

# OCPA E-Alert May / June 2009



*Orange County People for Animals*

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**Special Note:** If you would like to receive occasional email notifications of outreach and volunteer opportunities, please respond to [julie.meskell@ocpausa.org](mailto:julie.meskell@ocpausa.org) to have your e-mail address included in a separate contact list. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you out and about this year on behalf of the animals.

## **Good News for the Animals!**

### ***Scientific Consultations Restored to Protect Species***

The government has restored protections for our nation's disappearing wildlife and last remaining wild places. The Obama Administration announced they were restoring scientific consultations under the Endangered Species Act to protect species and their habitats.

Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced that the two departments are revoking an eleventh-hour Bush administration rule that undermined Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections. Their decision requires federal agencies to once again consult with federal wildlife experts at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – the two agencies that administer the ESA – before taking any action that may affect threatened or endangered species.

### ***Laguna Woods to Spay/Neuter Strays***

The Laguna Woods city council met on April 15<sup>th</sup> and passed an ordinance to require spay and neutering in their city for all animals that are picked up. This is a historic first for Orange County. For more info, visit: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/city-neutered-spayed-2365450-pet-ordinance>.

### ***EU Votes to Ban Seal Fur Products***

There's been a huge victory for seals! Thanks to the tireless efforts of activists who sent more than 100,000 letters and e-mails to their Members of European Parliament (MEP) urging them to vote for a ban in the EU on seal fur products from Canada, the MEPs have voted in favor of seals, recognizing that these "hunts" can never be humane.

The ban sends a resounding message to the Canadian government that this bloody massacre must stop once and for all and that the world will not stand by as baby seals are bludgeoned to death in front of their wailing mothers for a product that no one needs. The world is demanding an end to the slaughter.

All eyes are on Canada as it prepares to host the 2010 Winter Olympics. Now is the time to demand that the Canadian government hear the worldwide call to stop this bloody massacre of seals. For people who have not taken action: [Please seize this opportunity to urge Prime Minister Stephen Harper to use his clout to help stop the slaughter](#). And visit <http://www.humanesociety.org/protectseals> for more information on how you can help keep the pressure on the Canadian fishing industry and government.

### ***UC Opts for Humane Education***

In May, the University of Cincinnati (UC) announced that it will no longer use purpose-bred animals as part of its curriculum. The University made this official decision after information was released in the report entitled, *"Dying to Learn: Exposing the Supply and Use of Animals in Higher Education,"* authored by Animalearn, the education division of AAVS.

### ***Belgian City Plans "Veggie Days"***

The Belgian city of Ghent is about to become the first in the world to go vegetarian at least once a week. There will be a regular weekly meatless day, in which civil servants and elected councilors will opt for vegetarian meals.

Ghent intends to recognize the impact of livestock on the environment. The UN says livestock is responsible for nearly one-fifth of global greenhouse gas emissions, hence Ghent's declaration of a weekly "veggie day." Public officials and politicians will be the first to give up meat for a day. Schoolchildren will follow suit with their own veggieday in September.

It is hoped the move will cut Ghent's environmental footprint and help tackle obesity. Around 90,000 so-called "veggie street maps" are now being printed to help people find the city's vegetarian eateries.

## ***Animal Legislation Updates***

- **AB 1122 Passes Floor**

This legislation, which will ban the sale of animals at swap meets and along roadsides, successfully passed out of the Appropriations floor.

For more information about this important bill and its sponsors, visit the [California Animal Association's](#) website.

- **AB 241, the Responsible Breeder Act of 2009, Passes Full Assembly**

This bill addresses the problems puppy mills create by limiting the number of intact cats or dogs a seller can maintain to 50. (This bill does not impact animal shelters, research facilities, pet stores, veterinarians, groomers or boarding facilities.) By limiting the number of animals who can reproduce, this legislation will make enforcement of existing state law possible and enable animal control to more effectively and efficiently deal with complaints about dogs and cats living in squalid conditions and receiving inadequate care.

For more information, visit: <http://www.YESonAB241.com>.

- **AB 1437 Passes Full Assembly**

AB 1437 will ban the sale of battery cage eggs in California, no matter where they were produced. This bill recently passed the California Assembly and now moves to the Senate.

