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Pups at the Pitch Returns for Third Year of Soccer, Shelter Pets, and Community Impact El Paso Locomotive FC and El Paso Animal Services Team Up to Promote Lifesaving Initiatives

EL PASO, Texas—El Paso Animal Services and El Paso Locomotive FC are teaming up for the third annual Pups at the Pitch, returning to Southwest University Park on Wednesday, August 5. Gates opening at 6 p.m., with kickoff at 7 p.m., for an evening that celebrates two things El Pasoans love most: soccer and their furry friends.

As El Paso Locomotive FC takes on Monterey Bay FC, fans will have the opportunity to meet adoptable dogs looking for loving homes while also taking advantage of free pet microchipping provided by El Paso Animal Services. The annual event highlights the impact of community partnerships by bringing together shelter pet adoptions, free pet microchipping, and family-friendly fun, all while supporting lifesaving efforts for pets in our community.

“We believe soccer has the power to bring people together, and Pups at the Pitch is a perfect example of that,” said Mike Digiulio, El Paso Locomotive FC President and General Manager. “We’re proud to partner with El Paso Animal Services once again to create an unforgettable night for our fans while helping more pets find loving homes and connecting pet owners with valuable resources that benefit our entire community.”

Fans are encouraged to bring their dogs along for the festivities and enjoy a variety of pet-friendly activities, including:

- FREE football jersey for the first 1,500 fans
- FREE dog bandana for the first 100 pups
- FREE pet microchipping from 6 to 8 p.m.
- FREE dog adoptions

Tickets are available at www.EPLocomotiveFC.com

To learn more about pet adoption, fostering, volunteering, and other lifesaving programs, visit www.ElPasoAnimalServices.org

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