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Free Mobile Veterinary Care Coming to Miami Beach

— *Miami-Dade County Animal Services' Wellness on Wheels (WOW) Mobile will provide free pet wellness services to Miami Beach residents—*

Miami Beach, FL – Complimentary veterinary services will be available in Miami Beach between Sept. 28 and Dec. 23 for dogs and cats, thanks to a partnership with Miami-Dade County Animal Services (Animal Services), which will bring its Wellness on Wheels (WOW) Mobile to the community. The Wow Mobile wellness truck from Miami-Dade County Animal Services will be parked behind the Flamingo Park basketball courts at 13 Street and Michigan Avenue three days per week except Columbus Day (Monday, Oct. 12) and Veterans Day (Nov. 11), providing essential veterinary services at no cost to residents.

A ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony to celebrate the WOW Mobile's return to the beach will be held on Monday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. at 13 Street and Michigan Avenue.

"Our pets are family, and this event makes it easier for residents to keep them safe and healthy. After several successful years in North Beach, I'm thrilled that we are bringing these free services to South Beach for the first time," said **Miami Beach Commissioner Laura Dominguez**.

The free walk-in care will be available for both dogs and cats every Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch between 12-1 p.m.).

"Access to affordable pet care shouldn't be a barrier for Miami Beach families," shared **Mayor Steven Meiner**. "Our partnership with Miami-Dade County Animal Services makes it easier for residents to access essential care, keep our pets healthy and our neighborhoods safer."

"Our pets are part of our families, and we want to make sure they are happy, healthy, and getting the care they deserve. We also know that vet bills can add up quickly, and for many families, those costs can be difficult," added **Miami-Dade County Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez**. "I'm so happy we're able to bring the WOW Mobile to Miami Beach and give our residents a little relief while helping them care for the pets they love. A healthy community includes our four-legged neighbors too, and I hope our residents take advantage of these wonderful free services."

The list of services for dogs and cats include:

- Rabies vaccines
- Microchipping
- Deworming
- One-month supply of flea and tick prevention.

In addition, dog owners can get DHPP vaccinations for their pets at no charge and cat owners can obtain free FVRCP vaccinations for their pets.

“Miami-Dade County Animal Services is proud to bring our Wellness on Wheels Mobile to Miami Beach and provide these essential services directly to residents in the community,” said **Annette Jose, Director of Miami-Dade County Animal Services**. “By making preventive veterinary care available at no cost, we can help pet owners keep their animals healthy while strengthening the connection between pets, their families and the community.

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About Miami-Dade County Animal Services

Every year Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department (Animal Services) provides care and refuge to almost 15,000 lost, abandoned, injured, ill, or abused dogs and cats and affords vaccination and sterilization services to almost 20,000 free-roaming community cats. Every lost and abandoned dogs and cats. Every day, Animal Services staff works diligently to find life-long homes for these abandoned animals by facilitating onsite adoptions, hosting offsite adoptions at events and locations throughout the community, and working collaboratively with rescue organizations, volunteers, and adoption partners. For more information visit www.miamidade.gov/animals and/or follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @adoptmiamipets.