



Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

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PLANNED PETHOOD AND ANIMAL BALANCE CLINIC

Three-day clinic to provide low-cost animal health services

Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS) is partnering with Animal Balance to provide 200 animals (100 cats and 100 dogs) with low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, core vaccines, and microchips during upcoming clinics to be held August 16-18 and November 15-17 at 2270 7th Ave. Registration for the August event is now open.

At this event, fully licensed Veterinarians and registered Vet Techs from Animal Balance will perform surgeries, with clinic support and assistance being provided by local volunteers. Spay and neuter surgeries will cost \$150 for cats and \$300 for dogs. (Those on public assistance such as CalFresh or MediCal will pay \$75 and \$150 respectively.)

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.

Drop off for dogs is 8:00 am at Shelter Annex (2260 7th Ave) on the scheduled day and drop off for cats is 8:30 am on the scheduled day. Pick up is late afternoon the same day. Owners will be called when their pet is ready, or before 5:30 pm. Pre- and post-op instructions will be sent to the email owner provides in the registration form closer to the date of the event. The full-fee or low-income fee is required to be paid at the time of registration. To pay in cash, visit the Animal Shelter during business hours.

To sign up for an appointment, visit: <https://form.jotform.com/241918198861065>

If you're interested in volunteering to assist with these events, contact the Shelter's Volunteer Coordinator at 831-454-7209 or megan.carroll@santacruzcountyca.gov.

If you'd like to provide financial or in-kind support for these spay/neuter clinics, contact Amber Rowland, General Manager, at 831-454-7203 or amber.rowland@santacruzcountyca.gov

For more information about Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter and this event, please visit www.scanimalshelter.org or contact us at 831-454-7200. The main shelter is open daily from 11:00 – 6:00 and located at 1001 Rodriguez St. in Santa Cruz.

About Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS)

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is an open admission shelter that welcomes EVERY animal 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 (Santa Cruz and Watsonville) 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.