



NEWS RELEASE



City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, California 90012 / www.LAAnimalServices.com

CONTACT: Public Relations Office
323.816.3969

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
July 16, 2007

LA Animal Services Plans to Launch Best Buddies Program

Los Angeles – On Friday, July 13th, LA City Council approved a new ordinance that allows LA Animal Services to waive the spay or neuter and the microchip fees for the second of two adopted animals who exhibit behavior demonstrating that they are bonded with each other.

LA Animal Services created the Best Buddies program to help keep animals who exhibit “bonding behavior” together with a new adoptive family. The program is designed to help increase pet adoptions, but it will also help decrease the number of pets relinquished - because animals adopted in pairs adjust more easily to the stress of new surroundings.

Local media announced over the weekend that this program is now official and that it is a two for one adoption promotion. Neither is the case. The program was only approved by the City Council on July 13. The department must wait 30 days to implement. The Best Buddies Program is scheduled to go into effect on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 and it will apply to dogs, cats, and rabbits who are bonded together. It is not a two for one promotion. LA Animal Services is only able to waive the spay or neuter and microchip fees associated with the second adoption.

For more information or assistance call LA Animal Services at
1-888-452LA-PET1/1-888-452-7381
(TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit the website at www.LAAnimalServices.com.

We create happiness by bringing pets and people together!