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Travel Channel Features Fireworks Celebration Among Top Festivals



Travel channel names Manhattan Beach SKECHERS fireworks one of top two holiday festivals in the United States. Photo courtesy of SKECHERS USA, Inc.

MB Holiday Celebration Filmed for Travel Channel's Holiday Special

Courtesy of SKECHERS USA

The annual SKECHERS-sponsored Manhattan Beach Holiday Fireworks celebration has been named one of the top two holiday festivals in the nation by the Travel Channel. In a race for the No. 1 holiday celebration, the Travel Channel filmed at the Manhattan Beach Pier for the upcoming special "Christmas Showdown," highlighting festival activities, interviewing prominent members of the community and local families participating in the festivities.

"I was thrilled to hear Manhattan Beach was selected among thousands of cities as one of the top holiday fireworks festivals in the nation," said SKECHERS president Michael Greenberg. "This annual event means a lot to the SKECHERS family because it unites the community in the spirit of the season. This year, SKECHERS is proud to present not one, but two fireworks shows to celebrate Manhattan Beach's 100th birthday. We wanted to do something special to commemorate the centennial celebration, and when viewers across the nation tune in to watch this festival on the Travel Channel, they will be truly amazed by what we've created here in Manhattan Beach."

"When I partnered with several members of the Manhattan Beach community to found the first Holiday Fireworks celebration 23 years ago, we never imagined what it would grow into," said Pete Moffett of Pete Moffett Productions. "With the support of SKECHERS and the city of Manhattan Beach, this festival now draws more than 15,000 people gathering together on the sand under the stars for truly special holiday celebration. Manhattan Beach may not have a traditional 'white Christmas' like you see

in the movies, but that's what makes our holiday festival so unique – you've never seen anything like it."

"Manhattan Beach's special Centennial fireworks program will be the biggest and brightest show in Manhattan Beach history, so it is wonderful that the Travel Channel will be there to capture it," said Manhattan Beach Mayor Wayne Powell. "Everyone will be able to see and feel the excitement and love in our community as we celebrate our

city's 100th anniversary."

In addition to the two SKECHERS-sponsored fireworks shows, the Manhattan Beach holiday celebration includes an evening of holiday activities, including: a SKECHERS snow and sled park; live music and dancing in the streets of Downtown Manhattan Beach; and a holiday parade with a special appearance from Santa Claus.

For additional information, please visit www.mbfireworks.com.

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
64°/58°



Saturday
Partly
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Sunday
Partly
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61°/52°



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People

Congratulations

Dakota Ford, son of Dr. Noel L. Chun and Dr. Mary Jo Ford of Manhattan Beach, and **Alexandra Lersch**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey J. Lersch also of Manhattan

Beach, were named to the Fall Term 2012 Deans' List at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut. •

Calendar

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

• Bach's Lunch: Seasonal Music for Trumpet and Organ, 12:15-12:45 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1340 Eleventh St.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

• Strand Stairs Improvement Project Community Meeting, 6-9 p.m., Joslyn Community Center, 1601 N. Valley Drive. For more on this project or the meeting, contact the City's Project Manager, Edward Kao at (310) 802-5358 or ekao@citymb.info.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

• Art Exhibition: "Junk" by Bob Van Breda, final day, Manhattan Beach Art Center, 1560 Manhattan Beach Blvd. For more information call (310) 798-4904.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

• City Council Meeting, 6:30 -11:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Ave.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

• Valentine's Day Tea Party, 2-5 p.m., Creative Arts Center, Performing Arts Room, 1560 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Registration deadline: Feb. 7. Adults may only register to accompany a registered child. For more info call Diana Payne at (310) 802-5444.

ONGOING

• Mayor Wayne Powell's Walk 'n Talk is the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Peets Coffee & Tea, 328 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Also the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at North End Café, 3421 Highland Ave.

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Police Reports

DECEMBER 19

An MBPD officer observed a traffic violation in the 1800 block of 11th St. During the investigation the subject stated he stole a bicycle from the pier area. The subject is a known parolee and was arrested for possession of stolen property.

DECEMBER 18

Theft: 600 Block of Larsson St. Unknown suspect(s) stole a package from the doorstep.

Stolen Vehicle: 600 Block of 36th St. Unknown suspect(s) stole a 2007 Cadillac Escalade, which was parked in front of the residence.

