



FORTUNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Another Reason We Love Fortuna

On Wednesday September 9, 2020 Jean Pacheco of Fortuna and her dog Jack were enjoying a walk in Fortuna's Rohner Park. An irresponsible dog owner, not following the leash law, created a situation where their large dog attacked Pacheco's dog. Pacheco and Jack found themselves in need of assistance. Four students who were in the area ran to their aid, attempting to remove the larger dog from Jack. Jack was chased into the creek within the park. Pacheco and the four students attempted to retrieve Jack, who was injured and scared. The irresponsible dog owner did not assist and fled the area with their dog. While attempting to retrieve Jack, Pacheco and Jack became stuck in the creek. The students called the Fortuna Police Department for assistance. Officers responded and assisted in helping Pacheco and Jack from the creek. Jack received veterinary care and both Pacheco and Jack are doing better.

Pacheco contacted the Fortuna Police Department, asking for assistance with identifying the four students who came to her and Jack's aid in the park. Pacheco expressed that she would like to thank the students and the officers. Our department was able to identify the four students as Wyatt, Victor, Tavyn and Annabelle.

On September 18, 2020 we were able to assist in facilitating an opportunity for Pacheco and Jack to say thank you. Pacheco and Jack met with the students and officers who assisted that day in the park. Pacheco expressed her gratitude and presented the students with gift certificates from a local business. The students were very happy to see that Pacheco and Jack had recovered.

Our local Burger King restaurant in Fortuna learned of the student's kindness and donated each of them gift certificates for the restaurant to express their appreciation for the act of kindness.

As a Department we applaud these students, Wyatt, Victor, Tavyn and Annabelle for coming to Pacheco and Jack's aid and calling the police for assistance when needed.

We appreciate our community we have the pleasure to work and serve in, we love Fortuna. In speaking with Pacheco we believe she says it best, "This is the reason I choose to live in Fortuna."

Any questions regarding this incident can be directed to the Patrol Commander, Lieutenant Matt Eberhardt at (707)-725-7550.

ISSUED BY: Matthew A. Eberhardt, Lieutenant

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