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TRIBAL COUNCIL TO PRESENT CHECK FOR NEW SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC AT PLACER SPCA

Roseville, CA – At 12:00 p.m. tomorrow, members of the United Auburn Indian Community Tribal Council will present a check in the amount of \$25,000 to the Placer SPCA for a new on-site spay and neuter clinic at their shelter (150 Corporation Yard Road, Roseville). Construction on the United Auburn Indian Community Spay and Neuter Clinic (as it will be known) is set to begin immediately with an expected completion date of June 2007.

The Placer SPCA's Chief Executive Officer, Leilani Vierra, is excited about partnering with the Tribal Council. "We are so grateful to the members of the Tribal Council for their support and thank them for recognizing the importance of an on-site spay and neuter clinic and its overall impact and benefit to our community." She adds, "Currently, our animals wait on average one week after they are adopted for an appointment with an outside veterinarian for spay/neuter surgery before being able to go home with their new family." The Placer SPCA's Board President, Colin Grahl, discusses the impact of the new clinic by adding, "The UAIC spay/neuter clinic will provide us with a more effective use of our resources — allowing us to ready animals sooner to be rehomed and therefore, provide us with additional housing for more animals in need." The spay/neuter clinic may also be used to promote low cost spay/neuter activities in the community, thereby reducing the number of unwanted and homeless animals who would otherwise find their way into our shelter.

"UAIC is proud to be a partner of the new UAIC Spay and Neuter Clinic," said United Auburn Indian Community Tribal Chairwoman Jessica Tavares. "The services that the center will provide will help make our pets healthier and our community safer." "The UAIC Giving Program Committee felt this donation was essential to further along the great progress that is being made at the Placer SPCA," said UAIC Giving Program Committee Chairwoman Kim DuBach.

The new UAIC Spay and Neuter Clinic is part of the Placer SPCA's Expansion Project, which includes relocating the administrative offices to an on-site modular unit, making room for an expanded cat adoption area and on-site spay/neuter clinic. With the check presentation today, the Placer SPCA is announcing to the public its major gift campaign for the Expansion Project and working toward securing the \$229,000 it will take to fund the project.

The need for this project is articulated by CEO Leilani Vierra noting, "Placer County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state – as we continue to grow at such a rapid rate, we at the Placer SPCA must take care of the animals in our care – and take the lead in providing the necessary resources for our community. Most importantly, this project will help us maintain our seven year record of not euthanizing an adoptable animal due to time or lack of space, simply because they do not have a home...and, it is the next step we must take toward the day where every adoptable companion animal in Placer County has a home."

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