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Grant and donation to support spaying and neutering of dogs



A grant of \$15,000 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and a matching donation from the Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF), will provide 600 additional \$50 vouchers for the spaying or neutering of Chihuahuas, shepherd mixes, and pit bull-type breeds in the unincorporated communities of San Bernardino County. The additional vouchers can be combined with the \$50 vouchers from the ongoing voucher program for a total of \$100. The ongoing vouchers can be used towards the spay/neuter of any breed of dog and can be redeemed at participating veterinarians.

“Chihuahuas, shepherds, and pit bull-type breeds are the most common dog breeds to be cared for in our shelters”, stated Animal Care and Control Division Chief Brian Cronin. “We are very grateful to CDFA and ARFF for helping to assist animal owners to spay and neuter their dogs and cats”, he continued.

Spaying and neutering is mandatory for pit bull-type dogs in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County, but not for Chihuahuas and shepherds. In addition to dogs, residents with cats in the unincorporated communities of San Bernardino County can request a voucher worth \$25 toward spaying or neutering.

To request a voucher residents can call the Pet Over Population Coalition (POPCO) at (888) 767-2550 or by emailing info@popco-inc.org. More information about spaying and neutering, dog licensing, and participating veterinarians can be found at www.sbcounty.gov/acc.

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.