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## CALIFORNIA HEALTHY PETS COALITION ADDRESSES PUBLIC CONCERN REGARDING PET OVERPOPULATION

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***Los Angeles – Celebrities, government officials, and key organizations will attend event in support of urgent spay and neuter issues***

LA Animal Services is hosting a Press Conference featuring California Healthy Pets Coalition, City Officials, Bob Barker, and Judie Mancuso, to launch a billboard campaign and to update the public on an effort to put an end to pet overpopulation in California.

Each year nearly one million unwanted cats and dogs enter California's animal shelters, and over half of them are killed costing California taxpayers over \$250 million per year. Since the beginning of 2008, over 216,500 pets in California have been euthanized.

The City of Los Angeles is leading the way and setting an example through its new spay/neuter ordinance. Legislation is currently underway at the State level with The California Healthy Pets Act (AB 1634). This would require the spaying and neutering of most cats and dogs throughout California.

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.  
*News conference begins at 10 a.m. with interviews following*

**WHERE:** Los Angeles Animal Services  
North Central Care Center  
3201 Lacy Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90031

**INVITED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:** Bob Barker; Councilmember Ed Reyes; Councilmember Richard Alarcon, Co-Author of City Spay/Neuter Ordinance; Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Co-Author of City Spay/Neuter Ordinance; Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, Sponsor of AB 1634; Judie Mancuso, AB 1634 Co-Sponsor and Campaign Director; Ed Boks, General Manager, LA Animal Services

**CONFIRMED CELEBRITIES INCLUDE:**

- Bob Barker (*Former Host of Price Is Right*)
- Katie Cleary (*Deal or No Deal Model along with others*)

Other celebrities invited, pending confirmation.

For more information or assistance call LA Animal Services at  
1-888-452LA-PET1/1-888-452-7381  
(TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit the website at [www.LAAnimalServices.com](http://www.LAAnimalServices.com).

*We create happiness by bringing pets and people together!*