



City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services



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VCA Charities to Award LA Animal Services with \$25,000 Donation for California Wildfires Disaster Relief

Fundraising provided by VCA Animal Hospitals to help organizations across California

Los Angeles, March 7, 2019 – LA Animal Services will receive a donation Friday March 8, 2019 from VCA Charities to help with disaster relief for animals affected by California wildfires. The \$25,000 donation is generously provided through fundraising done by VCA Animal Hospitals, and will help ensure that LA Animal Services is able to provide even more aid during future disasters. The check will be delivered in person at the West Valley Animal Services Center.

“We are very grateful for this wonderful donation from VCA Charities through the fundraising efforts of VCA Animal Hospitals,” said Dr. Jeremy Prupas, Chief Veterinarian for LA Animal Services. “Their support to us is very much appreciated...the California wildfires from last year were a travesty and one of the side effects from them was the large number of displaced pets. We were able to take in many of these displaced pets, and provide care for them before reuniting them with their owners. This donation will help us continue to provide the excellent service to all the animals that come through our doors.”

“Through the tireless efforts of our VCA hospital team members, we were not only helping to save pets in need at our hospitals, but with VCA Charities, we were able to raise money for those on the ground, working hard at saving pets during times of need. VCA Charities is proud to support LA Animal Services in their dedication to disaster relief, animal welfare and helping displaced pets in the community during these critical times.” said Brandon Antin, VP of Social Responsibility & Innovation for VCA.



If you would like to donate to LA Animal Services, please visit <http://www.laanimalservices.com/donate>.

For more information on VCA Animal Hospitals, please visit their website at www.vcahospitals.com.

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Los Angeles Department of Animal Services is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the United States with six services centers 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.

VCA Charities is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit with a mission to inspire and nature pets and their people to triumph over challenges and thrive together. . Established in 2005 by the founders of VCA Animal Hospitals, VCA Charities programs support animal welfare organizations, operate over 32 Pet Food Pantries and provides grants for disaster relief. To learn more and support VCA Charities, please visit their website at <https://vcacharities.org/>.

VCA Animal Hospitals operates more than 850 small animal veterinary hospitals in the U.S. and Canada. The hospitals are staffed by more than 4,700 fully qualified, dedicated and compassionate veterinarians to give pets the very best in medical care, of which over 525 are board-certified specialists who are experts in areas such as Oncology, Cardiology, Emergency & Critical Care, and Surgery for animals. VCA Animal Hospitals provides a full range of general practice services to keep pets well and specialized treatments when pets are ill. For more information, visit VCAhospitals.com or follow on Twitter [@vcapethealth](https://twitter.com/vcapethealth) and facebook.com/VCAAnimalHospitals/.

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