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LA Animal Services Announces Dog Walking Program

Socializing shelter dogs is key to increasing pet adoptions and achieving LA's No-Kill Goal. LA Animal Services is announcing the formation of a dog walking and socialization program. Individuals interested in participating in this important life saving program are encouraged to contact LA Animal Services for information on being trained to walk available, safe, adoptable dogs in our LA's Animal Care Centers.

Participants in the program will be trained to teach shelter dogs basic obedience while getting the dogs outside for exercise and socialization. This shelter enrichment program is very important to the physical and mental well being of the dogs in Animal Services' care.

The program is designed to prepare shelter dogs for a smooth transition into loving homes, thereby developing lifelong bonds with owners.

Training classes are now scheduled for:

Saturday February 17, 2007

North Central Animal Care Center
9:00 a.m. in the Training Facility

Saturday March 3, 2007

East Valley Animal Care Center
9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Office

Class runs approximately 4 hours. Participants will receive classroom instruction and hands on training. (Each class will accommodate 20 participants maximum). There will be future classes scheduled for both weekdays and weekends. Check our web site and your local shelter for information on upcoming classes!

Call LA Animal Services Volunteer Division at 1.888.452.7381 for information on enrolling in this life saving program.

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 www.LAAnimalServices.com.

We create happiness by bringing pets and people together!