



Community Announcement from Councilman Dennis P. Zine

Canoga Park Reseda Tarzana West Hills Winnetka Woodland Hills

2008 "Operation Blankets of Love" Blanket & Towel Drive

Dear Friends,

I want to share a special opportunity with you that was brought to my attention by Eileen Smulson. In January, Eileen created the 2008 Operation of Blankets of Love Drive after learning that the Los Angeles Animal Services shelters were in dire need of blankets and towels to keep the animals warm and dry during the unpredictable weather.

Eileen has collected more than 7500 items already and was endorsed by the head of the LA Animal Services and all the Directors of the city shelters for her admirable service to the community.

Eileen says that these donations greatly enrich the lives of the homeless, abused, and abandoned dogs in these shelters by giving them a cuddly blanket to feel safe in. The towels are used for additional bedding or for grooming making them feel comfortable and relaxed, making them more adoptable.

You can help by collecting and donating clean, old & new blankets and towels for shelter animals waiting to be adopted by loving homes!

A study by the Compassion Action Institute in New York shows that shelter animals that are given blankets, sheets, and comforters to rest on are more able to relax and get comfortable in their new surroundings while they are waiting to be adopted. Potential adopters are more drawn to animals that appear relaxed and friendly, snuggled on a soft bed which helps to create a more home-like setting. The simple addition of a blanket or comforter to a shelter animal's environment is proven to lead to increased adoptions.

Please bring your donations to the following locations:

Pet Zone

10142 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA
818-832-0110

North Valley Veterinary Clinic & Animal Dermatology Clinic

11152 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA
818-366-7777

The Pet People

18040 Chatsworth St.
Granada Hills, CA
818-832-0771

Red Barn Feed and Saddlery

18601 Oxnard St.
Tarzana, CA
818-345-2510

Red Barn, Too

8393 Topanga Canyon
West Hills, CA
818-887-7388

Jan's Pet Grooming and Pet Zone (#2)

17629 Chatsworth St.
Granada Hills
818-831-8565

The Puppy Palace

11156 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA
818-366-9069

New Age Pet Supply

19315 Saticoy St.
Reseda, CA
818-886-7387

Tams Pet Foods & Supplies

17635 Vanowen St.
Van Nuys, CA
818-343-6873

Prestige Pet Supply

18425 Nordhoff St.
Northridge, CA
818 772-6611

You can also contact Eileen directly via email at eicreate@aol.com.

Warm Regards,
DENNIS P. ZINE
Your Third District Councilman