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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE “October is National Pet Wellness Month!”

**San Bernardino, CA** –The San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program along with the American Veterinary Medical Association are declaring the month of October as “National Pet Wellness Month.”

“National Pet Wellness Month is a clinic-centered educational initiative designed to raise consumer awareness about the pet aging process, disease prevention and the importance of twice-a-year wellness exams for all cats and dogs”. This is a year round campaign where pet owners can receive important information, specifically for their pets, from their own veterinarians.

A wellness exam every six months can help your pet live a longer, healthier life. Pets age faster than humans and by seven years of age many pets, especially large breed dogs, are considered “seniors.” Dramatic health changes can occur in a very short period of time. Many of these health issues can be diagnosed, treated at early stages and in many instances diseases can be prevented with a twice yearly examination which includes open communication between you and your pet’s health care provider.

For more information about National Pet Wellness Month, please visit [www.npwm.com](http://www.npwm.com). If you have questions or need additional information please contact the Animal Care & Control Program toll free at 1-800-472-5609 or visit the Educational Services section of our website at [www.sbcounty.gov/acc](http://www.sbcounty.gov/acc). Thank you!

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