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El Paso Animal Services Hosts 3rd Annual Heat Awareness Event

Prevent Summer Tragedies for Pets and People

WHO: El Paso Animal Services, El Paso Fire Department, El Paso Police Department, and Eastlake Animal Clinic

WHAT: “HeatSafe: Protecting Pets & People” event featuring demonstrations, educational booths, free microchips and ID tags, discounted pet vaccines, and more

WHEN: 12 to 3 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2026

WHERE: El Paso Animal Services, 5001 Fred Wilson Ave.

Media interview and B-roll opportunities will be available.

With summer temperatures rising across the Borderland, El Paso Animal Services is reminding the community that extreme heat can become dangerous within minutes for both pets and people.

To help residents prepare for the hottest months of the year, Animal Services will host its 3rd annual “**HeatSafe: Protecting Pets & People**” event from 12 to 3 p.m. Friday, May 29, at El Paso Animal Services, 5001 Fred Wilson Ave., in recognition of National Heat Awareness Day.

According to the National Weather Service, heat remains one of the leading weather-related causes of death in the United States. Pets face many of the same risks during the summer, especially when left outdoors without adequate shade or water, exercised during peak heat, or left inside vehicles where temperatures can become life-threatening within minutes.

“Every summer, we continue to see preventable emergencies caused by extreme heat,” said Michael Wachsmann, Interim Director of El Paso Animal Services. “This event is about giving families the tools and information they need before temperatures peak, because preparation can truly save lives.”

The event will feature a live “hot car” demonstration showing how quickly temperatures inside a vehicle can become dangerous, along with educational booths offering heat safety tips and emergency preparedness resources. Attendees can also receive free pet microchips and ID tags, discounted pet vaccines, and free giveaways while supplies last.

Residents are encouraged to bring the entire family to learn how to recognize signs of heat-related illness, safely exercise pets during the summer, and prepare for emergencies before temperatures reach their peak.

Anyone who sees an animal in distress should call **311** for non-emergencies or **911** in urgent situations.

For more information on extreme heat preparedness, visit www.ElPasoReady.org/Extreme-Heat.

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