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ALLARD PROMOTES THIRD ANNUAL 'TAG YOUR PET DAY' THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 7 HUMANE SOCIETY PROGRAM PROMOTES PET IDENTIFICATION EFFORTS

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) joined his colleague and fellow veterinarian Senator John Ensign (R-NV) today in promoting the American Humane Society's third annual "Tag Your Pet Day" this Saturday, April 7. Allard and Ensign, the only veterinarians in Congress, support the program which is designed to educate owners about the importance of pet identification tags.

"As a veterinarian, I understand the important role pets play in family life," Allard said. "By properly tagging your animal, you dramatically increase the chances of recovering your lost pet and reduce the growing number of lost animals who are never reunited with their owners."

According to the American Humane Association, approximately six million lost animals, 3.8 million dogs and 2.3 million cats, entered into animal shelters last year. Of those animals lost only seventeen percent of dogs and two percent of cats lost are reunited with their owners. The remaining pets were either adopted or euthanized to make room for other homeless animals.

"I hope all Coloradans will join me this Saturday, April 7, to properly identify your pets," Allard added. "By working together in our local communities, we can help animal welfare professionals in returning lost pets to their rightful owners and significantly reduce the number of homeless animals in shelters."