2020 Healthy Pets Healthy Families Coalition Update



On October 18th, 2016 the Healthy Pets, Healthy Families (HPHF) Coalition met for their 20th meeting with over 20 people in attendance!

The HPHF meeting usually starts with Veterinary Public Health (VPH) updates, but because this was the last HPHF coalition meeting of the 2016 year, VPH wanted to try something different. We conducted an end-of-the-year feedback facilitated discussion, in which the coalition members divided into three sub- groups to reflect on the coalition's goals and objectives for the 2016 year. There were great suggestions and feedback provided during the breakout sessions and VPH will strive to implement some of the suggestions during the 2017 year! If you weren't able to attend this meeting, but would like to provide input regarding the HPHF Coalition, please feel free to email us at wet@ph.lacounty.gov. We are also seeking coalition's members availability for next year and we ask that you answer this brief survey here to best determine your availability for the 2017 year.

Continuing the second half of the year on bite prevention, the presentation for this quarterly meeting was from Jacquie Green from Baldwin Park Animal Major Case Unit, who spoke on **Working with dangerous dogs** with emphasis on dog bites. Did you know that there are over 4.5 million dog bites reported each year and that over 800,000 are serious enough to require medical attention?

After the presentations, we continued our ongoing Focus Area tabletop discussions, reviewing our 2016 goals (see pg.2) and preparing the focus areas for 2017. We are ending the year with great momentum and we hope that moving forward we will continue to enact on interventions such as bite prevention toolkits for school personnel and parents as well as dog-friendly walking groups that will continue to help to track trends in animal health.

November 2016

Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.

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Help us plan for 2017!

Let us know you're preferred weekdays to attend the HPHF Coalition meetings by doing this brief survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPHF2017



If you're ever approached by a dog who looks like this remember:

- 1. Do not run or turn your back.
- Try to make yourself look big and tall and while speaking in a commanding voice, back away slowly.
- If bitten, report it and seek medical attention immediately.

Don't hesitate, participate!

Get involved with making a difference in your community.

We are working on the HPHF Coalition meeting dates for 2017, so please don't forget to do the survey to help determine the best availability for our members!

If you're interested in helping VPH set goals for 2017, please contact us at wet@ph.lacounty.gov

Focus Area Updates

The mission of Healthy Pets, Healthy Families is "to use the connections between human and animal health in order to promote a healthy community." While every group works independently and has their own set of objectives and goals, below are a recap of the focus area objectives for 2016.

Bite Prevention:

To develop education materials for a bite prevention curriculum that will be beta tested at Watt's Learning Center.

Disaster Preparedness:

To provide a unified "10 simple steps" for emergency preparation to be distributed at places of adoption centers (i.e. rescues, animal shelters, non-profits and adoption events).

Obesity Prevention:

To create a 2017 activity calendar and distribution plan targeting children ages 5-10 years old. The calendar will also include an educational tip related to obesity (petand/or human) and exercise goal for the faily for each month.

Secondhand smoke:

To survey Los Angeles County veterinarians on cases of tobacco/e-cig toxicity within their clientele. To target regions with a higher concentration of smokers with educational outreach.

Spay & Neuter:

To hold one spay/neuter event with a goal of conducting at least 100 surgeries for cats in the Los Angeles area by the end of 2016

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:

To develop and implement a door-to-door educational info distribution campaign in two zip codes in the Antelope Valley.

Zoonoses & Parasite Prevention:

To develop 20 social media messages using the pre-existing Single Overarching Communication Objectives (SOCOs) about zoonotic/vector-borne disease prevention. To distribute these messages during specific pet and human health related dates.

Pet Health Reminders:

November is Pet Diabetes Month

November is Pet Cancer Awareness Month

November 3rd was One Health Day

December 4th is World Wildlife Conservation Day

December 13th is National Day of the Horse

December 27th is National Visit the Zoo Day

Have a safe and prosperous holiday season!