



Newport Beach City Manager Grace Leung

Community Members:

The Thursday, May 25 ribbon cutting made it official: Newport Beach has its first permanent, city-run animal shelter. The new shelter, which replaces a temporary, rented facility, was made possible by the unwavering support and generous contributions of private donors to the Friends of Newport Beach Animal Shelter (FONBAS).

FONBAS was founded in 2017 by a group of local community leaders, who formed a public-private partnership with the City of Newport Beach with a mission to support lost and displaced animals in our community. The city's Police Department oversees the shelter, which is managed by Supervisor Valerie Schomburg with the support of city staff and 25 volunteers.

The new shelter provides upgraded amenities and medical care in a single story, 1,600-square-foot building with 750 square feet of kennel space to house dogs. The facility includes parking, two front yard greeting areas and a secure, rear-yard exercise space. The facility will house dogs, cats and other small animals in a safe and nurturing environment while they wait for their forever homes.

FONBAS has played a pivotal role in bringing this vision to life, and we extend our deepest gratitude to the organization for its dedication to animal welfare. FONBAS' efforts will make a lasting impact on the lives of animals in our community.

The new shelter will open to the public in July. For more information on FONBAS, visit www.fonbas.org. To reach the shelter, call 949.718.3454.

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