DECEMBER 17-18

Burglary: 100 Block of Rosecrans Pl. Unknown suspect(s) entered the unlocked garage door and ransacked the vehicle that was unlocked. Miscellaneous items from the garage and vehicle were taken.

DECEMBER 17

Stolen Vehicle: 1300 Block of Manhattan Beach Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) stole a 1993 Jeep Cherokee, which was parked on the street.

DECEMBER 16

An MBPD officer attempted to stop two subjects for a bicycle violation in the 1900 block of Sepulveda Blvd. One of the subjects fled from officers and was arrested a short time later. Both subjects were arrested for possession of stolen bicycles and a Garmin GPS (unreported stolen from Fry's electronics).

DECEMBER 15

Vehicle Burglary: 1600 Block of Artesia Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear window of the vehicle and stole several items that were in plain view.

An MBPD officer was travelling southbound in the 2900 block of Blanche observed two subjects in dark clothing, carrying bags. After a search of the area, two subjects were subsequently arrested for possession of stolen property. It was discovered the items in their possession were taken from unlocked vehicles in the area.

DECEMBER 14

Attempted Residential Burglary: 2800 Block of Maple Ave. Unknown suspect(s) removed the screen on the bedroom window and attempted to break the lock.

Theft: Unknown suspect(s) stole six packages from the porch.

DECEMBER 13

Vandalism: 1900 Block of Magnolia Ave. Unknown suspect(s) damaged a window with an unknown object (possibly BB).

DECEMBER 11

Residential Burglary: 2100 Block of Wendy Way Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked door and stole a laptop.

DECEMBER 10-12

Theft: 600 Block of 35th St. Unknown suspect(s) stole a package from the doorstep.

DECEMBER 10-11

Residential Burglary: 300 Block of N. Herrin St. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the kitchen window and entered the residence. The suspect(s) ransacked the residence, but was interrupted by a neighbor, who was closing the side gate. The suspect(s) left the residence through the front door.

DECEMBER 10

Theft: 600 Block of 36th St. Unknown suspect(s) stole a package from the porch.

DECEMBER 6-8

Residential Burglary: 2200 Block of Pine Ave. Unknown suspect(s) shattered the glass side door to the residence and stole various items.

DECEMBER 7

Residential Burglary: 1400 Block of 10th St. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unsecured sliding glass door and stole an Apple IiTouch, laptop, digital audio receiver, and cash.

Residential Burglary: 1300 Block of 17th St. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unsecured sliding glass door and stole a beach cruiser, jewelry, laptop, Xbox and an iPad2.

DECEMBER 5

Residential Burglary: 2100 Block of Wendy Way Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an open window and stole a laptop, laptop case, and jewelry.

Theft: 200 Block of Rosecrans Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a package from the porch.

Theft: N Sepulveda Blvd. /Marine Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole a laptop computer.

Suspect robbed a female in the parking lot of Office Depot with a handgun. The suspect fled with the victim's property (purse, wallet & iPhone). Approximately two hours later a robbery occurred in Hawthorne with a similar suspect description. HPD located and pursued the suspect vehicle into South Los Angeles where a traffic collision occurred. The suspect fled on foot and a containment was established. MBPD officers assisted with the search. The suspect was eventually located, hiding under a car. The suspect and suspect vehicle were positively identified by our victim. The victim identified her stolen property in the suspect's possession and a handgun was located in the suspect's vehicle.

Residential Burglary: 1500 Block of 9th St. Unknown suspect(s) threw a rock through the rear window. However, the burglar alarm was activated and no entry was made.

DECEMBER 4

Theft: 1600 Block of Ruhland Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a package containing a credit card from off the front porch and used it at several locations.

DECEMBER 3-7

Residential Burglary: 1400 Block of 10th St. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence by smashing the rear bedroom window. No loss was reported.

DECEMBER 3-5

Vehicle Burglary: 600 Block of 17th St. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked vehicle and stole miscellaneous items.

DECEMBER 3-4

Residential Burglary: 300 Block of 9th St. While the victims were home asleep, unknown suspect(s) entered an open garage, and then entered the residence through an unsecured door. The suspect(s) took two bottles of wine, a microphone, and a laptop. The victims were unaware of the incident until the next morning.

DECEMBER 1-2

Residential Burglary: 1200 Block of Oak Ave. During the fumigation process, an unknown suspect(s) moved the tenting and removed a window screen, then entered the home. No loss was reported.

