



## **Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter**

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### **Rising Distemper Cases in Santa Cruz County Discounted Vaccines and Microchips Package Offered**

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS) has seen an increase in distemper cases in coyotes and racoons within Santa Cruz County. Animal Control Officers have been responding to cases predominately on the West Side of Santa Cruz, but cases are starting to move throughout the County. Distemper is a contagious viral disease that affects a wide variety of animals and has no known cure. Dogs can be infected and the only way to prevent this is to vaccinate dogs against the virus.

To encourage pet owners to vaccinate their dogs against Distemper, SCCAS will offer the following package of services to Santa Cruz County resident pets for only \$10:

- DA2pp (Distemper/Parvo) vaccine for dogs, with a current County license\*
- FVRCP (cats)
- Rabies
- Microchip (including registration)

\*Can be purchased day of for \$29 altered pet or \$100 unaltered pet.

Dates of discounted services:

Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1 pm-3 pm

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1 pm-3 pm

#### **About Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS)**

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is an open admission shelter which welcomes EVERY animal in need. Our goal is to be a humane resource for the community by providing a safety net and second chance for local animals. There are two locations where owners can find and recover lost pets, adopt new animal companions, or sign up for PLANNED PetHood, our low cost spay/neuter program available for all resident pets. Our success is achieved through a variety of life-saving services and programs which are described in detail on our website, [www.scanimalshelter.org](http://www.scanimalshelter.org). The support of our community is crucial to sustaining and expanding these services.