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## CITY OF LOS ANGELES ANNOUNCES A FREE VALLEY SPAY AND NEUTER DAY

*On Feb. 28, Councilmembers Richard Alarcon and Tony Cardenas, LA Animal Services, Clinco the Sam Simon Foundation and The Amanda Foundation partner to provide a free spay and neuter day at the Mission Hills Animal Care Center*

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**Los Angeles** – LA Animal Services is announcing a FREE Valley Spay and Neuter Day on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Mission Hills Animal Care Center. LA Animal Services, partnering with Councilmembers Alarcon and Cardenas, are offering this service with the help of Clinico, The Sam Simon Foundation and the Amanda Foundation to help control lower income residents comply with the new spay/neuter ordinance.

- Free spaying and neutering for District 6 & 7 residents only
- First come, first serve for pet owners on the day of the event
- Dog licensing available for \$15

LA Animal Services promotes spaying and neutering as an essential component of good pet health care as well as an effective and humane means of decreasing the euthanasia rate of homeless animals in shelters.

The City of Los Angeles requires all cats and dogs over the age of four months to be spayed or neutered with some exemptions. This is a great opportunity to comply with the law – for free!

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 28, 2009: **Dogs and cats must be dropped off at 6:30 a.m.** They cannot be fed from midnight the night before. Dogs must be on a leash. Cats must be in a carrier.

*Interview opportunities with Councilmembers Richard Alarcon and Tony Cardenas, and Ed Boks, general manager of LA Animal Services provided prior to the event or, onsite interviews available on 2/28. Councilmembers Alarcon and Cardenas will on on-location at 7:30 a.m.*

**WHERE:** Mission Hills Animal Care Center  
15321 Brand Blvd.  
Mission Hills, CA 91345

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).

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