



Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

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Healthy Pets for All Clinics Available Friday **Free pop-up pet vaccination clinics for qualified household available**

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter has seen several cases recently of parvovirus and distemper in puppies and dogs that have come into the shelter, as well as some cases of severe respiratory infections in cats. Unfortunately, due to a shortage of veterinary professionals nationwide, it has become more difficult and expensive for pet owners to get animals in for regular preventative care in the last few years. For some pet owners, veterinary care is simply out of reach.

To help, the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter will offer free vaccination clinics for those with fixed or limited incomes at several locations throughout the rest of the year. Upcoming clinics will be held:

Friday, May 24th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Franich Park (near the dog park)
795 Vista Montana Dr
Watsonville, CA 95076

Friday, June 28th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mountain Community Resources
6134 Hwy 9
Felton, CA 95018

At Healthy Pets for All (HPfA) pop-up clinics, registered Veterinary Technicians, assisted by shelter staff and volunteers, will provide core vaccinations, dewormer, and flea and tick prevention to dogs and cats at clinic sites around Santa Cruz County. Some free pet care items and food will also be available, depending upon available donations and funding.

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter provides lifesaving and life-enhancing services to pets and their people on a regular basis – in the last year, the Animal Shelter helped hundreds of very low-income people get their pets vaccinated and spayed or neutered, and it regularly provide safe keeping care for pets when owners are hospitalized or incarcerated.

Healthy Pets for All vaccination clinics help prevent the spread of dangerous diseases in the community and is a resource for people who may benefit from referrals and information, as well as core vaccines and preventative care for their beloved pets.

For many people going through hard times - whether that's losing a job or home, battling illness, or struggling with housing, a pet's love and good health can become even more important for mental health and feelings of stability. Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is committed to keeping people with their beloved pets while ensuring that pets stay healthy and happy.

Healthy Pets for All is funded by donations and sponsorships. Individuals who are able can support this work through the Shelter's website at <https://www.scanimalshelter.org/donate/>.

If a business or foundation would like to sponsor HPfA clinics or other Shelter programs or outreach efforts, contact Dana Morey at dana.morey@santacruzcountyca.gov or 831-454-7261.

About Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS)

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is an open admission shelter that welcomes animals in need.

It is a humane resource for the community, providing a safety net and second chance for local animals. The Shelter is a government entity, but relies on donations and adoption fees to provide excellent care and programs for animals and the entire Santa Cruz County community.

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter at 1001 Rodriguez Ave, Santa Cruz 95062,
is open from 11:00 to 6:00 daily.

To view available pets, visit www.scanimalshelter.org