Vehicle Burglary: 220 Block of Marine Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered an open garage and stole a watch from an unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle Burglary: 500 Block of 21st St. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked vehicle and stole a pediatric endoscope, computer bag and a lunch cooler.

DECEMBER 1

Burglary: 220 Block of Marine Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a watch from an unlocked vehicle that was parked in an open garage.

NOVEMBER 29

Mail Theft & Forgery: 1500 Block of 9th St Unknown suspect(s) stole a check from the mail box. The check was altered and a suspect attempted to cash it at Kinecta (1400 Block of Rosecrans).

NOVEMBER 22-23

Vandalism: Santa Rosa Ct. Unknown suspect(s) shattered a window near the front door of the residence with an unknown object. •

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Among the many emotions man conveys to his fellow man, the most noble must be that of "compassion." Contained within compassion are the feelings of understanding, forgiveness, and a sharing of human frailty. For Democrats, compassion is the essential heart of their DNA and it oozes from every pore. For Republicans, not so much. For that reason Republicans have a difficult conveying a caring but rational message

"The Heritage Foundation says children in households with married parents are 82 percent less likely to be poor; while 75 percent of means tested welfare payments go to single parents."

to the public.

For Republicans, the need for compassion is too often brought on by a conscious, irrational act. Had that act not occurred compassion would not have been required. Let me cite an example:

We can all empathize with the plight of the single mother as she struggles to balance career and motherhood. That is compassion. But for some women, motherhood itself is an irrational act. The U.S. Department of Agriculture now estimates that it takes a minimum of \$235,000 to raise a child to the age of 17. (It would take more if they were responsible for their child's Obamacare insurance until the age of 26); a sum too many mothers cannot manage on their own.

In fact, the New York Times, quoting the National Center for Health, says our nation has crossed an important threshold in that more than half of all births to women under the age of 30 are to single mothers...53 percent, to be exact. The Times goes on to state that two-thirds of the mothers and the

fathers of their children split up before the child is 10 years old, leaving the mother with years of sole responsibility of parenthood.

USA Today goes on to state that 80 percent of Black children and 58 percent of Hispanic births are to single mothers, exacerbating the problem of minority poverty.

The Heritage Foundation says children in households with married parents are 82 percent less likely to be poor; while 75 percent of means tested welfare payments

go to single parents.

Study upon study point out that children of single parents are more likely to be abused; are more likely to live in impoverished neighborhoods; are more likely to be school drop outs; and are exposed to drugs and alcohol at an earlier age. Later, they are more likely to be incarcerated and earn less than the median income. The pain and suffering are visited equally on the child, the single parent and society in general. Government spending, in no small part, is a reflection of the consequences of single parenthood.

With all of these facts well known, some might think our national leadership would make marriage a national crusade. Instead we are faced with a wall of silence on the source of the problem, focusing instead on compassion for the mother.

Hillary Clinton was wrong when she said "it takes a village to raise a child." In fact, it only takes two parents willing to take responsibility for their own acts. •

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Time for the year-end political review. Which is incredibly tainted after viewing the horrific events in Newtown, Connecticut a couple of weeks ago.

Now, I feel very privileged to have this bully pulpit available to me, to be able to pontificate on the body politic every week. But occasionally gets a little tough when the deadline hits a week before publication.

Specially when the carnage of Newtown occurs. Now, I am what I am. Never have fired a gun, nor a bow-and-arrow. Nor any weapon designed to kill someone else. Call me a pacifist. Or someone who doesn't need a firearm to prove my manhood. Or, I guess, to protect my acreage from the invading British hordes.

Oh yeah, that was two-hundred and forty years ago.

Just disgusted with the political opportunism that occurred after the little kids were assassinated, many of them shot in the head multiple times. Typical libs, led by the fossil California Senator Feinstein, waited for a day or two, and then blathered on for gun-control. And, the NRA morons somehow spun it, somehow, someway, that...not even sure how the gun-toting idiots could spin this carnage that was perpetrated on kids.

But, facts are facts. Innocent people died. Blown away with firearms. Sported by a 20-year-old kid. Who apparently was plagued with an ailment that has been labeled as Asperger's syndrome? Which is a mild form of autism. Thanks for a column supporter for enlightening me on that, so much was lost in what seems to always be the rush to be the first to report.

And, yes, most of the focus has been on the 20 toddlers who were blown away by the

firearm-toting misfit. But adults were also gunned down, and, one boldly assumes, only because they tried to shield the young kids from the snap-crackle-pop of the angst ridden killer Lanza and his arsenal.

