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New La Palma Animal Control Services Starting January 1st

LA PALMA, Calif. – The City of La Palma is pleased to announce that the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) will begin providing animal control services to the City starting January 1st. SEAACA was founded in 1975 and provides animal control and care services to 14 cities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. La Palma City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto said, “We are very excited about the new agreement because SEAACA has such a positive reputation. They will be providing a dedicated officer in La Palma 40 hours per week, which will improve response times and enhance the overall level of service to our residents.”

The City of La Palma had contracted with the County of Orange for animal care services since 1968. The County animal care facility, located in Orange, was built in 1941 and is scheduled for replacement in the next few years. The new County facility will likely be located in Tustin, nearly 20 miles away from La Palma. Due to the increased costs of the new shelter and the greater distance from La Palma, the City Council authorized the change from services with the County to SEAACA. The new agreement reflects the City Council’s commitment to providing the highest quality animal care services for La Palma residents.

Residents are reminded that all dogs are required to have a valid pet license. The City Council has approved a reduced animal licensing fee, effective January 1. Dog owners will now pay \$20 for altered animals and \$40 for unaltered animals. Seniors (any person over the age of 55) will receive a 50% discount for altered pets. If you currently have a pet license issued by the County of Orange, SEAACA will honor that license until it expires. The SEAACA licensing period is from July 1 to June 30 and residents who license new pets between January 1 and June 30 will pay a pro-rated rate. Please note that all dogs must be licensed within 30 days of becoming 4 months of age or moving into the City.

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SEAACA's state-of-the-art animal shelter is located just 9.8 miles from the City at 9777 Seaaca Street in Downey. The shelter is equipped with stainless steel kennels, skylights, a temperature controlled environment, a veterinary clinic, grooming facilities, and a low cost wellness clinic that is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday.

Starting January 1, all calls for animal related services within the City of La Palma should be directed to SEAACA at (562) 803-3301. For more information about SEAACA's animal care services, please visit www.seaaca.org.

About the City of La Palma

The City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 16,081 residents and 482 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 65 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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