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OC Animal Care Launches *Pooches on the Patio* to Help Dogs Find Forever Homes

TUSTIN, Calif. (October 27, 2022) – OC Animal Care invites the community to *Pooches on the Patio*, a new meet-and-greet event for adopters to get to know dogs at the shelter before adopting. Stop by the shelter located at 1630 Victory Road in Tustin every Saturday, beginning October 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., where a few dogs will be out on the patio ready to meet their forever family.

To expand outreach and encourage shelter adoptions, OC Animal Care launched *Pooches on the Patio* and added it to the shelter's list of regular programming to help get pets into their forever homes. Across the nation, shelters are seeing an overwhelming increase in animals, including Orange County. OC Animal Care is currently operating over capacity, which has created a critical situation for the animals and one that can't be fixed without the community's help.

In honor of Adopt a Shelter Dog month, OC Animal Care will continue to waive the adoption fees for all animals through October 31, 2022. Those who have been on the fence about adopting a pet are now in a great position to fall in love with their new best friend! Each adopted animal comes with a microchip, vaccinations, spay or neutering, and an anti-parasite treatment. Waived adoption fees do not include licensing fees or puppies six months of age or younger. With over 400 adoption visits available per week, potential adopters can schedule an adoption appointment today by calling (714) 935-6848. Walk-ins are welcomed on a first-come, first-served basis as staffing allows. To view available animals at OC Animal Care, visit ocpetinfo.com.

For more information on ways the community can support the animals at the shelter, visit ocpetinfo.com/get-involved. Those interested in providing assistance to the shelter's efforts in caring for pets in need can easily do so by viewing OC Animal Care's Amazon Wishlist.

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About OC Animal Care

OC Animal Care is the largest municipal animal shelter in Orange County. It services 14 cities and takes in over 18,000 animals each year. OC Animal Care provides refuge and care for animals, fosters the human-animal bond and promotes safety in our community. For more information about OC Animal Care, please visit ocpetinfo.com