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Castaic Animal Care Center Reopens Following Temporary Closure Due to the Hughes Fire

The Department of Animal Care and Control is pleased to announce that the Castaic Animal Care Center (ACC) has officially reopened its doors to the community after a temporary closure due to the recent Hughes Fire on January 22, 2025. The ACC is now fully operational and ready to provide essential services to our beloved pets and their families.

The Hughes Fire posed a significant threat to the Castaic ACC, prompting its evacuation to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers, and the animals. We are grateful for the swift response from firefighters and emergency services, whose efforts contained the fire and protected the facility.

As of February 3, 2025, the Castaic ACC is back to providing a full range of services, including pet adoptions, owner redemptions, licensing, and more. We are committed to supporting the well-being of our animals and the communities we serve.

"We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to the Castaic Animal Care Center," said DACC Director Marcia Mayeda. "Our team has worked diligently to ensure that the facility is safe for our furry friends and their families. We appreciate the community's support and patience during this challenging time."

The Castaic ACC invites community members to visit us and take advantage of our services. Our dedicated staff is eager to assist with pet adoptions and other animal care needs.

The Department urges everyone to make sure your emergency plans include your pets. You can find a list of items to put in your pet's "go bag" at <u>https://ready.lacounty.gov/pet-disaster-supply-kits/</u>.

A wealth of emergency preparedness information is also available at <u>https://ready.lacounty.gov/</u>

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 https://animalcare.lacounty.gov or follow us on Facebook, Instagram , and X (formerly Twitter). To support DACC's efforts, please donate to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation at https://lacountyanimals.org/. To learn more about Socially Conscious Sheltering, visit https://scsheltering.org/.