



Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

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“FALL IN LOVE” PET ADOPTION SPECIAL

Adoption-Ready Dogs and Cats Only \$30 September 12-14, 2024

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is over-flowing with healthy, adoptable, dogs, cats, and rabbits, as diverse and beautiful as autumn leaves! Shelter staff and volunteers are hoping to help lots of families **Fall in Love** this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when the adoption fee for **all pets in the shelter (or in foster homes) that have already been spayed or neutered will be just \$30!**

As always, the adoption fee includes not only a wonderful new companion pet, but spay or neuter, all core vaccinations a pet is old enough to receive, and a microchip. For dogs who'll be living in Santa Cruz County, the \$30 fee will also cover the dogs' first annual dog license fee.

“Remarkably, although shelters always have wonderful pets available, national studies show that only around 15% of Americans who have pets adopted them from an animal shelter!” said Amber Rowland, General Manager of the Shelter. “To save these wonderful animals, we need to convince more people that their local shelter HAS a great and diverse selection of pets to choose from, AND it's an absolutely unbeatable value, even at the regular prices!”

Veterinary costs have increased steeply in recent years. Getting the services included with adoption separately, at a regular veterinary clinic, can cost close to \$1,000! Pets that are spayed, neutered, and vaccinated live longer and have far lower veterinary bills over their lifetime than those that are not. Pet parents whose pets are microchipped and registered or licensed with the local shelter will always be contacted if their pet ends up back at the shelter or in many other emergency situations, so they're far more likely to be reunited.

Regular fees will apply to any pets that are not already spayed or neutered at the time your adoption application is completed with staff. The shelter's regular low fees are:

- Puppies 2-6 months old = \$210
- Adult dogs = \$150
- Dogs over 6 yrs = \$75
- Kittens 2-6 months old = \$150
- Adult cats = \$110
- Cats over 6 yrs = \$75

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter, located at **1001 Rodriguez St.** in Santa Cruz, California 95062, is **open every day of the week from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** You can complete an adoption application and meet potential pets up until 4:30 p.m. each day. Listings of both lost and found and adoptable pets can be found at www.scanimalshelter.org.

Come to the shelter and FALL IN LOVE!

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) providing professional, humane Animal Control and Sheltering services to all incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County. The shelter served over 7,000 domestic and wild animals in the most recent fiscal year and relies on donations and volunteers from the community to provide outstanding care and service.