For more information about this bill and how you can help by contacting your state senator, check out APRL's [fact sheet](#).

- **SB 250, the Pet Responsibility Act, Passes Full Senate**

The California Senate just passed this bill, which requires all free roaming cats to be spayed or neutered and requires a license for unaltered dogs. This will prevent millions of animals from being euthanized in shelters and save taxpayers tens of millions of dollars. To contact assemblymembers and for more information, visit: <http://www.yesonsb250.com>.

## ***Wendy's Starts Using Cage-Free Eggs***

Wendy's has started to move away from eggs from caged hens. Thanks to activists, the company's modest but meaningful actions will prevent thousands of hens from being crammed into tiny battery cages. Wendy's new policy is the latest advancement in the ongoing transition away from cruel cages on factory farms.

## ***Michael Vick Joins HSUS to Combat Dogfighting***

Michael Vick got out of prison and is set to work with the Humane Society of the United States to help combat dogfighting.

According to a recent article in the New York Times: "The Humane Society's position has nothing to do with endorsing Vick's return to football but rather with finding a way to use his visibility to fight the scourge of dogfighting, which Pacelle said is gaining popularity with African-American and Hispanic teenagers in urban areas."

Read the whole article on line at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/22/sports/football/22rhoden.html>.

## **Action Items – Your Letters/Calls Needed**

### ***Tell P&G to Stop Animal Tests***

May 16<sup>th</sup> was the day of a global boycott of Procter & Gamble (P&G), the corporate giant that still performs unnecessary tests on animals.

[Use this form](#) to contact Alan Lafley, P&G's CEO to protest P&G's animal tests. You can [use IDA's automated message](#) or send your own to let P&G know that you don't believe their claim that they only test on animals "as a last resort" or "when required by law." Let them know that you have read the evidence presented by In Defense of Animals and Uncaged about butylparaben being force-fed to pregnant rats and that you will not purchase Herbal Essences or any other P&G products until they stop testing their products on animals.

[Use this automated form](#) or the following contact information:

Mr. A.G. Lafley, Chairman & CEO, Procter & Gamble, One Procter & Gamble Plaza; Cincinnati, OH 45202; phone: 513-983-1100; fax: 513-983-9369, 513-983-4381; webmail: [pg.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/pg.cfg/php/enduser/ask.php](mailto:pg.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/pg.cfg/php/enduser/ask.php); e-mail: [comments.im@pg.com](mailto:comments.im@pg.com).

You can also contact Mary Woods, in charge of Herbal Essences, in their Corporate External Relations Department: [Woods.mj@pg.com](mailto:Woods.mj@pg.com)

For additional information, visit Uncaged's site: <http://www.hurtfulnessences.org/>.

### ***Urge USDA to Terminate Class B Dealer Licenses***

For years there has been intense public scrutiny regarding random-source animal brokers called Class B dealers and their methods of obtaining dogs and cats, as well as the care and treatment they provide animals at their facilities. Congress has also voiced concern, calling for the creation of an Institute for Laboratory Animal Research Committee to investigate the issue, and federal legislation aimed at eliminating random-source Class B dealers has been considered.

The majority of random-source Class B dealers have committed violations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). Rather than continuing to repeatedly cite random-source Class B dealers with AWA violations, let the USDA know that they should terminate these licenses.

Visit the American Anti-Vivisection Society's action page to contact the USDA:  
<https://secure3.convio.net/aavs/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=175>.

### ***Ask Assemblymembers to Support SB 250, the Pet Responsibility Act***

SB 250, the Pet Responsibility Act, recently passed the California Senate and now moves to the Assembly floor.

This legislation requires all free roaming cats to be spayed or neutered and requires a license for unaltered dogs. This will prevent millions of animals from being euthanized in shelters and save taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

SB 250 proves a reasonable, fiscally responsible step towards reducing pet overpopulation in California in two ways: by fostering responsible pet guardianship through increased animal licensing, and by offering incentives for guardians to spay and neuter their companion animals. Please help reduce the suffering of dogs and cats in our shelters, and support the overburdened shelter staff that cares for them!

