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Pet adoption event for armed forces members, veterans

San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control (ACC) will recognize U.S. veterans and members of the military with no-cost pet adoptions during the Nov. 6 to 13 Pets-2-Vets adoption event. Active duty service members, veterans, and their immediate family members can adopt dogs and cats from one of the County's animal shelters in Devore or Big Bear City.

This event is part of the County's ongoing effort to place homeless pets with loving families. ACC will adopt dogs or cats to qualified U.S. armed forces members: active duty, reserves, National Guard and veterans. Immediate family members of service members and veterans are also eligible. There is a limit of two adoptions per qualified individual.

Two local non-profit organizations are sponsoring the event; the "Animals aRe First Fund" (ARFF), which assists stray animals in San Bernardino County and the Animals for Armed Forces Foundation, a Fullerton-based organization that thanks heroes of the armed forces by sponsoring free pet adoption events for them and their families.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to place homeless pets with deserving military veterans and their families, thanks to the generous financial support of our two non-profit sponsors," said Brian Cronin, chief of San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control.

Participants need to provide one form of valid military identification. Valid identification includes a Veterans Identification Card, VA Health Card, Department of Defense/Uniformed Services ID Card, Disabled American Veterans Life Member ID Card, American Legion ID Card, DD-214 form, a Disabled Veteran California State Park and Recreation Pass, or a letter from the San Bernardino County Office of Veterans Affairs.

Animals can be adopted from the following shelters:

- Devore Animal Shelter, 19777 Shelter Way in San Bernardino, (909)-386-9820
- Big Bear Animal Shelter, 42080 Northshore Drive in Big Bear City, (909) 866-4943

For more information call San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control shelters or visit www.sbcounty.gov/acc.

