



**UUAnimal Ministry at OCUUC
NEWSLETTER
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Take Action

**Tell NOAA to Slow Vessels
to Save Humpback Whales**



Humpback whales along the Atlantic coast have been dying at unusually high rates since 2016. Many of these whales were struck by vessels. Tell NOAA Fisheries to strengthen vessel rules and enforce speed limits in order to prevent accidental deaths. Whales deserve to be protected from destructive human actions, whether intentional or not.

[In Defense of Animals Action Page](#)

Good News for Animals



Jakarta has officially banned the dog and cat meat trade, marking a major step forward for animal welfare and public health. The new regulation, which took effect on November 24, 2025, makes it illegal to

trade, sell, slaughter, or consume dogs, cats, and several other species of animals that could transmit rabies. The new regulation gives authorities full enforcement power to dismantle the dog and cat meat industry.

[“Victory! Jakarta Officially Bans the Dog & Cat Meat Trade, Ending Decades of Cruelty”](#)
[WorldAnimalNews.com](#)

Animal Welfare Organization of the Month

Bolsa Chica Conservancy



Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve protects a coastal wetland and upland, home to threatened and endangered plants and wildlife, including the California Least Tern, Western Snowy Plover, and Ridgway's Rail. The Bolsa Chica Conservancy involves the community in hands-on restoration and education in wetland science, watersheds, coastal ecology and environmental sustainability.

[The Bolsa Chica Conservancy](#)

Pet Food Collection

We are continuing to collect donations on Sundays for the No Empty Bowls program of OC Animal Allies for the pets of homeless and low-income pet owners. Please bring unopened canned or dry pet food and also new blankets, toys, and leashes.

[OC Animal Allies](#)

UUAM Meetings

The UUAnimal Ministry group at OCUUC will meet on Zoom on January 11 and February 8, at 2:30. Come join in and help us decide on our next actions to help animals!

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