So the political review for 2012 will be a tad short, but will be continued next week. Maybe. Subject to breaking events that may transcend a recap of the fact that the POTUS was able to turn back a pretty darn good effort made by Mitt "The Glove" Romney and the Republicans to take back the White House.

Back in the early part of 2012, Romney was the presumed front-runner for the Elephant Party nomination. Per usual, the ebb and flow of the campaign, which the 24-7 media demands, tilted the Republican nomination favor in the direction of some lady from Minnesota, and a pizza guy from down South, and then a canned, unemployed ex-Governor from the Keystone state. Pennsylvania, for those of you slow on the take.

Anyway, Michelle Bachmann soon gave it up, as did pizza man Herman Cain. Cain, was, ye gads, caught in some sort of possible marital scandal. Can we all grow up, folks, and realize that if alleged marital dalliances disqualified folks from attaining positions of power, we may have a pretty shallow pool of candidates to draw from?

So all of the Republican Presidential challengers, including the gadfly Newt Gingrich, who was campaigning hard as possible to sell books and pump up his appearance fees, fell by the wayside. Leaving the unemployed Santorum as the Romney alternative. Santorum was a nice story for a couple of months, but with relatively zilch dinero and no staff, couldn't compete with the Romney well-oiled machine.

More next week on this. Maybe. •

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Looking Up

New Neighbors? Closest Single Star Like Our Sun May Have Habitable Planet

By Bob Eklund

An international team of astronomers led by the University of Hertfordshire has discovered that Tau Ceti, one of the closest and most Sun-like stars, may host five planets—with one in the star's habitable zone. At a distance of 12 light-years and visible with the naked eye in the evening sky, Tau Ceti is the closest single star that has the same spectral classification as our Sun. Its five planets are estimated to have masses between two and six times the mass of the Earth—making it the lowest-mass planetary system yet detected. One of the planets lies in the habitable zone of the star and has a mass around five times that of Earth, making it the smallest planet found to be orbiting in the habitable zone of any Sun-like star.

The international team of astronomers, from the UK, Chile, the USA, and Australia, combined more than 6,000 observations from three different instruments and intensively modeled the data. Using new techniques, the team has found a method to detect signals half the size previously thought possible. This greatly improves the sensitivity of searches for small planets.

Mikko Tuomi, from the University of Hertfordshire and the first author of the paper, said, "We pioneered new data modeling techniques by adding artificial signals to the data and testing our recovery of the signals with a variety of different approaches. This

significantly improved our noise modeling techniques and increased our ability to find low-mass planets."

Hugh Jones from the University of Hertfordshire commented, "We chose Tau Ceti for this noise modeling study because we had thought it contained no signals. And as it is so bright and similar to our Sun, it is an ideal benchmark system to test out our methods for the detection of small planets."

Joy to the Worlds

In each galaxy

A trillion new wonders wait...

Joy to all the worlds!

-Bob Eklund •

James Jenkins, Universidad de Chile and Visiting Fellow at the University of Hertfordshire, explained, "Tau Ceti is one of our nearest cosmic neighbors and so bright that

we may be able to study the atmospheres of these planets in the not-too-distant future."

Over 800 planets have been discovered orbiting other worlds, but planets in orbit around the nearest Sun-like stars are particularly valuable. Steve Vogt from University of California Santa Cruz said, "This discovery is in keeping with our emerging view that virtually every star has planets and that the galaxy must have many such potentially habitable Earth-sized planets. They are everywhere, even right next door!"

Chris Tinney from the University of New South Wales added, "As we stare the night sky, it is worth contemplating that there may well be more planets out there than there are stars—some fraction of which may well be habitable." •

Vet Offers Pet Safety Tips for New Year

By Greg Perrault

If you are reading this, it means you have survived the end of the world according to the Mayan calendar. Cheers! It's now time to get matters in order for your pet in 2013.

