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Operation Santa Paws Comes to LA Animal Services

Los Angeles – LA Animal Services is the beneficiary of this year's *Operation Santa Paws*, and annual event sponsored by The Pet Staff. *Operation Santa Paws* is a grassroots effort to raise toys, much needed supplies, and greater awareness to the plight of shelter pets. Fourteen Los Angeles PETCO stores host donation boxes for collections of gifts from the animal loving community. Gifts such as treats and supplies will be donated to our homeless furry friends at Los Angeles Animal Care Centers over the holidays. Santa himself and the staff of LA Animal Services will accept delivery of these Holiday gifts on

***Friday, December 21 at
12:00 noon at the
North Central Animal Care Center
3201 Lacy Street, and at
2 p.m. at the East Valley Animal Care Center
14409 Vanowen Street in Van Nuys.***

Fifth-grade students from Saint Paul The Apostle School teamed up with The Pet Staff to collect and deliver this year's ***Operation Santa Paws*** donations. Leading the charge at Saint Paul's is 10-year old Joe Scibelli from Cheviot Hills. A veteran of last season's effort, Joe recruited even more classmates to help this year.

"We are thrilled to be working with the fifth graders from Saint Paul's and our good friends at The Pet Staff on this year's effort to help us draw special attention to the hundreds of animals in need of a home for the holidays", said Ed Boks, general manager of LA Animal Services.

For additional information about *Operation Santa Paws*, please contact Christy Schilling at (310) 273-5600 or visit www.ThePetStaff.com, California's largest professional pet sitting, dog walking and dog training company.

For more information or assistance call LA Animal Services at
1-888-452LA-PET1/1-888-452-7381
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