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May 2 – 8, 2010 Proclaimed “National Pet Week” throughout the City of Los Angeles by the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

Los Angeles – The Board of Animal Services Commissioners unanimously declared the week of May 2-8, 2010, “National Pet Week – Pets and People – Healthy Together” throughout the City of Los Angeles to promote the importance of physical activity and wellness for pets and their two-legged companions.

Obesity is now one of the biggest health threats to pets and people in the United States. Forty four percent of dogs, 55% of cats, and 68% of adult Americans are considered overweight or obese, according to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Just like in people, pets face similar health risks associated with obesity, including osteoarthritis, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and cancer. To combat this problem, both public health professionals and veterinarians have endorsed a proactive approach that includes adoption of healthy changes in diet and physical activity.

Pet owners and residents of the City of Los Angeles are encouraged to walk and play with their pets and ensure that their pets have regular wellness examinations, vaccinations, proper nutrition and regular exercise all year long.

Looking to adopt a pet to get healthy with together? LA Animal Services Mother’s Day Discount Adoption event (May 3 – 9, 2010) coincides with National Pet Week! Please visit www.laanimalservices.com for more information and Care Center locations.

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

Need low cost/no cost options?

Visit our website at www.laanimalservices.com and click on the badge!

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.

We create happiness by bringing pets and people together!