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spcaLA Urges Pet Owners to Check Treats

Los Angeles, CA – In light of pet deaths and illnesses, possibly linked to jerky treats made in China, spcaLA urges pet owners to check their supplies and refrain from feeding potential harmful treats to their pets.

The spcaLA Marketplace in Long Beach and the spcaLA Mini-Mart in Hawthorne do not sell pet treats or pet foods made in China. Both locations only sell premium pet foods and treats, as well as other pet supplies, with a focus on “Made in the USA” products.

“spcaLA’s commitment to selling premium pet food and treats, helps your pet, shelter pets, and our economy,” said spcaLA President, Madeline Bernstein.

Profits from the spcaLA Marketplaces benefit spcaLA shelter pets, and selling “Made in the USA” products helps to invigorate the economy that ultimately funds spcaLA’s animal cruelty investigations, violence-prevention programs, and a variety of shelter services for abandoned and abused animals.

According to the FDA’s website, as of May 1, 2014, more than 4,800 complaints of illness have been in made in pets that ate chicken, duck, or sweet potato jerky treats, nearly all of which are imported from China. This includes more than 1,000 canine deaths.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Ana Bustilloz at 323-730-5300 x252, 323-707-1271 (cell), or by email at abustilloz@spcaLA.com.

About spcaLA

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles, or spcaLA, is an independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California since 1877. There is no national SPCA, parent organization, or umbrella group that provides financial support to spcaLA. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education, and a variety of shelter services.