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Pit Bulls Strut Their Stuff

Los Angeles, CA -- LA Animal Services, in partnership with Villalobos Pit Bull Rescue Center, is inviting the public to witness the best behaved and most fabulously trained Pit Bulls in Los Angeles perform at their graduation ceremony.

For three months, this group of dedicated Pit Bull owners and their dogs have been preparing for this day. At this event, these dogs will attempt the greatest feat of all, winning the prestigious Canine Good Citizen Award! Watch these dogs go through a tough and rigorous test to achieve this coveted Award on:

Saturday, March 24th 1:00 PM North Central LA Animal Care Center 3201 Lacy Street, LA 90031

Also meet movie trainer, **Steven Ritt** who trained such celebrities as *Buck* from **Married with Children**, *Lassie and Backup* (Pit Bull from **Veronica Mars**). Ritt will be on hand to share fun movie trick training tips.

"The most relinquished dog breed Animal Services takes into our Centers is the Pit Bull", said Ed Boks, general manager of LA Animal Services. "This program is designed to help pets and their owners stay together by creating a strong human/animal bond. I hope many folks who are thinking about relinquishing their pets will come and see the difference a training program can make for all dogs."

For more information or assistance call LA Animal Services at 1-888-452LA-PET1/1-888-452-7381 (TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit the website at <u>www.LAAnimalServices.com</u>.

We create happiness by bringing pets and people together!