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Assemblyman Lloyd Levine to Speak at Homeless Animals Day

What: National Homeless Animals Day "Mutt Strut"

When: Saturday, August 18, 2007

Time: 10 a.m. – Noon

Where: State Capitol, West Steps

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Featuring: State Assemblyman Lloyd Levine (D-Van Nuys)
Happy Tails Founder Melinie diLuck

National Homeless Animals Day is a nationwide event to bring attention to the millions of homeless and abandoned dogs and cats throughout the country who are euthanized in animal shelters every year. As Sacramento's only "no-kill" shelter, Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary is holding a "Mutt Strut" to honor these animals, and to educate lawmakers and community leaders about the animal overpopulation crisis nationwide.

Assemblyman Levine has been a friend to animals since he was elected to the state Assembly in 2002. He is the author of this year's California Healthy Pets Act, which would require, with many exceptions, the spaying or neutering of dogs and cats over the age of 4 months. He also is the author of legislation to change the animal cruelty laws regarding elephants kept in captivity, and has carried and supported numerous other animal-related bills, including one to proclaim Spay Day in California.

Following the speakers and presentations, attendees will "strut their mutts" around the state Capitol grounds. There also will be informational tables and mobile adoptions by Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary and Sacramento City Animal Care Services.

Happy Tails is Sacramento's no-kill pet sanctuary, founded in 1993 by volunteers committed to a common goal: *To create a safe haven for abandoned and abused animals.* For more information on Happy Tails, please visit www.happytails.org.