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## Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control To Conduct Field Pet Licensing Enforcement in Unincorporated San Gabriel Areas

Officers from the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will be conducting field pet licensing enforcement in the unincorporated areas of San Gabriel and South San Gabriel (zip codes 91775, 91776, and 91770) beginning **Thursday, January 2, 2025**. Field pet licensing efforts are designed to ensure that residents' dogs and cats comply with mandatory pet licensing, spay/neuter, and microchipping requirements. Additionally, California law requires that all dogs over the age of four months be vaccinated against rabies and licensed. The County of Los Angeles requires the same for <u>all cats</u>. Puppies *may be* vaccinated at three months but are not *required* to be vaccinated until four months of age.

"Licensing pets is an important reunification tool to help lost pets find their families," said DACC Director Marcia Mayeda. "It is our goal to keep pets and families together, and properly licensed pets have a far greater chance of returning to the families who miss them than those pets without licenses."

Pet owners in Los Angeles County must have a current pet license and their pet must be spayed/neutered and microchipped if they reside in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County (as well as within cities that contract with the County and who have adopted the County's ordinance regarding animals).

Residents not in compliance may be subject to license fees, delinquency charges, <u>and</u> a \$40 field enforcement fee (to offset the cost of the Department's field services.)

DACC will be observing an amnesty period December 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, where late charges and field enforcement fees will be waived.

Pet owners can obtain a new license or renew their pet's license at <u>animalcare.lacounty.gov</u>. Information on licensing fees can also be found on the website. Pet owners may also obtain a new license or renew their pets license by printing the application online at <u>animalcare.lacounty.gov</u> and mailing it to DACC or by visiting your local County animal care center.

DACC offers low-cost vaccination/microchips clinics (microchips implantation is \$7.50) and low-cost assistance (for individuals who qualify) for spay/neuter surgeries. Please visit our website or stop by your local County of Los Angeles animal care center for more information about these services.

## About the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC)

DACC is one of the largest animal care and control agencies in the nation, operating seven animal care centers and providing services to more than three million residents and their pets. DACC operates under the nationally recognized Socially Conscious Sheltering model to ensure the best possible outcomes for animals and the community. As a community resource center for pets and owners, DACC protects people and animals from harm, provides care for lost and unwanted animals, reunites lost pets with their families, and strives every day to move closer to its goal of finding a loving home for every adoptable pet that comes through its doors. To learn more about DACC, the resources DACC provides, and view its animals, visit <a href="https://animalcare.lacounty.gov">https://animalcare.lacounty.gov</a> or follow us on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>, and <a href="X">X</a> (formerly Twitter). To support DACC's efforts, please donate to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation at <a href="https://lacountyanimals.org/">https://lacountyanimals.org/</a>. To learn more about Socially Conscious Sheltering, visit <a href="https://scsheltering.org/">https://scsheltering.org/</a>.