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Donation to fund 5,000 microchips for shelter dogs, cats

Thousands of dogs and cats adopted from at San Bernardino County Animal Shelters will receive microchips thanks to a donation of nearly \$30,000 from Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF). The Department of Public Health's Animal Care and Control (ACC) Division will use the \$27,062.50 donation from ARFF to provide microchips to 5,000 animals adopted at ACC shelters at no cost to those who adopt dogs or cats from the shelters.

By providing microchips to pets adopted from County animal shelters in Devore and Big Bear Lake, the ACC Program will assist in reuniting lost pets, which may be impounded at animal shelters, with their owners.

Microchips are implanted under the pet's skin and cannot become lost or misplaced like other forms of identification. Each microchip has a unique identification number linked to a pet's adoptive family. The microchip provider will refer inquiries regarding lost or found animals to the ACC Program for those microchips sold to ARFF and donated to the ACC Program.

"We are extremely grateful for the support we have received from ARFF with this donation," said ACC Division Chief Brian Cronin. "These microchips are valuable in reuniting pets with their owners."

ARFF was established in 2004 to provide support to the ACC Program. Funds raised by ARFF are used to support animals in County animal shelters. ACC services pets and animal owners throughout the County's unincorporated areas and Big Bear Lake, Highland, Rialto (shelter services only) and Yucaipa including animal shelter and pet adoption services, pet licensing and vaccination clinics and partnering with more than 300 animal rescue organizations to achieve one of the lowest pet euthanasia rates within animal shelter systems operated throughout San Bernardino County.

Animal Care and Control is doing its part to help the community achieve the Countywide Vision by ensuring residents have the resources they need to provide the necessities of life to their families. Information on the Countywide Vision can be found at www.sbcounty.gov.

