Amnesty Offered to Sacramento County Residents for Pet Licensing
Program drops penalty; Citizens save $100 through June 30

Sacramento, Calif. – In an effort to get pet owners to license their pets, Sacramento County Animal Care is removing the late license penalty fee of $100 now through June 30, 2010.

“A licensed pet provides many benefits. Most importantly, it will allow Animal Care to return your pet home without you having to come to the shelter, stated Pat Claerbout, County Animal Shelter Director. “All it takes is an unopened gate for your pet to get out. Licensing is a cheap, efficient way to be quickly reunited with your pet.”

Other benefits include the waiver of a $35 impound fee if your animal has to be taken to the shelter. Plus shelter staff will be able to contact you that they are holding your pet. Licensed pets are also held for 10 days as opposed to a four day hold for other animals.

To license your pet you will need current a rabies certificate and proof of spay or neuter to purchase a reduced fee license of $15. Licenses can be purchased for one-year at $15, two years at $30 and three years at $45 at the following locations:

• Online through the Animal Care website at http://www.msa2.saccounty.net/acr/Pages/OnlinePetLicenseRenewals.aspx
• At the Animal Care Facility at 3839 Bradshaw Road, Wed-Fri, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat and Sun, 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cash, debit or Visa or MasterCard accepted.
• At Animal Care’s low cost vaccination clinic held at the shelter the third Thursday of each month from 5-7p.m.
• The North Area Service Center at 6015 Watt Avenue or the East Area Service Center at 5229-B Hazel Avenue. Payment by check only. Make checks payable to: Sacramento County Animal Care and Regulation.
• Participating veterinarians. Check with your veterinarian to see if they participate.
• By mail – Print out a licensing application form available at www.saccountyshelter.net and mail completed form with check, proof of rabies and spay/neuter information to the Animal Shelter. Make checks payable to: Sacramento County Animal Care and Regulation.

Revenue from licensing helps support the care of more than 14,000 homeless animals each year, funds the department in investigating hundreds of animal neglect and abuse cases, provides low cost spay neuter clinics, provides food to pet homes in need through the Pet Pantry Program and protects our community from dangerous animals.

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