

AROUND TOWN



ANIMAL CONTROL
supervisor Valerie Schomburg plays with Stanley, a Chihuahua mix, at the Friends of the Newport Beach Animal Shelter in 2017.

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Fundraising begins for new Newport animal shelter

The Friends of Newport Beach Animal Shelter is now collecting funds to acquire a permanent home base.

The current shelter, run by the Newport Beach Police Department's Animal Control Division, is in a small leased space in a pocket of the Santa Ana Heights neighborhood that is zoned for kennels.

The city took over care for local lost, stray and homeless animals in 2016 after previously outsourcing services and the nonprofit Friends formed the next year to augment that mission — raising money for needs from medical care to a new and improved shelter.

The Founding Members fundraising campaign has donor levels ranging from Puppy & Kitty (\$25) to Big Dog (\$1,000).

Donations can be made online at fonbas.org or mailed to Friends of Newport Beach Animal Shelters at P.O. Box 10791, Newport Beach, CA 92658.

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