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## **COUNCILMEMBER CATE TO DISTRIBUTE FREE PET EMERGENCY KITS** *Public Safety Committee Chair & PAWS San Diego host FREE Community Pet Event in Clairemont*

San Diego, CA – On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., PAWS San Diego, a program of San Diego Humane Society, and San Diego’s District Six Councilmember will be hosting a free community pet event at the North Clairemont Park. <https://www.sandiego.gov/department/community-pet-event>

This will be the fourth time the San Diego Humane Society has held the pet resource fair, and first time the event will be in the community of Clairemont. The San Diego Humane Society and their partners will be providing free: pet supplies, spay/neuter appointments, pet behavior and training tips, and dog licensing (need proof of rabies vaccination). Discounted vaccines and microchips for dogs and cats will be offered at the event as well.

“The best way we can keep pets in their homes with the families who love and need them and out of shelters is through PAWS San Diego,” said Geraldine D’Silva, director of PAWS San Diego. “Imagine if you suddenly lost your job or home, or a family member becomes ill? Imagine having to choose between feeding yourself or your pet. Our pets are family. PAWS San Diego keeps pet families together by supporting individuals facing tough situations.”

Councilmember Chris Cate will be providing \$10,000 in pet emergency kits to the community. The Councilmember’s booth will have 185 emergency kits for dogs, and 70 emergency kits for cats. Each family present will be provided with one free emergency kit (either dog or cat). There will be a limited quantity of pet emergency available on a first come, first served basis.

“As Chair of the City’s Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, creating safe and vibrant communities is one of my top priorities. We have a fundamental responsibility to ensure all San Diego families live healthy and safe lives. I believe our four-legged friends are family, too. I am honored to partner with the San Diego Humane Society on this community collaboration, bringing resources and services to those in need,” stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

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LOCATION: North Clairemont Park, 4421 Bannock Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117

