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PET FOOD SHORTAGE at spcaLA SHELTERS

Food needed for animals at three spcaLA pet adoption centers and Long Beach Animal Care Services

Los Angeles, CA – The pet food reserves at Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (**spcaLA**) are dangerously low this holiday season. spcaLA is appealing to the community for pet food donations which can be dropped off at any spcaLA location. Monetary donations for pet food can be made at www.spcaLA.com.

spcaLA needs pet food for dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies, both wet and dry food.

spcaLA uses an average of 40,000 pounds of pet food a year. That feeds about 500 animals a day at spcaLA's three pet adoption locations, plus the animals at Long Beach Animal Care Services.

"We are taking in more animals than ever before," said Madeline Bernstein, spcaLA President. "These animals have been though trauma. Whether it is becoming lost from their family or suffering from abuse and neglect. It is our mission to nurture and protect them and we need the public's help to do that."

If ever there is a surplus of food, spcaLA distributes food to local animal rescue groups who are participants in their food bank program.

Unopened pet food donations can be dropped off at any spcaLA location during business hours: 7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach 90815 (562) 570-7722; 12910 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne 90250 (310) 676-1149; 5026 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 90016 (323) 730-5300 during business hours. Please call ahead for hours or go to www.spcaLA.com. Donors can also ship directly from spcaLA's Amazon's Wish List, a link to which can be found at www.spcaLA.com.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Ana Bustilloz at 323-730-5300 x252, 323-707-1271 cell or by email at abustilloz@spcaLA.com.

spcaLA is an independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California since 1877. There is no national SPCA, parent organization, or umbrella group that provides financial support to spcaLA. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education, and a variety of shelter services.

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