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NEWS RELEASE

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WHEN:

WHERE:

El Paso Animal Services Hosts Free Microchipping Services

Protect Your Pets This "Straylight Savings" Time

EL PASO, Texas – In an effort to raise awareness on the importance of pet microchips, the City of El Paso Animal Services Department, in collaboration with its Resource Rover Team, is hosting a series of free microchip clinics as part of the "Straylight Savings" Time initiative.

WHEN: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. March 10th WHERE: Dogs on the Run Grooming

1852 Trawood Dr.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 12th Hilos de Plata Senior Center

4451 Delta Dr.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 22nd

WHERE: PetSmart at the Fountains

8889 Gateway Blvd. W

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 30th

WHERE: Ascarate Park 6900 Delta

Just as residents are reminded to check their smoke detectors' batteries during Daylight Savings, "Straylight Savings" encourages pet owners to ensure their pets are microchipped and their microchip information is up-to-date, coinciding with El Paso City Animal Ordinances.

The free monthly microchipping events are open to everyone and there is no limit on the number of pets that can benefit from this service. For eligibility, pets should be at least six weeks old, dogs must be on a leash, and cats must be securely placed in carriers.

How to Update Your Pet's Microchip:

First: Check to see if your pet has a Microchip by veterinarian or consider using the chip scanning equipment at any El Paso Fire Department station.

Second: Identify the chip's manufacturer by entering the number at PetMicrochipLookup.org

Third: Once you have the manufacturer you can register or update your contact information with the manufacturer.

For added security, consider adding your pet's microchip data to the PetcoLoveLost.org database for free.

Need a Microchip?

If your pet isn't microchipped, visit the El Paso Animal Services' <u>calendar</u> for upcoming free microchip clinics or visit your veterinarian for a microchip, which typically cost about \$25.

For more information about Animal Services visit, ElPasoAnimalServices.org/.

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