To ask assemblymembers to support this important bill – and for more information – visit:  
<http://www.yesonsb250.com>.

## Recent OCPA Activities

### ***Justice 4 Karley Hearing – Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in Riverside***

OCPA board member, Julie Curran-Meskell, and Giselle attended a hearing on May 15<sup>th</sup> where Glynn Johnson entered his plea of not guilty.

Refer to Upcoming Events in this e-alert for information about the trial readiness conference set for June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. And check [OCPA's myspace.com](#) page for further details on the ongoing *Justice 4 Karley* campaign. A new law, Karley's Law, is being drafted and will mean a positive change for animals. When it's finished, it will be posted on [www.justice4karley.com](http://www.justice4karley.com).

### ***Meaningful Movie Night Featuring "Eating Mercifully" – Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. in Tustin***

The Orange County Interfaith Coalition for The Environment featured the film, "Eating Mercifully," as part of their Meaningful Movie Nights on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. in Tustin. "Eating Mercifully" encourages everyone to switch to a plant-based diet for moral reasons. Twenty members of Aldersgate Church, the church that hosted the event, attended the film screening and had a good discussion afterward. The attendees were very interested and affected by the film.

[OCICE](#) is working hard to educate their congregations about the importance of "Caring for Creation" and adopting a vegan diet as part of a compassionate lifestyle that helps animals and the environment.

### ***Foie Gras Demonstration – Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Laguna Beach***

OCPA again joined forces with the Animal Protection Rescue League (APRL) on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to protest the serving of foie gras at HUSH restaurant in Laguna Beach.

Laguna Beach police were there to assure everyone that we had the right to pass out literature about the cruelty of foie gras to customers as they entered the restaurant. Photos of the night can be seen on our [Facebook](#) and [Myspace](#) pages.

For more information, visit <http://banfoiegras.com>.

### ***Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Green's Café in Irvine***

On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, OCPA met and dined at the new Green's Café in Irvine at 6:30 p.m.

The Green's Cafe offers a nice variety including appetizers, wraps, burgers, sandwiches, pastas, soups, salads, vegan ice cream, cupcakes, and more!

Green's Café: 15435 Jeffrey Rd, ste 110, Irvine, CA 92618, (949) 653-1241; <http://www.thegreenscafe.com>.

Stay tuned for upcoming e-alerts for information about more of these types of gatherings in the future.

### ***OCPA Write-In – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Irvine Featuring Susan and Corey Feldman***

OCPA held a write-in for the animals on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in Irvine at the Goddess Temple of Orange County, 17905 Sky Park Circle, Suite A, Irvine, CA 92614.

Corey and Susie Feldman hosted OCPA's annual fundraiser and write-in. Corey was in the movies *Stand By Me*, *Goonies*, and *The Lost Boys*, among others. Recently, Corey and Susie, avid vegetarians, starred in *The Two Coreys* on cable TV. The Feldmans are advocates for animals and the environment; they also helped PETA with a Lennon-esque bed-in, *Give Peas a Chance*.

This fun event featured a vegan potluck buffet, beverages, silent auction, speaker, raffle, loaded goodie bags and also offered pre-written letters available on a CD addressing over a dozen critical animal-related action items (covering local, national and international issues).

Our special thanks to all of our many [sponsors who helped make this event](#) so successful!

### ***Worldfest – Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Encino***

The Worldfest 2009 Earth Day Festival was held on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the beautiful outdoor setting of Woodley Park in Encino, CA. This fun day featured entertainment, education and enlightenment. The combination of great music, empowering speakers, environmental, humanitarian and animal welfare non-profits, kid's activities and a delicious food court made for an enjoyable earth-friendly experience.

Worldfest is a solar-powered celebration of music, health, animals and the environment. Visit [www.worldfestevents.com](http://www.worldfestevents.com) for more information about this fun event.

### ***Veggie Pride Parade – Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in NYC***

The second Veggie Pride Parade in America took place in Greenwich Village, New York City, on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Just as last year, the parade launched in Manhattan's Olde Meat District (where 9th Ave., Gansevoort St., Greenwich St., and Little West 12th St. intersect) at 12:00 noon. Line-up began at 11:00 a.m. and culminated in Union Square Park (northern end) where a festival of music, speakers and exhibitors took place. And again, just as last year, parade participants wore costumes and carried sign-boards announcing their pride in their vegetarian lifestyle. Local restaurants and veggie and veg-friendly groups represented themselves with banners.

