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## OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

### BURBANK ANIMAL SHELTER RECEIVES ASPCA GRANT

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All dogs and cats adopted from the Burbank Animal Shelter (BAS) will soon be leaving with collars and a personalized pet identification tag thanks to a generous grant from the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

The BAS has received a \$6,500 grant for the purchase of a pet identification tag engraving machine, ID tags and collars for newly-adopted pets.

"Personalized pet ID tags are a great way to identify lost pets and get them reunited with their owners," said BAS Superintendent, Brenda Castaneda. "We are very grateful to ASPCA for providing this grant to the City of Burbank."

"The simple act of providing a collar and ID tag to each animal that leaves the shelter can be the best way of preventing them from getting lost and coming back through those doors as a stray," said Jill Buckley, senior director of community initiatives at the ASPCA. "The ASPCA supports ID tagging programs, and is pleased to provide this grant to the Burbank Animal Shelter so that they can implement this tagging initiative in their community."

Last year, over 2,500 dogs and cats arrived at BAS and only 30 percent of dogs and 3 percent of cats were returned to their owners. BAS is hoping to increase those percentages with the assistance of this generous grant.

"Although every dog and cat adopted from the Burbank Animal Shelter is micro-chipped at the time of adoption, the engraved ID tags are a second form of identification that will help reduce the amount of time it takes to reunite lost pets with their owners," said BAS Community Outreach Director, Karen Wilcox. "Lost pets will hopefully be returned to their owners without ever having to be brought to a shelter."

Each new Burbank Animal Shelter pet adopter will have the opportunity to select from a variety of collars and tags at no additional cost, until all grant funds have been expended.

Burbank Animal Shelter pet adoption fees are \$104 for dogs and \$78 for cats. The adoption fee includes a medical exam, flea treatment, vaccinations, spaying or neutering and a microchip. Visit [Petharbor.com](http://Petharbor.com) to view adoptable pets or to find a lost pet.

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Questions regarding this statement may be directed to Burbank Animal Shelter Community Outreach Director, Karen Wilcox, @ 818-238-3349

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