Dr. Martin Small volunteered his services as the Burbank Animal Shelter's veterinarian for over 15 years. He was a man who lived his life with purpose, with passion, and generosity to both people and pets alike.

Dr. Small always went above and beyond for our shelter pets. He knew that for a pet to leave a shelter alive, we had to give it a fighting chance for success; to be able to compete with more perfect animals from breeders and pet stores. Even on an extremely limited budget, we had the means to treat frightful diseases even if it meant a little more work. Dr. Small treated all of us with respect and as equals.

Thank you to the Small family for sharing your father and grandfather with us. He holds a special place at the Burbank Animal Shelter, and he will be forever remembered as a champion to all of the pets that passed through our doors.

Dr. Martin Small volunteered his services as the Burbank Animal Shelter’s veterinarian for over 15 years. The VBAS, along with many in the Burbank community, mourned Dr. Small’s passing on January 27, 2017.
The Burbank Animal Shelter and the VBAS have been greatly impacted by the work of Dr. Martin Small, and though this short tribute cannot possibly convey the full extent of our gratitude and love for him, we wanted to share our favorites.

Molly Stretten fondly remembers the beginning of the Medical Program. “In the beginning, Dr. Small relied on weekly volunteer helpers. We were his “girls.” I was his “Girl Tuesday,” assisting with cat exams every Tuesday. Holly Jenkins assisted with dogs on Monday while Sandy Sandin, Joseline Lawson, and Lorry Izor assisted the remainder of the week. Other volunteers like Kristen Klegseth and Debbie Peterson would later join the team. But to say we were just “volunteers” would be a misnomer. Without a lot of the extras a typical practice might have, Dr. Small took the time to train us to truly assist animals. We learned how to draw blood for SNAP tests, how to properly pill an animal afflicted with worms, where to inject a vaccine, and how to tube a cat for surgery.”

Sandy Sandin attests that “it was under Dr. Small’s guidance the medical program grew and flourished, as did the volunteers who helped him. He was a natural teacher; he was never shy about sharing his experiences. Working with him opened up a whole new world to me. He taught me to trust myself and my instincts when it came to animal care.”

As the medical program continued to expand the scope of their responsibilities to the animals, Kristen Klegseth recalls being able to assist on some pretty unique surgeries. “This tiny kitten, about five or six weeks old had a severely injured and infected leg. Dr. Small calmly said ‘OK - we need to take the leg off now. Let’s get going.’ I remembered thinking that the kitten was too tiny and sick to survive such a big surgery, but without immediate surgery, he wouldn’t make it either. Turns out that kitten was a fighter and with Dr. Small’s amazing surgical skills everything went well. No matter what else was going on, patient care was his priority.”

Overall, the stories our volunteers wanted to share all center around the joy, compassion, legendary humor, and incredible work ethic Dr. Small shared with us, and we can share with you in his memory.
If there is one thing our Grandpa knew how to do, it was how to bring us together. Our family has always been magnetic, and we have our Grandma and Grandpa to thank for that. We have been reminiscing with old photos and realize how lucky we are for the endless times spent with each other. From family trips to Dinkey Creek, Catalina Island, or Aviara, and of course, our annual Thanksgiving and Hanukkah celebrations – our Grandpa made sure to have multiple reasons every year for this “Small” family to gather.

In the times that we weren’t together, he was sure to give us each his undivided love and attention. He spent his frivolous time driving all over the state to make sure he could cheer us on at countless graduations, sports games, and performances. The dedication he showed us gave us the confidence to pursue whatever path we chose, and we all chose very differently. His acceptance of us taught us how to have an open mind and open heart for all people, animals, and the world in general.

Our Grandpa was a superhero in everything he did – from volunteering for the animal shelter even after he had retired, skydiving on his 85th birthday, or taking all of his children and grandchildren on different adventures around the world, our grandpa was our superhero.

“Our grandpa was our superhero.”

But most importantly, he was a superhero who taught us how to love. Between the way he looked at our grandmother; the annual birthday cards; his endless love for ice cream and gummy bears; or the way he ended every single call, text or conversation with the words “I love you,” we knew, and will always know, he loved us...and we will always love him.
In this issue, the VBAS would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who support our organization, and the animals at the Burbank Animal Shelter.
Our Volunteers

Our Spending

We allocate our donations where needed for optimal impact.

