



**30 Years Improving
the Lives of Animals**

Mission Statement

The Mission Valley Animal Shelter is committed to the humane and compassionate treatment of animals.

We shall:

- Shelter and care for lost and unwanted dogs and cats.
- Seek to return lost animals to their owners.
- Place adoptable dogs and cats into humane and responsible environments.
- Promote the sterilization of dogs and cats.
- Reduce euthanasia and end the tragedy of pet over-population.
- Aid in the prevention of abuse to animals.
- Implement programs and provide services to promote responsible pet ownership.

Wish List

- Laundry detergent
- Nylabones & Kongs
- Pine pellets (cat litter)
- Exclusive®, Loyall Life®, Taste of the Wild®, or Diamond Natural® brand dry cat and kitten food
- Exclusive®, Loyall Life®, Taste of the Wild®, or Diamond Natural® brand grain-free dry dog food
- Loyall Life® Chicken dry puppy food
- Dog harness (all sizes)

Shelter Spotlight

A voice for those who cannot speak

FALL 2020

Upcoming MVAS Fundraisers

Mission Valley Animal Shelter (MVAS) is blessed to have so many supporters that help out the animals by donating funds as well as much needed items. Although the current pandemic has created hardship all around, our supporters are still coming through and we very much appreciate them. As the end of the year approaches, we will be holding two events that we hope will raise much needed funds for the Shelter.



Wags and Whiskers Auction

Although we were not able to hold our "Wags and Whiskers Dinner and Auction" in person this year, we will be holding an online auction during the second week of November. Information on the auction will be available on our website and Facebook page as we get closer to that date. Interested parties and supporters will

be able to bid on a variety of items: from handmade treasures created by artisans here in our community, to necessary services such as veterinary care, to a sightseeing airplane flight over the valley! While an online auction may not be as fun and exciting as a live one, we still hope to have your support for the homeless animals!

Join Us In Saving Lives By Participating in the MVAS Strut Your Mutt Day!

Mission Valley Animal Shelter, along with hundreds of animal rescue groups across the country, is participating in the Best Friends Animal Society's *Strut Your Mutt Day*, the virtual walk and fundraising event that saves the lives of dogs and cats in communities across the country.

The MVAS *Strut Your Mutt Day* celebration will be held on Saturday, October 24. Participants will be encouraged to take their dogs for a walk or stay home and cuddle their cats. If the situation allows, there will be an organized group walk.

MVAS is proud to be part of the Best Friends *Strut Your Mutt Day* celebration happening across the country. We are working with Best Friends towards the goal of taking this nation no-kill by 2025. Working together we can accomplish great things in the nation, and right here at home for our dogs and cats. We love our community and we know you do, too, so help us take action for the pets and people in our town.

To sign up for *Strut Your Mutt Day*, please visit strutyournutt.org and choose **Mission Valley Animal Shelter** when you register. 🐾



Pet Winter Safety: Know the Signs of Hypothermia and Frostbite

By Wendy C. Fries | Published by WebMD

When cats and dogs are exposed to the cold for too long, their body temperature -- which is usually between 101°F and 102.5°F -- can drop fatally. Here's what you need to know as you keep a close eye on your pets in winter.

Hypothermia Symptoms in Dogs and Cats

- violent shivering, followed by listlessness
- weak pulse
- lethargy
- muscle stiffness
- problems breathing
- lack of appetite
- rectal temperature below 98°F
- coma
- cardiac arrest

Hypothermia Treatment

Wrap your pet in a warm blanket or coat (you can warm blankets and coats in the dryer for a few minutes).

- Bring your pet into a warm room.
- Give your pet a solution of four teaspoons honey or sugar dissolved in warm water to drink. You can also put 1-2 teaspoons of corn syrup on the gums if your pet is too weak to drink. This provides an immediate energy boost.
- Place warm, towel-wrapped water bottles against your pet's abdomen or at her armpits and chest, then wrap her in a blanket. Do not use hair dryers, heating pads, or electric blankets to warm up a hypothermic pet as this may result in burns or cause surface blood vessels to dilate, which compromises circulation to vital organs.

- Call your veterinarian immediately.

The best way to manage hypothermia is to avoid it. Always provide warm, dry shelter for pets when they're outdoors.

Frostbite Signs in Dogs and Cats

Frostbite happens when a part of your pet's body freezes. For cats, that may involve the paws, tail, or ears; for dogs, the tail, ears, foot pads, or scrotum. Severe winter weather, especially when windy or humid, can lead to frostbite.

Watch for:

- pale, gray, or blue skin at first
- red, puffy skin later
- pain in ears, tail, or paws when touched
- skin that stays cold
- shriveled skin

Frostbite Treatment

- Apply warm (not hot) water for at least 20 minutes to the frostbitten area. Do not use hair dryers, heating pads, or electric blankets to warm up a frostbitten pet as this may cause burns.
- Handle the affected areas very carefully; don't rub or massage them as you could cause permanent damage.
- Call your vet immediately.

It doesn't take much to keep our pets safe when things get frosty. Just like us, our feline and canine friends need shelter, warmth, food, and care. When winter's chill sends you scurrying indoors, don't forget your furry four-footed pals and their simple needs this season.





ResQwalk
Helping animals one step at a time.

Take A Walk And Help the Animals!

ResQwalk is a FREE mobile app that lets you raise money and resources for your favorite animal welfare organization, and all you have to do is walk!

Throughout the year, Best Friends will announce a ResQpool of cash and other helpful resources that have been provided by some generous corporate sponsors. You can help your chosen organization earn a portion of this pool by downloading **ResQwalk** and hitting the pavement! Download it today and start walking for the animals.

To begin, download the app, then choose **Mission Valley Animal Shelter** when you sign in. If you are a hiker or spend a lot of time on walks, you can log up to 30 miles a day for your chosen organization year round. Help us help the animals by walking! 🐾



This beautiful animal print star-quilt was made and donated for our raffle by the talented Marcie Motichka! The quilt can be seen at Seconds 2 Go, 51110 Hwy 93, Polson. Tickets can be purchased there for a chance to win this beauty! Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. If you live out of town and wish to purchase tickets, call Seconds 2 Go at: (406) 883-8127; or MVAS at: (406) 883-5312.

Featured Animals



Buzz

Buzz is one of those dogs who has been through a lot and still comes out with a heart of gold. When he arrived at the shelter he was covered in wounds from an animal attack. However, with all the loving care he has received he is on track to a full recovery and will be an amazing companion once he is fully healed. 🐾



Dion

Dion is about one-and-a-half years old. He loves everybody and constantly seeks attention. He is as sweet as pumpkin pie! 🐾





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Seconds 2 Go

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Criteria for donations:

- gently used items
- clean, unstained clothes
- items in working order
- furniture in good condition

We DO NOT accept:

- large appliances
- mattresses
- paint
- computers or TVs
- construction equipment
- printers