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Board approves \$10,000 in District Four funds for Mobile Spay/Neuter Van

STOCKTON, CA – At its Board meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2024, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved \$10,000 in funding to the Animal Protection League (APL) of Stockton to support their new mobile spay and neuter clinic that will serve all cities and surrounding areas of San Joaquin County.

“We need to have safe, low-cost ways for San Joaquin County residents to spay and neuter their pets to prevent animals from roaming the streets, animal neglect, and overcrowding our local shelter,” commented Supervisor Steve Ding, whose Fourth District has had recent complaints about stray animals. “Jill and the team at APL have our full support to help end the crisis of unwanted pets in our community. I want to encourage all our residents to spay and neuter their cats and dogs to help control the pet population.”

APL is focused on creating a long-term solution by advancing animal welfare through education, providing resources for animal well-being, and low-cost/free spay and neuter for the dogs and cats of our community in San Joaquin County. The Stockton Animal Shelter takes in over 10,000 animals from the city of Stockton and areas of San Joaquin County each year. APL is committed to reducing dog and cat populations through a spay/neuter program, increasing the placement of animals through adoption events and rescue partners, and facilitating the return of lost pets to their owners, by micro-chipping and online information.

“The Animal Protection League appreciates the support of Supervisor Ding and the Board of Supervisors with its \$10,000 in funds for the mobile spay and neuter clinic,” added Jill Antonini, the Director of Fund Development and Community Outreach for the APL. “With this new addition, we aim to serve an estimated 6,720 dogs and cats annually out of our office in Stockton and use the mobile van to expand our services throughout the County. By stopping the cause of the overpopulation, we will be able to better serve the animals already in the county, ensuring better outcomes for everyone.”

Spay and neuters will decrease overcrowding and euthanasia. Free spay and neuters help residents keep their pets; people often make a hard decision to rehome their pet because they can’t afford the daily expense, especially if one has become pregnant. Sterilization is critical for management of free roaming dogs and cats and related disease control concerns. Contact APL at www.apl209.org for more information on their programs.

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