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### **Ventura County Animal Services Launches Matching Fund Campaign**

(Camarillo, Calif.) – Ventura County Animal Services has received the largest donation in its history. The Hahn-Block Family Foundation visited the Camarillo Adoption Center on July 9, 2015. After seeing the necessary use of temporary caging for dogs due to over-crowding, and seeing the number of dogs in the "holding room," they generously offered \$100,000 towards a matching fund donation campaign. Animal Services plans to create a more suitable habitat environment for small dogs; removing cages and kennels altogether and creating more space to house the animals.

Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) will use any additional funding on their new Pet Retention program. This program is designed to help keep pets with their owners by assisting with medical bills and pet deposits, rather than family pets being surrendered to Animal Services. Funds will also support spay/neuter funding for community members who cannot afford the procedure.

"We are extremely grateful to the Hahn-Block Foundation for choosing to invest in the future of displaced pets in our community and struggling pet owners. It is because of generous people and organizations like Hahn-Block that we are able to provide extended care to these pets. These funds will help in much needed areas to ensure our community remains no-kill", said Tara Diller, Director of Ventura County Animal Services.

The shelter is inviting the community to help double the contribution by making a donation **by September 1, 2015**. Donations can be made online at [www.vcas.us](http://www.vcas.us), by mail or in person. For more information go to [www.vcas.us](http://www.vcas.us), or contact (805) 388-4341.

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#### About Ventura County Animal Services

Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) is a division of the Ventura County Public Health Department; a department of the Ventura County Health Care Agency.

The mission of VCAS is to improve the lives of animals under their care, be timely and compassionate in response to customers, educate through community outreach and public awareness and provide for the health and safety of the citizens and animals of Ventura County. VCAS rescues, impounds and treats stray, abandoned and sick animals, conducts license sales and rabies clinics, conducts nuisance animal investigations, provides euthanasia and disposal services and assists with animal evacuations during disasters. The agency's Camarillo Shelter houses impounded, stray, abandoned, lost and homeless animals and provides veterinary care, housing and board while the animals await reclaim or adoption.