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## SAN PEDRO ANIMAL CARE CENTER GRAND OPENING

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**Los Angeles** – LA Animal Services is announcing the Grand Opening of a new “safe harbor” in San Pedro on Saturday, June 21, 2008, of the new 76,000 square foot Harbor Animal Care Center located at 957 N. Gaffey Street, north of Channel Street. The event is open to the public.

Councilwoman Janice Hahn and General Manager Ed Boks will kick off the celebration day that features tours of the new facility and a chance to meet a great new pet. Throughout the afternoon, visitors will have a chance to enjoy music, police dog demonstrations, the Los Angeles Police Department mounted unit, giveaways of pet products, advice from trainers, and information about pet care. For all animals adopted on the Grand Opening Day, their new families will be entered in a giant raffle for multiple gifts and prizes.

Lush with planters and trees, and with a design influenced by the proximity to the ocean, the Harbor Animal Care Center features 79 dog kennels and 72 cat cages, specially designed community cat rooms, get acquainted yards for dogs and adopters to meet, special areas for rabbits and exotic animals, and a large grassy field for pet training. The new medical facilities and pet recovery and isolation areas will allow the Harbor medical staff to offer top quality care to pets during their stay. A spay/neuter clinic will open at the facility later this year.

The new Harbor Animal Care Center replaces an older facility a few blocks away on Battery Street, operating from a converted house with only 28 dog kennels in an adjacent building. The Harbor Center continues to serve the San Pedro, Wilmington, and Harbor City communities. Architect for the project was the City's own Architectural Division, and it was built by Sinanian Development, Inc. The City's Bureau of Engineering managed this on-time, on-budget project.

The Grand Opening ceremony is at 11:00 a.m. and special activities, presentations, and tours run from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

For more information or assistance call LA Animal Services at  
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(TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit the website at [www.LAAnimalServices.com](http://www.LAAnimalServices.com).

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