Perez, kennelman for City Dept. of Animal Regulation at East Valley shelter, holds Cooper Hawk which awaits relocation in Angeles National Forest. Bird is one of 450 specimens of wildlife found in city since last September and relocated by city's Animal Airlift.

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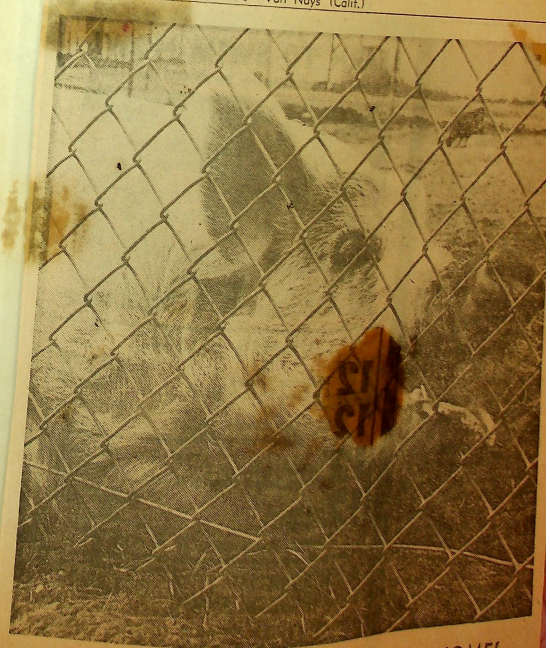
Stray Animals Offered The Latest in Comfort

CHATSWORTH, Calif., Aug. 8 (AP)—Over a 3.3-acre spread, the city has built a fashionable new guest ranch for stray animals, wild and domestic.

It is called the West Valley Animal Shelter, and at dedication ceremonies Wednesday, officials listed among accommodations air conditioning, soundproofing, self-feeders, exercise runways and room for 36,000 guests of all breeds.

Operators of the $500,000 facility even offer transportation for their wild guests. A one-way ride on a helicopter back to the forest area from whence they came.

Thursday, August 6, 1970—Van Nuys (Calif.)



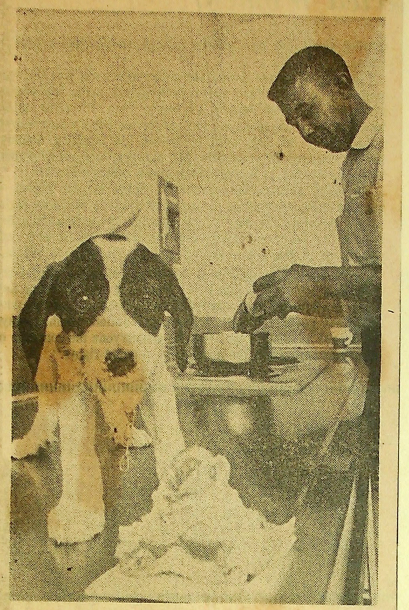
COME IN AND MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!

That's exactly what contented-looking fellow above seems to have done at new West Valley Animal Shelter, opened recently by City Dept. of Animal Regulation in Chatsworth. Enclosed pasture provides space for any lost, strayed or abandoned livestock, pets.

A Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, Thursday, August 6, 1970

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—Herald-Examiner Photo by James Roark

'WILL THIS SNACK RUIN MY DINNER?'
Charles Scott at new West Valley Animal Shelter

Most Modern Animal Shelter Is Buzzing

About 200 cats and dogs are ting in deluxe quarters today for someone to come claim them as pets, while one raccoon and one land tortoise are booking air transportation from the new West Valley Animal Shelter.

By the time the new animal facility was dedicated at 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, yesterday, George W. Mason Jr. said the "most modern" animal shelter in the nation already

tion of the shelter "another step in the city's continuing effort to make its facilities compatible and environmentally acceptable to the community."

John H. Hadley, president of the board of Hathaway Home for Children, announces that a building contract has been signed for the construction of a "Children's Village" on the Hathaway-de Mille Ranch in Little Tujunga Canyon. The 320 acre retreat of the late Cecil B. de Mille was deeded to Hathaway in 1962 by the de Mille trust. The home, located in Highland Park is a United Way agency and residential treatment cen-

Clinics Provide Rabies Shots Through Month

The city Dept. of Animal Regulation and the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association will sponsor low-cost anti-rabies clinics for dogs during the remaining weeks of August.

