



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**

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS), believes there's really no better way to say "Happy Valentine's Day!" to a dog or cat than to provide them with freedom from reproductive worries! The shelter has once again partnered with Animal Balance to provide 200 owned pets (100 cats and 100 dogs) with low-cost spay/neuter surgery, core vaccines, and a microchip **February 14-16, 2025**. Registration is now open at www.scanimalshelter.org.

Fully licensed Veterinarians and Registered Veterinary Technicians 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. The clinic will take place just around the corner from the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter at **2260 7th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062**.

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, bulldogs, Persian cats), senior pets, and those with known health problems are **not** eligible for this clinic.

Registered pets will be dropped off at the Shelter's "Education Center" (2260 7th 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 p.m. 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 help pet owners register during shelter business hours.

To sign up for an appointment, visit: <https://bit.ly/SpayNeuterFeb2025>

"There's really no such thing as "low-cost" spay/neuter..." said Dr. Maris Brenn-White, Shelter Veterinarian. "...there is only SUBSIDIZED spay/neuter, and we rely on donations to our Planned Pethood fund to bring the fantastic Animal Balance team to Santa Cruz County to provide this very important service, along with all the other subsidized spay/neuter services we provide to under-resourced pet owners throughout each year. Community support is critical to ensure these critical preventive services can continue."

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

Volunteer support is also critical for these events. If you're interested in volunteering to assist with this event, or with regular shelter operations, contact the Shelter's Volunteer Coordinator, Megan, at 831-454-7209 or megan.carroll@santacruzcountyca.gov.

For more information about Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter and this event, please visit 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 (580 Airport Blvd) is open Tues – Sat 9:30 – 5:00 (closed for the lunch hour).

20 second PSA:

Say “I love you!” to your pet by freeing them from reproductive worries! Registration is now open for low-cost spay/neuter surgery through the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter and Animal Balance on Valentine's Day weekend, February 14th through 16th. Visit www.scanimalshelter.org (W W W dot ESS SEE ANIMAL SHELTER dot O R G) for details and a link to register.

About Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS)

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is an open admission, animal control shelter that provides humane law enforcement and 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.