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MEDIA ALERT

**9-Day Mega Adoption Event to Save hundreds of Pets in Los Angeles County.
Nonprofits join forces to “Empty The Shelter” and raise awareness for shelter animals.**

WHAT: 9-day mega adoption event encouraging public adoption of shelter pets

WHO: Shane’s War, Bark Avenue Foundation (BAF), Shelter Me, Eastwood Ranch Foundation (ERF), Frosted Faces Foundation (FFF) and Hope For Paws (HFP).

- ***Shane’s War*** helps bring positive solutions to dozens of shelters across the country. “Our goal is to not only empty the shelter, said Shane Smith, Co-Founder of PAWS For Hope and Faith and *Shane’s War*, but also to bring awareness to the plight of unwanted or neglected pets that find their way to the shelter.”
- ***Bark Avenue Foundation*** provides comprehensive support to low-income pet owners in Southern California helping to keep pets healthy and in their homes. Since 2004 BAF has provided low cost spay/neuter services and assistance to unsheltered people and their pets. BAF works closely with the Downey Animal Care Center to highlight adoptable pets and transport shelter animals to no-kill partners around the country.
- ***Shelter Me*** is an inspiring series on PBS that celebrates shelter pets with positive and uplifting stories.
- ***Eastwood Ranch Foundation*** rescues domestic animals from high kill shelters and works on behalf of any and all animal welfare causes by helping raise awareness, educating, campaigning/petitioning for animals throughout the United States and beyond.
- ***Frosted Faces Foundation*** is dedicated to fulfilling the promise of family to the senior dogs whose love and lives are left behind in the shelter system.
- ***Hope For Paws*** rescues dogs and all other animals who are suffering on the streets and in shelters and educating people on the importance of companion animals in our society.

WHY: To empty the shelter, provide awareness and information to the public on the issue of overpopulation in the shelter, and how they can help locally in their community to help combat the problem.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Members of the general public, adoption partners, rescue groups, and people wanting to adopt an animal.

WHEN: Friday, April 29th, 2016 to Saturday, May 7th, 2016 during shelter hours, Friday, April 29th thru Sunday, May 1st EXTENDED HOURS 10am to 7pm; Monday-Thursday noon till 7 pm and Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th 10am to 5pm

WHERE: Downey Animal Care Center at 11258 Garfield Ave., Downey, CA 90242

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