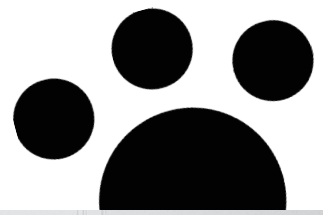


# FLA newsletter



The FLA volunteers began their mobile adoption unit 16 years ago and today have found homes for over 400 dogs and cats. In November 2004 they received non-profit status.

## Dear Supporters:

The Road to Renovation Dinner and Silent Auction was a success raising \$4,500! Held at Cal Poly Pomona's Kellogg West Conference Center in February, over 85 guests enjoyed live music, presentations and exciting auction items. Thank you to vendors, guests and sponsors for helping us launch our organization. Your generous contributions are already being put to work.

## Under Construction...Road to Renovation

The blue and white Suburban is approaching the Heating and Air System stop on the Road to Renovation. The heat of the summer is here, so FLA is focusing its attention on a cooling system that will provide more comfort to the shelter animals. Industrial swamp coolers, which will cool the semi-enclosed kennels up to 30 degrees, are being professionally installed. The swamp coolers are costly, but with the help of Scott and Cynthia Campbell, the humane society and our supporters, the dogs will feel the breeze in a few short weeks.

Your money is also being put to use for medical expenses. Grimace, a year old Wheaton terrier mix, was in desperate need of hip surgery when he came to the shelter two months ago. An incredible family decided to foster him while FLA worked out a plan for his surgery. With funds from the event and other donations, FLA has raised the money for Grimace's FHO, femoral head osteoectomy. Grimace's foster family has adopted him and Grimace, now Scooter, can run and play with his new sister, Penny, for years to come.

There are many more stops along the way which include: misters for the outdoor kennels, heating systems and security gates. And also smaller projects like rust-proof/spill-proof water bowls and spacious, updated dog and cat cages. Donations are greatly appreciated!

*Artie needs your help. A spunky, American Eskimo who would like to be the center of attention. Special needs. Currently being boarded at Dr. Domotor's Animal House in Monrovia.*

*Jeannie, a 5-year-old orange Persian mix. Great personality! She hasn't let the last 6 months in a cage get her down. Squishy, cuddly face. Don't let her picture fool you, she's actually purring!*

Why not foster a dog or cat? Animals need fostering for various reasons ranging from medical needs to the stability of a home environment. If you think you can help, please contact us.

## A long time coming

### Blackout's Story

Blackout's story is unique, but unfortunately a reality for many shelter dogs. He came to the shelter under a police hold with his Shepherd friend, Lady, in October 2004. Police were investigating Blackout's owner for abuse and neglect that

*Blackout meets his new family 20 months after his rescue, June 24, 2006.*

left Blackout and Lady in horrible shape. Blackout had been tied up to a short rope and was severely emaciated. During the long court proceedings, Blackout sat in a cage, unable to be adopted. His spirits remained high as if he knew his chance was coming. At the Krikorian

adoption event, beautiful Lady was quickly scooped up by a loving family. But Blackout, with his short legs, bushy tail and scruffy nose, was still looked over. Then in late June, a couple spotted him at Petco and knew he was the dog for them (as long as their cats agreed). Blackout's new name is Bruce. His family discovered he already knew basic commands and was house-trained. He has become part of the family and is their little "love bug."

FLA continues to hold Saturday adoptions at Petco, San Dimas. We have also been busy at other events. To name a few: Orange County Pet Expo, 5th Annual Arthritis Foundation Walk at the Rose Bowl, Sierra Madre Doggie Day, Monrovia Day Parade and our 2nd annual Krikorian Premiere Theatres Adopt-a-Dog Weekend. We exceeded last year's Krikorian adoptions by one - finding 15 dogs permanent, loving homes.