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## Labor of Love: Volunteers in Action for Shelter Dogs

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The rains are over for now and the dogs in the Los Angeles City Shelters are still enjoying their comfortable new beds!

This project that became known as Perla Bed project (Project Bed-e-Buy) was spearheaded by Sherry Brewer, a Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) volunteer and activist in the animal community who is totally dedicated to the plight of shelter animals. Sherry was instrumental in the success of this project.

We are grateful for the assistance of Lola McKnight, President of Shelter Animal Advocacy Fund, Los Angeles (SAAFLA) and Debbie Fan, a SAAFLA member for setting up the fundraising for the beds and helping to deal with the logistics of getting the beds delivered.

In total, the project culminated in 588 beds being ordered at a cost of \$6,794.88.

The beds arrived on pallets and as they were taken down, they were put in stacks of 20 and then, one by one, the volunteer crew began the task of labeling each and every bed so they said "Property LAAS". Except for an occasional walk through the kennels to greet a few of the dogs, they worked non-stop. It was cold, windy, and rainy at times, but they said that just made them realize that the dogs needed the beds to feel safe and warm.

There was not really any fanfare over this project. It was a caring group of people helping shelter dogs. Their kudos came as they watched the dogs curl up in their beds – warm, dry and content. Sherry summed it up when she said, "This was a team effort, and I'm very happy that we were all on the same team."

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