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Non-profit Law Firm Partners with Local Dog Rescue and LA Animal Services

Los Angeles, August 24, 2016 – Inner City Law Center (ICLC), Downtown Dog Rescue (DDR) and Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) have teamed up to launch an easily accessible Pet Resource Center on Skid Row.

Pets and homelessness are linked in many ways. People living on the streets often rely on their pets for emotional support and companionship. Low-income families struggling to pay rent often also struggle to care for their beloved family pets. The Pet Resource Center on Skid Row will provide resources and services to improve community members' ability to care for and keep their pets. This will enable more people and their pets to stay housed. Fewer pets will enter the Los Angeles shelter system and fewer unwanted litters will be produced.

This unique partnership will provide low-income residents of Skid Row with a place to go when they need help caring for their pets. Many individuals experiencing homelessness or financial hardship are unaware that resources like DDR and LAAS are available to help them care for their pets in times of hardship. In fact, many fear that if they seek help their animals will be taken from them. ICLC, DDR and LAAS want to make it known that no matter what a person's housing or financial situation there are ways keep pets with their people.

The Pet Resource Center will be open one day a week and run by DDR and its volunteers. ICLC will provide space at its office on Skid Row. LAAS is supplying free spay/neuter vouchers and help with first-time animal registration. The center will provide:

- Free spay/neuter vouchers
- Assistance with animal registration
- Vaccinations
- Microchips
- ID tags
- Collars
- Leashes
- Crates
- Access to emergency boarding and short term foster care
- Medical care at approved partner veterinarian clinics
- Assistance with transportation to animal hospitals
- Short-term motel stays for persons who do not have a permanent residence when their pet is undergoing a non-outpatient medical procedure
- Trained, volunteer counselors to provide the necessary services and offer support

About Inner City Law Center (ICLC)

Inner City Law Center is a non-profit law firm providing legal representation for the most vulnerable individuals and families in Los Angeles who have nowhere else to turn. As the only legal services provider headquartered on Skid Row, ICLC focuses on combating slum housing, preventing homelessness, and aiding homeless veterans. To learn more visit: Innercitylaw.org.

About Downtown Dog Rescue (DDR)

Downtown Dog Rescue is an all volunteer run 501C3 nonprofit organization that believes in second chances for both dogs and people. DDR rescues dogs and provides services for low income pet owners in under-served communities in Los Angeles County. To learn more visit: Downtowndogrescue.org.

About Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS)

LA Animal Services is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the United States with six shelters serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls involving an animal or person in danger. LA Animal Services promotes and protects the health, safety and welfare of animals and people. To learn more visit: LAAnimalServices.com.

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