Here is a simple check off list that every pet owner needs to do on the first of the year:

- Take a photo of your pet. Your pet's looks change with age just like us and if your pet goes missing you will need a current picture.
- Check your pet's microchip registration and update any new phone numbers or addresses. (If your pet doesn't have a chip, get one ASAP. They are inexpensive, safe and are the best form of identification.)
- Consolidate your pet's medical information into one folder. Include a list of any medicines your pet takes.
- Use technology to your advantage. You can scan and save your pet's medical records onto your phone. There are iPhone and Android apps you can download to file pet records, or you can just use a note-taking app like Evernote. You can even email medical records and pet photos to your smart phone.
- Program your veterinarian's information into your phone's address book. Include the after hours emergency clinic your veterinarian recommends.
- Program the address of your vet and the emergency afterhours clinic into your car's GPS.
- Put these things in your trunk: A spare leash, a plastic or steel bowl, some bottled water, a few cans of pet food and a blanket. Done! That was easy.

Another important item to do for your pet on the first of the year is to make a budget. Emergencies can easily cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 and payment is usually due at the time services are rendered so you'll need to plan wisely. Put a set amount of money away each month for emergency care. Easier said than done, but there are a few different strategies that may help you. Here are some tips on how to manage the cost of your pet's health care.

Consider pet health insurance. Just like other forms of insurance, it's important to


get the right policy for your needs. There are several companies that now offer pet health insurance. The least expensive may not be the best for your situation so always read the fine print. Most companies will require you to pay for services at the time they are rendered and then submit a form for review after your pet has received care. Reimbursement for care comes after the insurance company reviews the case and many times this may take a few weeks to a few months. If you are considering health insurance for your pet, it is important to get it early before any emergencies or health conditions arise. Most companies will request medical records from the previous 12 to 24 months and will not cover preexisting conditions.

If you don't like the idea of pet insurance, you should save a set amount every month. The amount should be at least the amount it takes to fill up your car's gas tank one time. This strategy can pay off if you have a healthy pet. If you don't have to use the money for emergencies, you've saved up a nice little nest egg for the future. However, you could be caught off guard if an emergency comes up before you've had a chance to build up some savings.

A better idea for most people is a combination of both insurance plus a small monthly savings. Look at the cost of the different insurance plans. Most insurance companies offer decent inexpensive plans starting around \$25 per month and would cover emergencies but not routine care. In addition to the insurance, put away the same amount of money into a savings account for your pet. For example, \$25 goes to insurance and \$25 goes to savings. This way you are covered immediately should an emergency happen right away and you still are building a nest egg for the future.

I hope everybody is having a wonderful holiday season. I am looking forward to a great new year and wish everyone and their pets the same.

Dr Greg Perrault owns and operates Cats & Dogs Animal Hospital in Long Beach. •



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How to Make Your Cocktails the Life of the Party

(BPT) - This time of year, homes across the country are bustling with friends and family celebrating the holidays with festive foods and drinks. Dairy products like butter, milk, cheese and cream are standard ingredients in celebratory dishes, but one area where dairy can play a starring role is often overlooked - the cocktail glass. Instead of just offering wine or beer, the California Milk Advisory Board (CMAB) has put together cocktail tips and tricks for making every gathering a happy hour at home.

1. Cheers to dairy. Served hot or cold, milky alcoholic beverages are delicious on a hot day or in the cold of winter. Cocktails made with milk can range from the classics like a White Russian to the more unusual Mardi Gras favorite Milk Punch, a somewhat lighter version of egg nog. Make sure to choose flavors and spices that complement the foods you're serving.

2. Look in the fridge. Chances are you already have everything you need to create a special cocktail or host a happy hour at home. Now is the time to use up the leftover craft beers from last week's game, that nice bottle of brandy you received as a gift and the California milk and cream you have in your fridge.

3. Apples to apples. Apples are one of those foods that everyone seems to love and that familiar apple flavor seems most welcome in the cooler, cozier months. Why not combine the iconic apple pie with a trend that is on the rise: hard ciders. With the influx of craft beer drinkers, hard ciders are coming into their own. Try creating a Belgian Hot Apple Pie Cocktail (see recipe) and wow your friends and family with your bartending skills. This cocktail takes the beloved flavor of apple pie and lights it on fire, literally.

Whenever serving alcohol in your home, make sure there's a designated driver to ensure everyone makes it home safely.

