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# Pets & Seniors

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# About Me



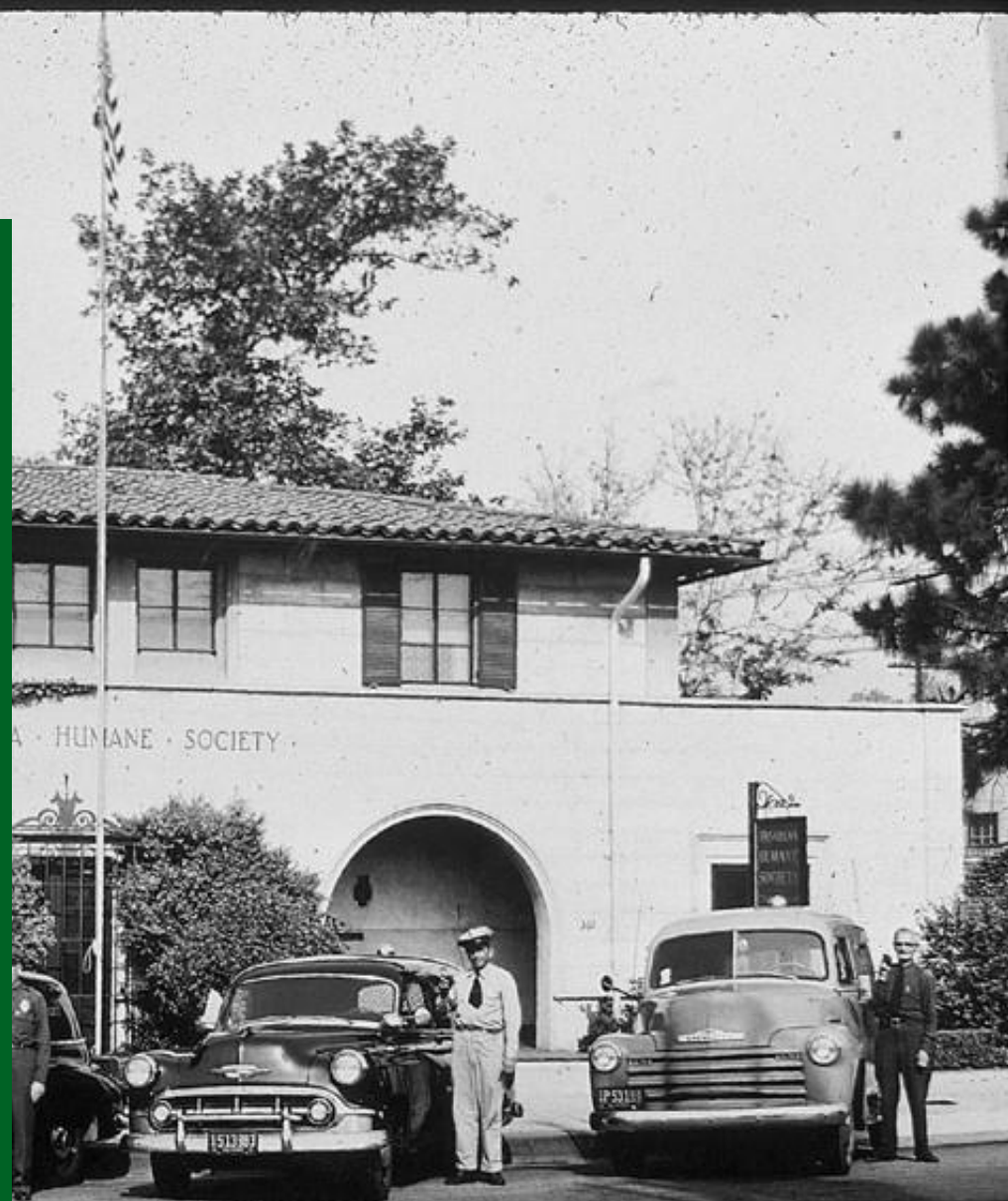
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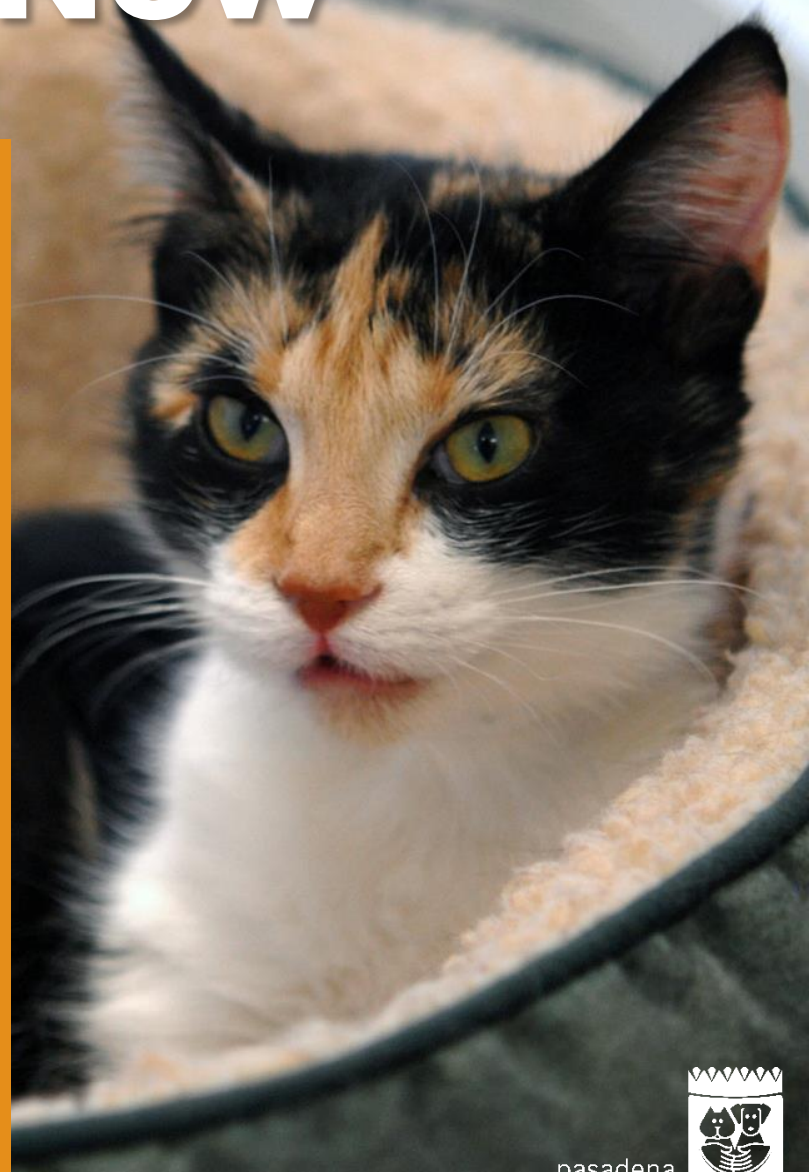
# History

