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## LA Animal Services Announces Generous Donation to assist New Hope Program Adoptions

**Los Angeles** – The Jason Debus Heigl Foundation has made a generous donation to LA Animal Services with the specific goal of helping rescue organizations who partner with us to get animals adopted. The Department's New Hope Program registers non-profit animal rescue organizations from all over the greater Los Angeles region who adopt dogs, cats, and rabbits from the Department identified as needing extra help, such as medical care or training. New Hope Partners provide the extra time and resources to help these pets be ready for happy, healthy lives in new homes, and they pay only spay/neuter fees when taking the pets. The generous gift from the Jason Debus Heigl Foundation will help New Hope Partners by paying the spay/neuter fee for any pet a New Hope Partner rescues from the City's six public Centers, beginning Friday, October 9, 2009. The gift is sufficient to fund 450 pet adoptions.

"We are thrilled to receive this gracious gift to help our New Hope Partners who daily work very hard to help our most needed pets. Annually, our New Hope Partners rescue more than 4,700 pets. Through their extraordinary efforts, they provide medical care, foster homes and ultimately a new family for so many deserving, homeless pets," stated Kathy Davis, Interim General Manager. She further added, "In these desperate economic times, The Heigl Foundation has provided a wonderful opportunity to help both our pets and our Partners. We are extremely thankful for their generosity."

The Heigl Foundation recently funded the Pits and Pals Spay Day at the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center, providing free sterilization surgeries to 100 dogs. They are also sponsoring the Pits and Pals Spay Day at the East Valley Animal Care Center (Van Nuys) on October 17, 2009. The Jason Debus Heigl Foundation was founded by Nancy and Katherine Heigl in memory of a wonderful son and brother. The focus of the Foundation is to increase awareness of inhumane treatment of animals, support non-profit rescue efforts, assist homeless shelter animals with rescue and medical treatment, fund and encourage free spay/neuter clinics, place rescue dogs and cats in loving homes, and educate the public about the horrors of puppy mills and dog fighting.

**Don't forget – Spay/Neuter your pet! ~ IT'S THE LAW!**

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[www.laanimalservices.com](http://www.laanimalservices.com) and click on the badge!

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