



County of Ventura

ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

A Division of Public Health

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Protect Your Pets –or Adopt one—this 4th of July!

The 4th of July week is the busiest time of year at Animal Services. Fireworks scare dogs and they often run away from home and end up at the shelter. Since Saturday, June 30th, Animal Services has added 57 new dogs to the kennels: 41 strays and 16 owner- surrenders. For anyone thinking about adding a new dog to your family, you're encouraged to head down to the shelter today and adopt a new pet. We are currently housing 22 birds, 115 cats, 198 dogs, 1 horse, 3 snakes, 5 guinea pigs, 10 hamsters and 51 rabbits. That's 405 pets at this writing.

Adoptions are \$125.00 for cats and dogs. This fee includes spay/neuter surgery, microchip implant, Ventura County license, free health exam and free obedience training for dogs. There is also a 14-day return policy. Vaccines given are: rabies, DAPPL2 and bordatella for dogs, and the HCPCH for cats. Bunnies are \$50.00 for an altered rabbit, \$20 for an unaltered rabbit with a voucher for spay/neuter. Shelters are short-staffed and the public is encouraged to come down and visit rather than call.

You can visit our website and view our dogs and other animals at www.vcas.us.

To visit Camarillo Animal Services:

Hours are Monday 11:00 am to 7:00pm, closed Tuesday and Wednesday **this week**; *this Thursday, July 5th*, hours are 11:00 am to 7:00 pm (closed this Wednesday, July 4th, but usually open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm). Regular Thursdays hours are from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Friday hours are 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The address is 600 Aviation Drive, Camarillo, 93010

To visit Simi Valley Animal Services:

Adoptions begin at the Simi Valley facility this weekend. Hours are Friday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 4:00 pm, and every weekend thereafter. The address is 670 W. Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, 93065

If you go out this 4th of July leave your dogs at home and inside the house. Turn up the TV or the radio so that they will not hear the fireworks. Fireworks terrify most dogs. If you lose your pet, visit the shelter immediately.

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