- Founded in 1903 as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Dumb Animals
- Originally cared for working animals like horses, mules, donkeys and cattle
- Also cared for abused women and orphans from 1903 until the mid-1930's



# Who We Are Now

- Donor-supported, nonprofit organization that provides animal care and services for homeless and owned animals in the Greater Los Angeles Area
- Dedicated to promoting humane treatment and compassionate care for all animals
- We offer lifesaving programs and services to the community that support the human-animal bond and keep pets in homes
- Operate a full-service animal shelter providing animal control in 11 contract cities





# Services

- Animal Care
- Wellness
- Field Services
- Outreach and Education
- Wildlife



# List of services

Animal Care

Animal Rescue and  
Control

Behavior Testing

Boarding and Playtime

Children's Programs

Disaster Response

Education Workshops

Foster Program

Helping Paws

Lost & Found

Mobile Outreach

Pet Placement

Shelter Shop

Spay/Neuter

Training, group  
obedience and activity  
classes

Volunteer Opportunities

Wildlife rescue,  
rehabilitation and release

Wellness Services





# Animal Shelters are Human Services Agencies





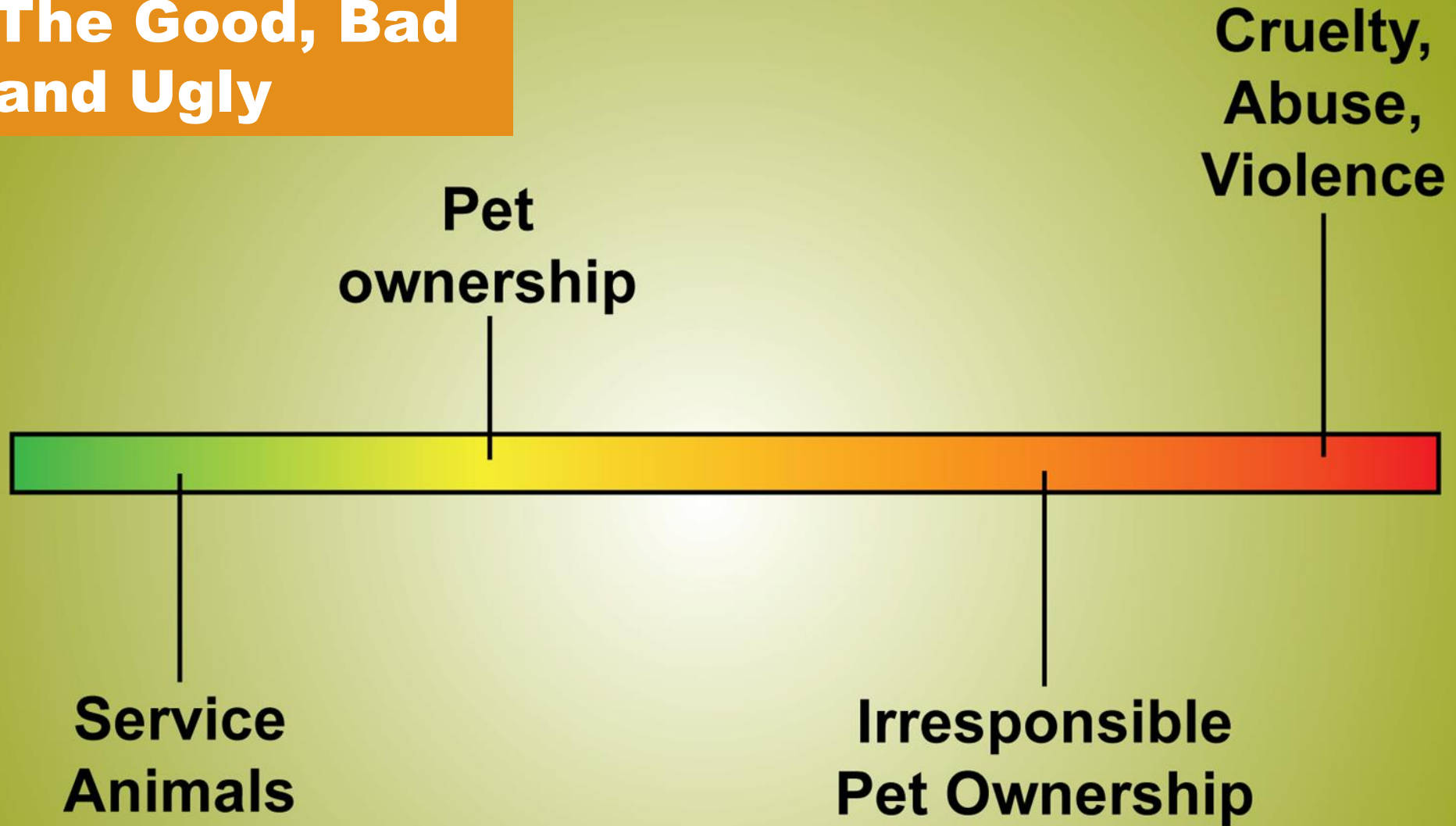
# The Human Animal Bond

“ The human-animal bond is a mutually beneficial and dynamic relationship between people and animals that is influenced by behaviors that are essential to the health and well-being of both. This includes, but is not limited to, emotional, psychological, and physical interactions of people, animals, and the environment.

- American Veterinary Association



# The Good, Bad and Ugly





# Seniors & Pets



- People 60 and over adopt pets five years and older for free.
- Similar programs at other shelters.