Average length of volunteer commitment is 45 months

139
48
14,866

Our Programs

Foster Programs / Adoption Programs

Puppy Foster Program
Cat Socialization
Kitten Foster Program

$174,000
$131,000

20%
44%
10%
26%

Happy Tails / Hikes
Post-Adoption Training

Our Fundraising

2016 Annual Review

Our dedicated volunteers provide basic care for the animals and assist with adoptions, as well as participate in and manage our various programs.
GENERAL INFORMATION

BURBANK ANIMAL SHELTER

ADDRESS:
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818.238.3340

HOURS:
Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday: 11:00am to 3:00pm
Monday: Closed

ADOPTION & REGISTRATION RATES

ADOPTION FEES:
• Dogs - $104
• Cats - $78
• Bunnies - $30
(Prices include spay or neuter, vaccinations and micro chip)

You must be 18 or over to adopt a pet.

LICENSE FEES FOR BURBANK RESIDENTS:
• Unaltered Dogs: $100
• Altered Dogs: $20
A rabies certificate is required for all dogs.
• Cats (Unaltered & Altered): $5
• Horses: $15
• Wild Animal Permit: $15

PLEASE NOTE: Licenses are required for all animals and must be renewed annually. There is a 100% penalty for late renewals.

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NICKELDEON STUDIOS

Adoption Day

By Megan Craig

On Valentine’s Day, six volunteers participated in a private community outreach event at Nickelodeon Animation Studios on Olive Avenue. Nickelodeon employees were able to learn about VBAS and meet a few of our featured four-legged friends.

Two-year VBAS veteran Belinda Beardt was happy to be present for the event, “I love participating in VBAS events where I get to introduce adoptable dogs to the community. It was fun community outreach and a great way to educate the public about adopting from shelters and rescue groups.” Although no adoptions were a direct result of the event, the VBAS booth received a lot of foot traffic and interest in our volunteer program.

Sometimes You’ve Gotta

Give Love to Get Love

By Megan Craig

From February 1 through February 14, 2017, the VBAS gave love a discount as part of the February Best Friends National Adoption Promotion “Give Love.” Throughout this time, adoptions were only $14! Being part of a national campaign helps bring awareness to local shelters and volunteer organizations like ours.

During the promotion, 16 cats and 9 dogs were able to find their forever home with their true human love.

To receive a copy of City Paws in the mail, please send name and address to cecelia@thevbas.org.
Happiness is
A Warm Puppy (or Kitty)

Our beloved pets enjoy the many comforts of home, but for animals, at shelters, something as simple as a blanket or bed can alter the course of their destiny.

“Blankets and towels benefit [shelter animals] by providing extra comfort and warmth to already stressed out animals,” says Burbank Animal Shelter RVT Jeannette Dease. “Stress is a HUGE factor in keeping these large groups of shelter animals healthy. Both mentally and physically.” And happier, healthier pets are more likely to be adopted into forever homes.

The Burbank Animal Shelter is extremely fortunate to receive many generous donations of items that bring comfort to shelter animals. At times, more than the shelter can store and use. Instead of discarding these items the Burbank Animal Shelter has teamed up with Operation Blankets of Love to ensure that even more, needy animals can experience comfort and care while waiting for forever homes.

Operation Blankets of love is a non-profit animal welfare and emergency relief organization serving the Greater Los Angeles area as well as nine other California counties, and animals across the U.S and Internationally.

In addition to collecting blankets, pet beds, food, treats, toys, carriers and grooming supplies, Operation Blankets of Love provides support to organizations like the American Red Cross; helping animals displaced by natural disasters or catastrophes.

Operation Blankets of Love also has a strong presence in the community raising awareness about the plight of homeless animals to students from pre-school to college age.

To learn more about this amazing organization visit operationblanketsoflove.org

Donor Spotlight

The animals, staff, and volunteers of the Burbank Animal Shelter were taken by surprise on the afternoon of December 7th when the cast of FREEFORM’s Young & Hungry arrived at the shelter spreading holiday cheer and donating gifts for all.

In conjunction with its “25 Days of Christmas” programming event, FREEFORM, a part of the Disney | ABC Television Group, coordinates Pop-Up Santa surprises all over the country.

Kym Whitley (“Yolanda”), Rex Lee (“Elliott”) and Executive Producer, David Holden, donated lots of food, blankets, toys, gift cards and other needed supplies for the shelter residents. They also gave gift cards to the staff and volunteers, thanking them for all they do to help eliminate animal homelessness in Burbank.
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**our mission**

The VBAS provides protection, quality care, and love for animals in need, partnering with the community to promote animal adoptions and providing a united voice to help end animal homelessness in Burbank and beyond through advocacy and education.

Our Volunteers are committed to educating the community about the benefits of pet adoption, spay/neuter and proper pet care. In an effort to help provide the best possible care for all Burbank Animal Shelter residents, we have created and maintain successful adoption and fundraising programs, including our Kitten Foster Program, Happy Tails and Medical Program. For more information, or to learn about giving opportunities, please visit our website at [www.thevbas.org](http://www.thevbas.org).

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