



**Date:** May 7, 2015  
**To:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.W.*  
**From:** George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine *G.C.*  
**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**Subject:** Animal Care Services Behavior and Re-homing Coordinator

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The Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine, Animal Care Services Bureau (ACS) is pleased to announce the hiring of a dedicated Behavior and Re-homing Coordinator. Ms. Jill Prout recently started with ACS and has hit the ground running. She will be responsible for all of the programs leading to positive outcomes for our shelter guests. This includes adoptions, transfers to rescue groups, transports to shelters in other parts of the country, foster programs, volunteer programs, animal enrichment programs, and much more.

In 2014 ACS enjoyed the lowest number of impounds and euthanasia in over 25 years. With this hire we anticipate the numbers to be even better in 2015.

We look forward to great things from Jill and we are excited to have her help take us to the next level. Attached you will find a picture along with a short biography.

If you have any questions please contact Ted Stevens at 562-570-3051.

**Cc:** Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager  
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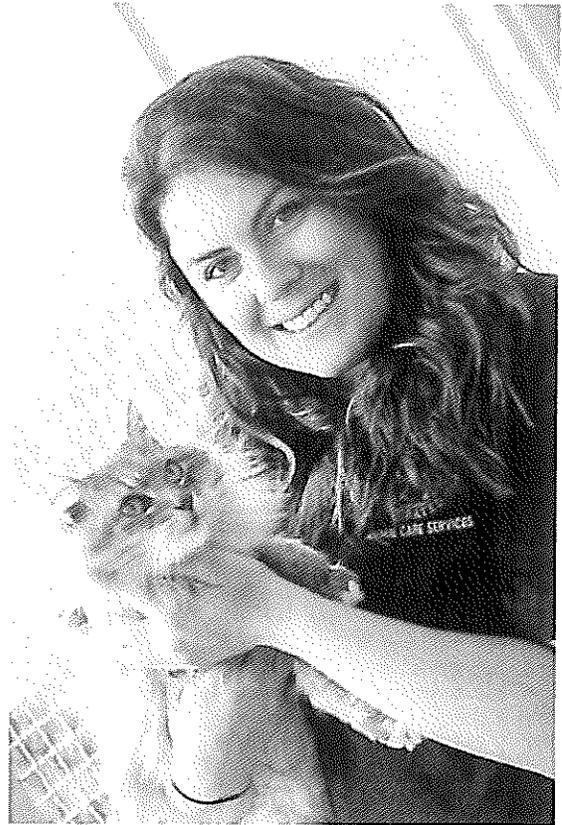
Long Beach Animal Care Services would like to welcome Jill Prout to our team. Ms. Prout will be taking on the role of full time Rehoming Coordinator and will be responsible for running the adoption, rescue, volunteer and other programs related to finding positive outcomes for our shelter guests.

Jill is joining us from the spcaLA where she held a senior position in their adoption program at their South Bay shelter. In addition to her work experience with the spcaLA, Ms. Prout has many years of experience working in the animal care industry including overseeing adoption programs for the Orange County Humane Society.

Jill is a proud resident of Long Beach and has said that she is “thrilled and grateful to be able to make a difference in the lives of so many animals who share the beautiful city in which she (and her two rescue cats) call home.

Jill hopes to bring her hands on animal experience and great understanding of companion animal behavior with her to her new position at Long Beach and is excited to help build momentum behind LBACS efforts to up their live release rates and get adoptable pets out of the shelter and into forever homes.

In her spare time she enjoys spending time with family and friends and has recently become engaged. Both Jill and her fiancée enjoy fostering at-risk, sick and/or needy animals and are happy when they are able to rehabilitate and rehome these pets.



Her other passion is performing arts. At Orange Coast College she was part of a production entitled “The Wetlands Project”, a touring show that would visit local elementary and middle schools to help educate children about the importance of persevering the California Coastal Wetlands & the many animals that reside there.

We are very excited to have Jill joining our team and look forward to many positive outcomes and happy endings for our shelter guests!