Q: What is Race For The Rescues?
A: Race For The Rescues is a day when all ages of animal lovers come out to run, walk, shop or adopt to help save the life of a homeless dog, cat or horse. We are a timed sporting event and have a mixture of serious athletes competing for times and people who just want to come out and walk with or without their dog to help support the benefiting animal welfare organizations. Not a runner? Then come join the fun of our Expo where we hold dog and cat adoptions, have a huge silent auction, entertainment, a dog costume contest, food trucks, pet psychics, unique pet products and more. IT’S A BLAST!

Q: When and Where is the event?
A: Race For The Rescues will be Sunday, October 7th, 2012, at Area H immediately south of the Rose Bowl. Address: Rose Bowl Stadium 1001 Rose Bowl Drive Pasadena, CA 91103. The Rose Bowl is off the 210 Freeway. CLICK HERE FOR MAPQUEST

Q: What time does the event start?
A: Registration begins at 7am. The Race starts at 8:30 am. The Expo area opens at 7AM – 12:30 PM.

Q: Where do I park my vehicle?
A: There is plenty of parking adjacent to area H. Lot I, which is immediately South of Seco Street, is open to the public.

Q: Is the event open to the public?
A: Yes you must be a paid register to run the race. However anyone can attend our Expo for FREE! Come out and join the fun!

Q: How long is the race?
A: The race is a 5K (3.1) miles and 10K (6.2). There is also a Kids Fun Run for children under 12 which is less than a mile. Every child is a winner and gets an award.

Q: What is included in my registration fee?
A: All Pre-registered participants are guaranteed a T-shirt, refreshments, a chance to win awards and the good feeling of knowing they helped to save the life of a dog, cat or horse facing euthanasia.

Q: Where do I pick up my T-shirt & Bibb?
A: If you registered on line you will go to the preregistered line in the registration area. If a prevent packet pick is scheduled it will be announced on the home page.

Q: Do I have to raise pledges?
A: We encourage everyone to raise pledges because this is how we are going to raise the most funds for the animals in need. However it is not mandatory and if you want to contribute by running the race we are so happy to have you attend!
Q: Will our time be recorded at the Finish Line?
A: Yes we have chip timing!

Q: Will there be awards?
A: Yes, top overall male and female racers and top three fundraisers will win cool prizes! There will also be medals for the top 3 racers in each age category. The kids run will be noncompetitive but every child is a winner and gets a medal.

Q: Will there be refreshments?
A: Yes will have food and beverage samples from our sponsors.

Q: Where do the registration fees and pledge money go?
A: All the money raised will go to help the homeless dogs, cats and horses of Los Angeles by support the benefitting 501(c)3, nonprofit, animal welfare organizations. Organizations form their own teams to raise funds for their groups.

Q: Where do I turn in my pledge money?
A: We encourage you to use our on-line fundraising system. If you receive a check (made out to THE RESCUE TRAIN) or cash donations, they should be turned in on the race day to the Pledge Table found in the registration area. Pledges not turned in on race day can be mailed to: The Rescue Train, 11271 Ventura Blvd, #405, Studio City, CA 91604. Please note pledges not turned after race day will not be applied to top fundraisers prize. Donations are tax deductible and our tax ID # is 20-1897642

Q: Can I bring children? What about strollers?
A: Yes!

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Q: Can I race with my dog?
A: Yes you can but it’s not a requirement. Please make sure your dog is social in large groups of people and other animals, spayed neutered, on a secure leash at all times and you clean up after your pet. We have a strict on leash policy due to permits. Kindly make sure your animal is in shape to do a 5K. New environments and crowds can be stressful to some animals so please take that into consideration.

Q: Why does my dog need to be spayed or neutered to attend Race For The Rescues?
A: This is a fundraising event for non-profit, no-kill animal welfare organizations. Our biggest goal is to end pet overpopulation. We don't condone owning a pet that is not spayed or neutered. Additionally, we don't want any behavioral issues to arise in the ring from a female dog that may be in heat or a male dog that is overly dominant. If you need facts about why you should spay or neuter, please visit The Rescue Train’s "Why Spay/Neuter" page at www.TheRescueTrain.org. We also offer free/low cost spay and neuter at our mobile clinics.

Q: Is this also a dog and cat adoption day?
A: Yes there will be a dog and cat adoption in conjunction with the race being held for LA Animals Services, The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA and participating dog and cat animal rescue organizations. * To find more specific answers regarding the adoptions process, please scroll to the end of this page.
**Q: When is the start and finish time of the dog and cat adoptions?**
A: The Adoption begins at 7:30 am and is over at 12 noon.

**Q: What do I need to bring to adopt an animal that day?**
A: Please note each agency has their own adoption policies. The two city shelters usually allow you to take animals home that day. You will need a valid driver’s license or passport and a form of payment in cash or check. *You will also want to bring a leash and collar for a dog and cat carrier for a cat. However many of the Rescue Groups have home check polices. Depending on which group you adopt from you must follow their policies and procedures.*

**Q: What is the price to adopt a dog?**
A: We have 10 different agencies at the event and the all vary. Most current prices can be found on participating organizations websites located on the “Who Benefits” page of this race site.

**Q: Can I take my new pet home that day?**
A: Usually the city shelters will only bring animals that have been spayed or neutered and the answer is YES. *However occasionally an animal needs to be spayed or neutered after it is adopted and you would pick your animal up at an arranged time. However the Rescue Groups attending do home checks. You must consult the group you are adopting from.*