For more information about this event, visit: <http://www.veggieprideparade.org/>.

### ***Dog Adoption and Animal Awareness Fair – Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Newport Beach***

The Dog Adoption and Animal Awareness Fair occurred on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. in Newport Beach at Newport Harbor High School.

Hosted by The Compassion in Action (CIA) Club at Newport Harbor High School, this event featured dogs of all breeds and ages available for adoption\*, drawings, an auction and great prizes.

For more information about this event, visit <http://www.myspace.com/theciaclub>.

## **Upcoming Events – OCPA and Other**

OCPA now has a new [Myspace.com page](#) (thanks to Tracey Turner). Check it often for the latest details on local OCPA demonstrations and other animal-related events.

### ***Animal Acres Country Hoe Down – Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Acton***

Grab your cowboy hat and dust off your cowgirl boots and come out for the Animal Acres Country Hoe Down on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. in Acton, 5200 Escondido Canyon Road, Acton, CA 93510; phone: 661-269-5404.

Gather with people who care about cows, and other farm animals, and have a great time for a good cause! The Country Hoe Down starts with farm tours, where you can kiss a cow, give a pig a belly rub, talk to turkeys, or simply share a memorable moment with any of our country critters who call Animal Acres, "Home Sweet Home." After meeting farmed animal friends, enjoy guest speakers including Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson, Erik Markus, Tina Volpe and others.

After hearing the special guest speakers, enjoy the Vegeque cookout with tasty veggie burgers with all the fixings including coleslaw, potato salad and delicious desserts including cheesecake and carrot cake.

Last year's event drew over 200 people - seating is limited, so please make your reservations early. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please [click here](#) to register online or call Animal Acres at 661-269-5404. Please note: Tickets will not be mailed; your name will be at the registration table the day of the event and you will receive a confirmation of your registration via e-mail.

For more information, visit: [http://animalacres.org/events/pre\\_hoedown\\_2009.html](http://animalacres.org/events/pre_hoedown_2009.html).

***Various Educational Tabling Opportunities – Saturdays, June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> in Orange County***

Come out in the sun and join activists in tabling and distributing literature to L.A./Orange County beach attendees on the following Saturdays:

Saturday, June 6 - Venice Beach

Saturday, June 13 - Laguna Beach, close to Broadway-PCH intersection

Saturday, June 20 - Long Beach

Please contact Ameer at [sanghviameer@yahoo.com](mailto:sanghviameer@yahoo.com) for more information and to volunteer to table at any of these locations. Please remember to carpool and feel free to help with beach cleanup after each event.

***Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club and Fundraiser – Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Veggie Grill in Irvine***

OCPA's next dinner meeting will be a fundraiser event held on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Veggie Grill in Irvine (next to Trader Joe's), 4213 Campus Dr, Irvine CA 92612, across from UCI; phone: (949) 509-0003; <http://www.veggiegrill.com>.

The Veggie Grill will donate 20% of the **entire day's** proceeds to OCPA. Present this [flyer](#) or mention OCPA when you place your order.

We meet every first Sunday of the month at a different vegetarian/vegan restaurant. Every few months we meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there! Everyone – vegetarian, vegan, or otherwise – is invited to join us for this vegan restaurant gathering. Email Julie if you'd like to carpool to this event: [juliemeskell@cox.net](mailto:juliemeskell@cox.net). And stay tuned for upcoming e-alerts for information about more of these types of gatherings in the future.

***Justice 4 Karley Readiness for Trial Conference – Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in Riverside***

Update from Arraignment Hearing: Glynn Johnson entered his plea again of Not Guilty.

The next court appearance is a Trial Readiness Conference scheduled on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 41 at the Riverside County Courthouse, 4100 Main St. Riverside, 92501. This will be an exchange of discovery evidence between the DA and the Defense Attorney to determine the readiness for trial; a trial date will be scheduled at this conference.

For more information on this campaign, visit <http://justice4karley.com/>.