BELGIAN HOT APPLE PIE COCKTAIL

Yield: 1 serving

1 large scoop Real California vanilla ice cream
1 ounce apple brandy
12 ounces Belgian apple beer

Place ice cream in a large glass. Pour brandy into a small glass. Carefully touch a lighted match to surface of brandy to ignite it. When flames die down, pour brandy over ice cream and fill glass with beer. Serve with a spoon and a straw. •



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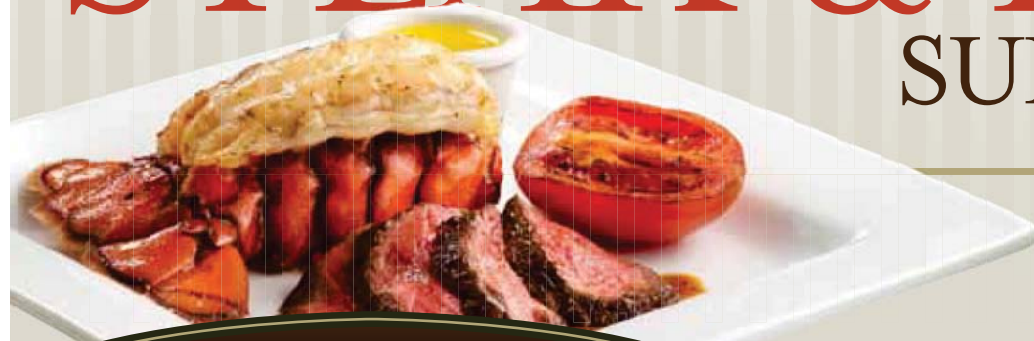


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Pets Without Partners

Make a New Year's resolution to help a homeless pet by adopting or sponsoring a "pet without a partner."

Noelle was found as a stray with no collar or microchip and we were unable to find her owner--just a reminder, *please* microchip your pets. She is about two years old, is fully grown at eight pounds and is smaller than she appears in her photo. Noelle is a very sweet little girl and is a smiler, too! When she is happy, she will show you all of her pearly whites... it's such a unique quality some dogs have. Noelle is fostered with three other dogs and does great with them all. She is housebroken with an open door and has not had any accidents in the house. Noelle is lovable, kind and so sweet. Her back is full of lush, full curls all the way down to her tail. Noelle is spayed, current on vaccines, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, and good with children.



Noelle

Rex is a very handsome puppy...and he is all puppy at that. This beautiful boy is quite the camera ham, posing for his beautiful pictures. We believe his breed to be wire-haired Dachshund mixed with Basset Hound. He is a stunning very unique-looking boy. He is

and wants to be the center of attention. He was fostered for about a week before coming into our rescue and his foster mom said he would go to the door to be let outside. He only had one accident in her home. Rex is a lovely boy who is fine with other dogs and great with children. Rex is neutered, current on vaccines, de-wormed, microchipped, good with children and other dogs.



Rex

currently six months old and quite long and might get close to the length of a Basset in the next five months when he stops growing. Rex is a character who is hilariously funny

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it's available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit

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Purrrfect Companions

Ring in the New Year with a new best friend when you adopt your purr-fect partner.

Someone put this beautiful litter in a box in the street right after they were born. Thankfully, their foster mom saw the box and went to inspect. She found six tiny kittens inside. They were already ice cold as she took them home, got them warmed up and started feeding them...every two hours because they were so tiny. Now they are now a bunch of loving, playful, strong and healthy kittens looking for forever homes.

Now is your chance to help Santa fill their post-holiday wishes to find families to adopt and love them as much as they will love you. Since they've been together all their lives, William, Truman, Teddy, Franklin, Jackson and Hillary hope you either already have a cat at home or adopt two of them together!

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat

rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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Happy Tails

Charlie Captures Heart of Her New Family

Marley (now Charlie) is a girl with irresistible charm whose family had no time for her. Now she has a new family committed to her who give her the love and attention she deserves...

"Good Morning! Charlie has snuggled in quite well! I had to 'show her off' right away when we brought her home last Saturday. She is a hit in the neighborhood. I had a guest come over a few hours after we brought her home--someone who was unaware I had gotten a new dog--and they had assumed I may have had her for a little while due to the fact she was so well-behaved. Kudos to all in her training. She comes right back when you call her and knows some commands. A bit excited when going on walks--not over

the top. Just happy with her new life. We are reeling her in.

She and our Boston Terrier Pandi are two adorable little ladies. They enjoy their afternoon and evening walks. Charlie is recovering well from her spay. She actually was in heat when they did it. Eating well, had two minor potty accidents, but I cannot complain. She caught me off guard and truly captured my heart. Thank you for the photos. She will not be a stranger. I will get some photos to you this holiday. Please include her as a success story. Love, Carol, Blake, Pandi and Charlie!"

When you adopt a "pet without a partner," you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •



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