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Animal Shelter Offers Autumn Adoption Special
Half-Price on All Adoptions as Shelter Brims with Adoptable Animals

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS) is experiencing an overload of animals at their shelter and are seeking forever homes for adoptable animals. Adopting out animals helps open up space at their open-admission shelter for other animals that need Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter's help. To encourage more animal adoptions, the adoption price for all dogs, puppies, cats, kittens and rabbits will be **half price** through October 2016.

There are so many reasons to adopt from the shelter. One of the best is that shelter animals make great pets. Many have already lived with a human family and have the basic training, socialization and cooperative skills they need to become part of your household. And many, but not all, of shelter animals have the advantage of being mixed-breed animals that use what geneticists call "hybrid vigor" to avoid some of the health issues of purebred animals.

Shelter animals are also quite a bargain since their fees include spay/neuter, microchip (including registration), age appropriate vaccinations and Felv/FIV testing, routine treatment for fleas/worms, and a free pet wellness exam with local participating veterinarians.

Adoption is one of the main services Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter offers to our community, and it is a cooperative labor of love with our adopters. SCCAS appreciates and applauds people who make the life-saving decision to adopt a homeless animal! So, come on over to visit Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter's adoptable animals, and be prepared to fall in love!

For more information and to view adoptable animals, please visit our shelter locations at 2200 7th Avenue in Santa Cruz and 580 Airport Blvd in Watsonville, and visit our website www.scanimalshelter.org.

<u>About Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS)</u>

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is an open admission shelter which 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 where owners can find and recover lost pets, adopt new animal companions, or sign up for PLANNED PetHood, our low cost spay/neuter program available for all resident pets. Our success is achieved through a variety of life-saving services and programs which are described in detail on our website, www.scanimalshelter.org. The support of our community is crucial to sustaining and expanding these services.

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