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# Media Advisory

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## ***CITY CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING FOR ANIMAL CARE SERVICES CATTERY BUILDING***

*Expansion Project Due to Increase of Sacramento Cat Population Over the Decade*

**Friday, September 14, 2007  
10 a.m.**

**Who:** The City of Sacramento's Councilmembers will join Animal Care Services staff, volunteers and animal-related organizations to celebrate the beginning of the City animal shelter expansion project at a groundbreaking ceremony.

**What:** The 2,900 square-foot expansion project will be constructed at the current shelter on Front Street. The cattery building will be designed to provide public viewing and display, as well as areas for public interaction, education and training.

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The original animal shelter was built in the early 1990's and is now overcrowded due to the rise in the Sacramento cat population. Currently, 5,257 cats are admitted to the shelter yearly, compared to 3,873 cats admitted in 1997. The new facility will allow the shelter to care for more cats and provide additional opportunities for adoption. The cattery is a "state of the art" facility that may be the best seen in Northern California. Construction will be completed by early summer 2008.

**When:** Friday, September 14, 2007  
10 a.m.

**Where:** Animal Care Services – 2127 Front Street, Sacramento  
(Front Street & Broadway)

To learn more about adopting an animal or spaying and neutering, please visit the City's Animal Care Services Center at 2127 Front Street, call (916) 808-PETS (7387) or visit [www.SacPetSearch.com](http://www.SacPetSearch.com).

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**The media are invited to attend and cover this event. District 4 Councilmember Rob Fong and Animal Care Services Manager, Hector Cazares, will be available for interviews after the groundbreaking ceremony. Shelter animals, City staff and volunteers, as well as members of several animal-related organizations will be on site.**

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