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ANGELENOS COME TO RESCUE OF ANIMALS STRANDED IN PERFECT STORM

OVER 500 PETS PLACED INTO LOVING HOMES IN RECORD PET ADOPTION EVENT!

Los Angeles – LA Animal Services is calling last weekend's two-day Pet Adoption Event a resounding success! The event was in response to an unprecedented influx of animals into the City's six Animal Care Centers as a result of the on-going home foreclosure crisis.

"This is the Department's most successful adoption event in recent memory, maybe ever," said Ed Boks, general manager for LA Animal Services. "However, the crisis is not over. We continue to be inundated with animals surrendered in record numbers. While over 500 animals were saved over the weekend an additional 32 cats and 75 dogs were dropped off."

"It's like running on a never ending treadmill", said Boks. "But this event brought us a little relief to the strain on our Animal Care Centers."

To prevent another wave of overcrowding the Department is asking all Angelenos to help get the word out that LA Animal Services is the "pet adoption agency of choice" when looking for the perfect dog, cat, puppy, kitten, or bunny. LA Animal Services helps place over 25,000 pets into loving homes every year.

The Department is also asking Landlords to compassionately reconsider their "no pets" policy during this community crisis. *"I'm convinced that as Landlords come to understand the anguish their tenants experience when they are forced to relinquish a loved member of the family, they will want to do more to help keep pets and families together",* said Boks. *"We really need our community to pull together to help solve this crisis, and like never before, Landlords are really an important key."*

For more information or assistance call LA Animal Services at

1-888-452LA-PET1/1-888-452-7381

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We create happiness by bringing pets and people together!