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SPAY/NEUTER LAW BECOMES ENFORCEABLE OCTOBER 1ST!

*Bob Barker, City Council Members, and Friends
to announce ordinance from Hollywood*

Los Angeles – LA Animal Services is reminding all Angelinos that effective October 1st, 2008, they must be in compliance with the City's new Spay/Neuter law (LAMC section 53.15.2).

On February 12, 2008, the City Council of Los Angeles approved a new law that requires all cats and dogs in the City to be spayed or neutered after the age of four months, with some specific exemptions allowed. Mayor Villaraigosa signed this ordinance into law on February 26, 2008, making Los Angeles the national leader in efforts to humanely decrease the number of pets abandoned and euthanized each year.

The law provided a seven month "grace" period to give Los Angeles residents an opportunity to voluntarily comply with the law. The "grace" period ends on October 1, 2008. Effective October 1st, Angelenos must have proof that their dog or cat is exempt by reason of one of the exemptions in the new law or they will be in violation of the law and subject to civil and criminal penalties.

To mark this historic occasion a special celebrity press conference will be held on October 2nd.

The press conference will be at the **Walk of Fame on Hollywood Boulevard**, at *Bob Barker's star*, at **6712 Hollywood Boulevard** (Between Las Palmas and McCadden Place, one block east of Highland) directly in front of the **Egyptian Theater at 10:00 a.m.**

Bob Barker, celebrity friends and civic leaders will all be there to discuss the ordinance and explain what pet owners can do. Also attending the conference will be Los Angeles city council members Alarcon, Huizar and LaBonge, Los Angeles Department of Animal Services general manager Ed Boks, Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council board members, Tamar Geller, founder of The Loved Dog and Oprah's dog trainer, Dr. Carol McConnell, vice-president and chief veterinary medical officer of Veterinary Pet Insurance, and some adoptable LA Animal Services dogs.

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