



Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR UPCOMING PLANNED PETHOOD/ANIMAL BALANCE PARTNERSHIP EVENT

Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS) is seeking volunteers for a clinic hosted by Planned Pethood and Animal Balance to provide 200 animals with low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and other services during upcoming events to be held August 16-18 and November 15-17.

The Animal Shelter needs 10-12 volunteers each day of the event from 8 a.m. until approximately 5-6 p.m. Half-day shifts may be available. The Shelter needs agile, active folks comfortable working with animals and who can focus well in a busy environment. A positive attitude and teamwork skills are a must. Bilingual volunteers and those with veterinary or animal experience are especially encouraged to sign up, but all will be provided necessary training

Volunteers who are not already shelter volunteers should sign up by contacting the Animal Shelter's Volunteer Coordinator, Megan Carroll, at 831-454-7209 or megan.carroll@santacruzcountyca.gov. Ideally, volunteers would sign up for the same position multiple days in a row to minimize training needs, but this is not a requirement.

The events will be held at the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter's "Annex", at 2260 7th Ave. Volunteers must provide their own transportation and parking will be limited.

Positions to be filled include:

- **Registration/Discharge (3-4 people in AM and PM)** – Will be responsible for communicating with owners to obtain health history of dogs and providing basic information about the services the clinic offers.
- **Stage 2 Recovery (1-2 people in AM and PM)** – Will monitor patients to ensure they continue coming safely out of anesthesia after surgery once they have been moved out of stage 1 recovery.
- **Instrument Cleaning/Pack Prep (2 people throughout the day)** – Will wash dirty instruments, and make and autoclave packs to assist in the flow of surgery.
- **Animal Transport (2-3 people through the day)** – Moving animals on/off surgery tables, from surgery to recovery, back to kennels, etc.
- **Volunteers may also assist with other tasks, as needed.**

Information about securing spay/neuter appointments at these events will be coming soon.

For more information about Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter, please visit www.scanimashelter.org or contact us at 831-454-7200.