The clinics will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 18 Los Angeles city playgrounds.

Robert I. Rush, general manager of the Dept. of Animal Regulation, said all dogs four months or older, who have not been inoculated for two years, must be vaccinated against rabies.

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DEDICATE NEW ANIMAL SHELTER

Present at formal ceremonies at new West Valley Animal Shelter from left are Councilman Robert M. Wilkinson, Robert I. Rush, general manager, Dept. of Animal Regulation, and Howard W. Chappell, president, Board of Public Works. Facility, located at 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, is open and has provision for all types of animals, including horses, cared for by Dept. of Animal Regulation. It will lighten load on old shelter. News photo

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West Valley Shelter Dedication Planned

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Citizen News Photos

Steady there, fella . . . it hurts him more than it does you . . . or will it?

Six Anti-Rabies Clinics Will Be Held in Valley

Public low cost anti-rabies clinics for dogs will be conducted at six Valley area Los Angeles City playgrounds during the remaining weeks of August.

The clinics will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30. Date and place for clinics are:

Today, Orcutt Park, 21816 Lanark St., Canoga Park; Thursday, Sunland Playground, 8701 Foothill Blvd., Sunland; Aug. 20, Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills; Aug. 25, Reseda Park, 18411 Victory Blvd., Reseda; Aug. 27, North Hollywood Playground, 5301 Tujunga Ave., North Hollywood, and Woodland Hills Park, 5858 Shoup Ave., Woodland Hills.

Cost of the anti-rabies inoculations is $2 per dog.

Robert I. Rush, General Manager of the Los Angeles City Department of Animal Regulation, reminded all dog owners, their pets must be vaccinated against rabies if they are four months and older, and have not been inoculated for two years. Dog licenses may also be obtained at the clinics.

"A California State Law requires anti-rabies inoculations for dogs every two years," Rush said. "Vaccinations are absolutely essential to the health and welfare of all citizens and animals because this is a rabies area."

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Another not-so-obliging customer

It happens in each dog's life every two years from the time he is four months old.

And it really doesn't hurt very much. Furthermore, now is the time to immunize your dog against the dreaded rabies disease.

Hundreds of dogs were immunized in a recent clinic at Pacoima Recreation Center. And hundreds more are invited to a similar event sponsored by the Canoga Park Junior Women's Club from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lanark Park, 21817 Strathern St.

The event will be held in cooperation with the Los Angeles Dept. of Animal Regulation, the Los Angeles County Health Dept. and the Southern California Veterinary Medical Assn. as a service to the community.

All dogs may be immunized for the minimum fee of $2. The only requirement is that your pet be on a leash and accompanied by an adult. The rabies immunization will provide a two-year protection and is required by California law.

The clinic will give dog owners an opportunity to have their pets vaccinated on a cost basis. Dog licenses also will be available for a fee of $4.

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This week, the City Council will consider a proposal for non-profit spaying or neutering of pets. Presently spaying costs pet owners $20 or more from private veterinarians. If the non-profit pilot program is approved, the same operation would cost considerably less at the City's Ann Street Animal Shelter.

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We suggest you let your city councilman know immediately your feelings on this issue.

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EDITORIAL

KABC-TV regularly presents editorials on topics of vital interest to its viewers. Clearly labeled as opinion, these television editorials are delivered by KABC-TV Vice President and General Manager, John J. McMahon. Your comments concerning this editorial will be greatly appreciated.

Gene Webster
Editorial Director

EDITORIAL #E105-70
"NON-PROFIT SPAYING CLINICS"

You don't have to be an animal lover to be shocked by the figures you're about to hear.

Almost 100 dogs and cats are put to death each hour of every work day in the ten Los Angeles City and County Animal shelters. The total is 788 animals a day. Tax payers pay $1.7 million a year for this service.

While we express concern about the human population explosion,...dogs and cats breed at a startling and almost ignored rate.

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