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## Downtown Dog Rescue's West Coast Dog Event a Howling Success!

**Los Angeles** – Downtown Dog Rescue and The Amanda Foundation, two animal welfare and rescue partners with LA Animal Services announced their "Yo Watts" event at 1513 East 103<sup>rd</sup> Street in Watts on Saturday, May 19 an amazing success.

Thanks to the Amanda Foundation, 103 dogs were spayed or neutered from 6:00 AM until 10:30 PM. Thirty-seven more were done the following Sunday. The great majority of these dogs were pit bulls and pit mixes as well as other large breed dogs, coming from South Central, Watts, Compton, Inglewood, and Lynwood. The split between City and County dogs was about 70/30.

The event featured a "block party" where about 1000 people came out to see the pit bull training demonstrations, custom cars, murals being painted, and listened to some great music while their pit bulls were "customized" with vaccinations, microchips and spay/neuter surgery.

"The Amanda Foundation team was amazing. I don't know how they were able to work such a long hard day", said Lori Weise, founder of Dog Town Rescue. "We had our fair share of difficult dogs that other teams would not have been able to handle. Another key partner to our day was LA Animal Services' Larry Hill, who was able to communicate the importance of responsible pit bull ownership to so many of our clients. The day was a true team effort."

"Dog Town Rescue and The Amanda Foundation are true extraordinary organizations who really are creating a more humane LA everyday," said Ed Boks, general manager of LA Animal Services.

Below is a link to some photos from this amazing day: http://flickr.com/photos/8435512@N06/sets/72157600240428320/show/

Based on the success of this event, another pit bull event is planned for end of the summer.

For more information on these two outstanding life saving organizations visit: <u>www.amandafoundation.org</u> and <u>www.downtowndogrescue.org</u>

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