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El Paso Animal Services Celebrates Responsible Pet Ownership Month

Ensuring the Safety and Wellbeing of Our Pets and Community

EL PASO, Texas—This September, in honor of Responsible Pet Ownership Month, El Paso Animal Services is encouraging all pet owners to take proactive steps in caring for their furry companions.

From spaying and neutering to updating microchips and staying on top of vaccinations, this month is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of responsible pet care.

"Being a responsible pet owner means ensuring your pet is healthy, safe, and loved, and this September is a great reminder to take those extra steps," said Terry Kobschull, Director of El Paso Animal Services.

Spay and Neuter: Reducing pet overpopulation starts with spaying and neutering your pets. This essential procedure not only helps control the number of homeless animals in our community, but also promotes better health and behavior for your pet.

Up-to-Date Microchips and ID Tags: Microchipping your pet is one of the most reliable ways to ensure they can be returned to you if lost. But don't forget to keep your information current! A microchip paired with a secure ID tag provides double the protection.

Annual Vaccinations: Keep your pets safe from diseases like rabies, parvo, distemper, and feline viruses by staying up to date on vaccines. Regular vet visits protect their health and help prevent the spread of illness to other pets.

Make Adoption Your Only Option: Thinking about adding a new member to your family? Adopt from a shelter or rescue! By making adoption your only option, you're helping combat the pet overpopulation crisis and giving a deserving animal a forever home. Adopted pets also come spayed or neutered, microchipped, and with their age appropriate vaccinations.

For more tips on how to be a responsible pet owner or to adopt a pet, visit AdoptEP.org.

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