***APRL/OCPA Foie Gras Demo – Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Da Vinci's Restaurant in Long Beach***

Join OCPA and the Animal Protection and Rescue League (APRL) at the next foie gras demo scheduled for Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Da Vinci's Restaurant, 2801 E Spring Street, # 300, Long Beach, CA 90806; 562-685-8111; <http://www.davincilb.com>.

As you may already know, foie gras is created by forcibly restraining ducks three times a day while a rough steel pipe is shoved down their throats to overfeed them to the point that their livers swell to more than 10 times the normal size.

The foie gras campaign has resulted in several local restaurants such as Five Feet, the Sky Room, Mr. A's, and Laurel's removing foie gras from the menu.

Please help us make Orange County foie gras-free. We have signs and banners. We just need your presence to help the animals. Please contact [julie.meskell@ocpausa.org](mailto:julie.meskell@ocpausa.org) if you'd like to carpool. For more information, visit: <http://www.aprl.org/foiegras.html>.

## ***IDA's Annual International Day of Action for Elephants in Zoos – Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Various Locations***

IDA invites you to participate in the first International Day of Action for Elephants in Zoos (IDAEZ), a global event aimed at bringing mammoth attention to the plight of elephants in zoos, and ending their suffering.

On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, pro-elephant advocates will turn out en masse at their nearest zoos, holding outreach events and demonstrations to educate the public about the tragic effects of keeping elephants in small, impoverished zoo pens where they suffer and die prematurely.

Elephants are highly intelligent, complex and self-aware individuals who have evolved for long distance living. In the wild they range tens of miles a day, live in large, tight-knit family groups, and communicate with one another at great distances. Yet zoos keep elephants in tiny exhibits of a few acres or less, where lack of movement and standing on hard surfaces cause painful foot infections and arthritis, the leading causes of euthanasia in captive-held elephants. The stress and boredom typical of intensive confinement results in abnormal behaviors such as repetitive swaying and head bobbing. In addition, many zoos still use a cruel, circus-style management method based on negative reinforcement and the use of bullhooks (a steel-tipped device similar to a fireplace poker) to poke, prod, stab and beat elephants into submission.

The elephants need your help! That's why IDA is urging everyone to participate in this very special day by coordinating or joining an event at your community's zoo. Your event can be as simple as handing out leaflets and holding signs, or you can create educational displays and provide petitions for people to sign. IDA will assist you by providing event materials including leaflets and fact sheets, helpful tips and more.

For more information, visit <http://www.helpelephants.com/> or contact IDAEZ Event Coordinator Melissa Gonzalez: [Melissa@idausa.org](mailto:Melissa@idausa.org); phone: 707-981-7701.

## ***Vegan Earth Day – Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Woodland Hills***

Come out and enjoy this year's Vegan Earth Day on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Woodland Hills at LA Pierce College, 6201 Winnetka Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91371.

We are proclaiming the first day of summer - the day of most light - to be Vegan Earth Day, to highlight special global attention on the role of meat and dairy as the primary cause for global warming, drought, deforestation, resource depletion, pollution, erosion, desertification, world hunger, poverty, disease, war, violence, energy crises, and animal suffering - and to offer solutions.

This one-day solar-powered outdoor eco-life festival will be a fun-filled celebration of music, film screenings, food, speakers, celebrities, kindness to animals, peace, and green lifestyle. In addition, we're excited to announce Vegan Earth Day will be taken in a global scale and be celebrated in multi-cities on the same date.

The current initial speakers' roster includes peace mom CINDY SHEEHAN, Animal Planet's "Whale Wars" star CAPT. PAUL WATSON, film star MARIANA TOSCA, world-renowned ayurvedic healer VAIDYA PRIYANKA, one of the foremost heart specialists in the world Dr. CALDWELL ESSELSTYN, firefighter & pro triathlete RIP ESSELSTYN, emcee radio host BOB LINDEN (as heard on K-TALK, GREEN-960, Air America, Nova M, & [www.GoVeganRadio.com](http://www.GoVeganRadio.com)).

For more information, visit <http://www.veganearthday.org>.

