



City of  
**San Bernardino**

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## **San Bernardino to Launch New Mobile Veterinary Clinic on February 20**

San Bernardino, Calif. – The City of San Bernardino will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 20 at the Seccombe Lake Dog Park to debut its new Mobile Veterinary Clinic. The ribbon cutting will include City officials and representatives of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, who provided the funding for the mobile clinic through a \$1.1 million grant.

As part of the event, which coincides with National Love Your Pet Day, free vaccinations and microchipping will be available between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm for pets in need of these services.

The Mobile Veterinary Clinic will allow the San Bernardino Animal Services Department to travel throughout the City to parks, community centers, and other locations to conduct spay and neuter procedures, vaccinations, and microchipping clinics.

"The Mobile Clinic represents a proactive approach to pet care, making pet care more accessible for all members of our community, said San Bernardino Animal Services Director Kris Watson.

"We are proud to support this initiative to increase access to pet wellness for pet owners in the San Bernardino community," said Chairwoman Lynn Valbuena, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. "It is a unique service that will reinforce the community's resilience and we look forward to the overall improved health of our neighbors' pets."

Reaching residents who may face challenges in accessing or affording traditional veterinary services was one of the driving forces behind the Mobile Veterinary Clinic.

"Residents have been asking us to add a mobile clinic to our Animal Services Department for a long time," said San Bernardino Mayor Helen Tran. "We are grateful to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for making this possible."

Seccombe Lake Park is located at 160 East 5th Street in San Bernardino. Attendees are encouraged to park in the lot near the intersection of Sierra Way and 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

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