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Community Event Brings Essential Pet Supplies and Resources into Barrio Logan PAWS San Diego Helps Keep Pets in Homes and Out of Shelters

SAN DIEGO, CA — Forty-five thousand homeless pets enter San Diego shelters every year, primarily due to their families lacking the income or access to affordable pet services. To help decrease the number of homeless pets entering shelters, PAWS San Diego is hosting a family-pet-friendly event in one of San Diego's oldest and culturally-rich urban neighborhoods.

<u>PAWS San Diego</u> is a safety net program, offered by <u>San Diego Humane Society</u>, that provides pet food and supplies like flea medication, vouchers to assist pet owners with veterinary bills, and transportation to vet appointments.

"The best way we can keep pets in their homes with the families who love and need them and out of shelters is through PAWS San Diego," said Geraldine D'Silva, director of PAWS San Diego.

"Imagine if you suddenly lost your job or home, or a family member becomes ill? Imagine having to choose between feeding yourself or your pet. Our pets are family. PAWS San Diego keeps families together by supporting individuals facing tough situations."

The Barrio Logan event is free and includes affordable services, resources and education.

WHAT: Barrio Logan Community Pet Event, hosted by PAWS San Diego

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 30 from 12 – 3 p.m.

WHERE: Chicano Park - 1982 National Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113

HIGHLIGHTS: Pet families will have access to:

- Free dog licensing
- Free pet training tips
- Free spay/neuter appointments for chihuahuas, pit bulls and cats (50% discount for other breeds)
- Discounted vaccinations for dogs and cats





For more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact Kelli Schry at (619) 250-6801 or kschry@sdhumane.org.

About PAWS San Diego

PAWS San Diego – a program of San Diego Humane Society – provides essential pet services and support to low-income seniors, chronically ill, disabled and homeless individuals to help them keep their pets. The goal of PAWS San Diego is to provide support services to people in need so that falling into tough times does not mean having to give up your pet. The best thing we can do for pets is to keep them out of animal shelters and together with the people who love and need them. For more information about PAWS San Diego www.sdhumane.org/paws.

About San Diego Humane Society

Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. San Diego Humane Society offers San Diegans a wide range of programs and services that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty/neglect, provide medical care, educate the community on the humane treatment of animals and provide safety net services for all pet families needing assistance with keeping their pets.

As San Diego's oldest nonprofit organization, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside, and San Diego as well as adoption centers inside Petco stores throughout San Diego County. San Diego Humane Society is supported solely through contributions, grants, bequests, investments, proceeds from the Muttique retail store and small fees for services. For more information or to view our current animals available for adoption; please visit www.sdhumane.org.

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