## ***OCPA Vegan Picnic Potluck – Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at Bill Barber Park***

OCPA is hosting its annual vegan picnic potluck this year on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at Bill Barber Park. Mark your calendars and check out our website at <http://ocapusa.org/events.htm> (and/or our [Myspace.com page](#)) for more details as final plans are formulated.

## ***Ringling Brothers Opening Night Demo – Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Anaheim***

We'll be back to demonstrate against the animal cruelty of the Ringling Brothers' Circus when they return to The Honda Center in Anaheim this July.

Meet us on opening night, Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We'll meet at the corner of Katella and Douglas off the 57 Freeway and in front of the main entrances to The Honda Center. Bring your own signs; we'll provide signs and literature too – and offer OCPA anti-circus t-shirts.

## ***Animal Rights Conference 2009 – July 16-20<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles***

Register today for the world's largest and oldest animal rights conference, this year being held in Los Angeles at the Westin LAX between July 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

The conference features 100 sessions, including plenaries, workshops, raps, reports; 90 speakers from 60 animal protection groups in nine countries; sessions on personal skills, activism, organizing, outreach; eyewitness report on whale wars and Prop 2 campaign; presentations by leaders of other social justice movements; celebrity and activist awards; 80 videos with premieres; one hundred free exhibits; networking receptions; and discounted parking.

Key speakers at this year's conference include: Lorri Bauston, Michael Budkie, Karen Davis, Karen Dawn, Debra Ehrenberg, Camille Hankins, Alex Hershaff, Elliot Katz, Dennis Kucinich (by video), Elizabeth Kucinich, Bob Linden, Erik Marcus, Erica Meier, Anthony Marr, Michael Mountain, Jack Norris, Lauren Ornelas, Alex Pacheco, Colleen Patrick-Goudreau, Bryan Pease, Nathan Runkle, Brenda Shoss, Will Tuttle, Paul Watson, Peter Young and many more.

Join us at the OCPA exhibit table! For more information and to register for this event, visit <http://arconference.org/>.

## ***Puppy Store-Free Orange County Campaign – Saturdays Ongoing in Mission Viejo, Brea and Thousand Oaks; Training Meeting – Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Ladera Ranch***

The puppy store-free Orange County campaign is expanding to the Brea Mall, where Barkworks sells puppies.

Best Friends, OCPA and others have been holding educational demonstrations at the Barkworks Store at The Shops of Mission Viejo Mall for only six weeks and have already had a significant impact! This means that we are educating the public and they are choosing not to shop, but to adopt.

Right now Best Friends has a regular presence at the Barkworks at the Westside Pavilion in L.A. and at The Shops of Mission Viejo Mall in O.C., while Last Chance for Animals holds demonstrations at the Barkworks store in Thousand Oaks.

At the end of a day of volunteering, it is a great feeling to know that you made that difference. If you are interested in volunteering in Brea, please contact Barb at [gregandbarb@cox.net](mailto:gregandbarb@cox.net) with available times and commitment levels. The Brea Mall tabling schedule will most likely be: Every Saturday 12:00 until 5:00 (one person needed for the entire shift); 12:00 until 2:30 (one person needed to volunteer for the first half the shift); and 2:30 until 5:00 (one person needed to volunteer the second half of the shift).

Best Friends is also planning another training meeting – for both new and experienced volunteers – on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Remington Apartment complex located at 25501 Crown Valley Parkway, Ladera Ranch, CA 92694.

Topics will include: The purpose of the "A Puppy Store-Free" Campaign; what has been accomplished by the Los Angeles Best Friends Group; review all the material used when protesting; the "most frequently asked questions;" answer any questions and concerns; future plans for the campaign and how you can make a difference; confirm that we are all consistently using the same terms and saying the same things.

After attending the training session, you should feel comfortable talking with people about irresponsible breeders and should be knowledgeable in answering their questions.

Please RSVP Barb Holcomb at [gregandbarb@cox.net](mailto:gregandbarb@cox.net) and let her know if you can make it or not.

***Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo Demos – August 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, Times/Details TBD***

Mark the dates for these important demonstrations to help educate the public about the cruelty behind rodeos – and stay tuned for more details in upcoming e-alerts.

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## **Thank you for everything you do for the animals!**

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