



# *Proclamation*

## **NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 13-19, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Palo Alto Police Department's four Animal Control Officers work diligently seven days a week, 365 days a year, to protect the welfare of the animals and wildlife of the Palo Alto community, as well as providing animal control services to the City of Los Altos and the Town of Los Altos Hills; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers, sometimes at great risk to their own personal safety, serve and protect the welfare of pets and wildlife against injury, disease, abuse, and starvation while enforcing California state law and the municipal codes of the three jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers protect the public from diseases like rabies, investigate all animal bites of other animals and humans, permit and monitor dangerous animals, issue animal-related permits, conduct premise inspections for properties permitted to have livestock, conduct criminal investigations in cases involving animal welfare, and help support the Police Department by safely containing potentially dangerous animals during tactical operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers regularly work alongside and in close collaboration with staff from Pets In Need, who operate the City's animal shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers are deeply involved with the community, including partnering with local businesses in hosting monthly "Pet Pantries" at the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park and organizing pet supply drives during the holidays to help support pet owners in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Lauing, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby proclaim and call upon all citizens of Palo Alto to observe the week of April 13-19, 2025, as "National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week" and join in honoring our Animal Control Officers and recognizing them for their diligence and professionalism.

Presented: April 14, 2025

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**Ed Lauing**  
**Mayor**