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Community Event Brings Essential Pet Supplies and Services 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 resources or access to affordable pet services. To help reduce the number of homeless pets, PAWS San Diego is hosting a family-friendly pet event in Chicano Park on Sunday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

<u>PAWS San Diego</u>, a safety net program offered by <u>San</u> <u>Diego Humane Society</u>, provides pet food and supplies like flea medication, vouchers to assist pet owners in need



with veterinary bills, and services like transportation to vet appointments, dog walking and referrals to other services.

"The best way we can help pet families keep their beloved pets in their homes and out of shelters is through PAWS San Diego," said Geraldine D'Silva, director of PAWS San Diego. "Imagine having to choose between feeding yourself or your pet. Our pets are family, and PAWS San Diego keeps pet families together by providing individuals facing tough situations with the resources they need."

The Barrio Logan event, sponsored by **EDCO Disposal**, is free and includes affordable services and resources.

WHAT: Barrio Logan Community Pet Event, hosted by PAWS San Diego
WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
WHERE: Chicano Park – 1982 National Ave., San Diego, CA 92113
HIGHLIGHTS: Pet families will have access to:

- Dog licensing
- Free pet behavior and training tips
- Free and low-cost spay/neuter appointments





- Discounted vaccinations and microchipping for dogs and cats
- Free pet supplies
- Kids activity area

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 select Petco stores throughout San Diego County. San Diego Humane Society is supported solely through contributions, grants, bequests, municipal contracts, investments and small fees for services. For more information or to view our current animals available for adoption; please visit <u>www.sdhumane.org</u>.