# Seniors for Seniors





# Benefits of Pet Ownership





# Companionship







# Exercise





# Making New Friends



**Routine**





# Getting Out of the House





**Stress Relief**



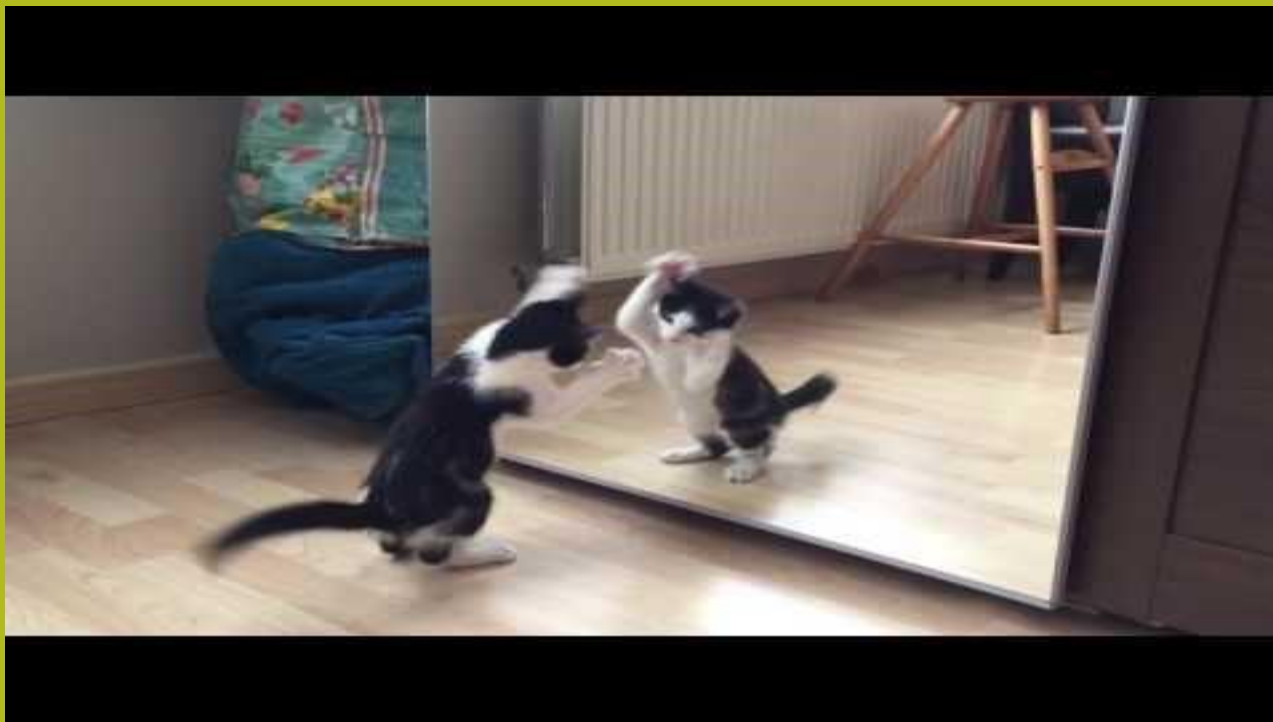


**Taking Care of Something**





**Protection**



# Laughter





**Purpose**

# Selecting a New Pet

- Size
- Weight
- Age
- Activity Level
- Temperament





# Dogs



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# Cats



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# Critters





# Senior Pets





# Basic Costs

- Pet Food / Supplies
- Training
- Grooming
- Medical





# Support

- Programs
  - Helping Paws
- Pet Share
- Community





# Risks

- Health
- Cost
- Responsibility
- Travel



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- Instructions for first responders
- Identify pet caretaker or next of kin
- Pet “go bag” with important documents, medication, food.
- Moving



# Planning





Pet-assisted therapy provides opportunities for motivational, educational, recreational and/or therapeutic benefits to enhance quality of life. Pet-assisted therapy is delivered in a variety of environments by specially trained professionals, para-professionals, and/or volunteers, in association with animals that meet specific criteria.

# Pet-Assisted Therapy





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McEnroe



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### McEnroe's Fun Facts

#### **Favorite Book**

*Gaston* by Kelly Dipucchio

#### **Favorite Toy**

Teddy Bears that he takes apart  
until he finds the squeaker

#### **McEnroe's Pet Tip**

Give your dog fresh water two  
times a day. On a hot day make  
sure the water is not in the sun.

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Tomas



Super



### Tomas' Fun Facts

#### **Favorite Book**

*My Cat Isis* by Catherine Austen

#### **Big Fun**

Sitting in the highest spot in the room

#### **Special Story**

Before Tomas was adopted he built a  
nest in a thorn bush for protection.

#### **Tomas' Pet Tip**

String is not a safe cat toy. Cats  
might eat it or get caught in the string.  
Try a ping pong ball. They are safe  
and fun.

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**Pet  
Therapy  
Dogs**



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# Service Dogs



Americans with Disabilities Act defines a service dog as one who is trained to work directly in relation to a person's disability. They are with the person all the time. They can do things like open doors, help people dress, guide wheelchairs, prevent falls and perform lifesaving tasks.

A companion animal that a medical professional has determined provides benefit for an individual with a disability.

# Emotional Support Pets







**Volunteer/Foster**



# Estate Planning



- Plan for your pets after your gone
- Include pets in your will
- Identify who will take your pets



# Human Service Issues that affect the Human Animal Bond

- The Link
- Drugs
- Animal Fighting
- Homelessness
- Domestic Violence
- Gang Behavior
- Divorce, family breakdown
- Arrests



# The Link between animal abuse and family violence





# Elder Abuse

- Neglect due to fragility dementia, transportation and finance.
- Spend time and money on pet instead of themselves.
- Refusal to get care.
- Home health- people not wanting to get help.
- Hoarding
- Abuse
- Rescuers





# Intervention



# How you Can Help

- Volunteer
- Foster
- Donate
- Attend an event
- DIY Fundraising
- Share on social media



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# Thank you

