



## Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

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### **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC Planned Pethood Joins Forces with Animal Balance for 3-day Event**

Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS) is partnering with Animal Balance to provide another 200 pets (100 cats and 100 dogs) with low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, core vaccines, and microchips **November 15-17 at 2260 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Registration is now open.

Fully licensed Veterinarians and registered Vet Techs from the international animal welfare organization Animal Balance will perform sterilization surgeries, with clinic support and assistance provided by local volunteers. **Spay and neuter surgeries are \$150 for cats and \$300 for dogs.** Those on public assistance such as CalFresh or MediCal can provide proof of that assistance to qualify for lower fees: \$75 for a cat and \$150 for a dog.

To be eligible for surgery, pets must be healthy, between 8 weeks and 8 years old, and weigh between 2 and 80 pounds. Dogs and cats with very short noses such as pugs, Persian cats, etc, and those with health problems, will not be eligible.

Pets will be dropped off at the Shelter's "Education Center" (2260 7<sup>th</sup> Ave) in the morning of the scheduled day, and pick up is late afternoon of the same day. Owners will be called when their pet is ready, or before 5:30 pm. Pre- and post-operative instructions will be sent to the email address the owner provides on the registration form. Fees are due at the time of registration, and fees are the same even if not all services are needed. To pay in cash, or for those without a smart phone or internet access, the staff at Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter can make it happen during shelter business hours.

To sign up for an appointment, visit: <https://bit.ly/SpayNeuterSC>

If you're interested in volunteering to assist with this event, contact the Shelter's Volunteer Coordinator at 831-454-7209 or [megan.carroll@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:megan.carroll@santacruzcountyca.gov).

If you'd like to provide financial or in-kind support for subsidized spay/neuter in our County, visit [www.scanimalshelterfoundation.org](http://www.scanimalshelterfoundation.org).

For more information about Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter and this event, please visit [www.scanimalshelter.org](http://www.scanimalshelter.org) or call 831-454-7200. The main shelter is open daily from 11:00 – 6:00 at 1001 Rodriguez St. in Santa Cruz, and the Watsonville location is open Tues – Sat 9:30 – 5:00 (closed for the lunch hour).

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

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is an open admission shelter that welcomes animals 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 or adopt new animal companions.

Community support is crucial to sustaining and expanding our services. Learn more at [www.scanimalshelter.org](http://www.scanimalshelter.org).