

Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

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53 Rabbits Rescued from Property Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Offers \$25 Rabbit Adoption Special

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter recently took in 53 rabbits from a petting zoo in Boulder Creek. A concerned citizen contacted our agency about this situation and one of our officers did a welfare check on the property. The owner had become overwhelmed by the rabbits breeding and was happy that we had reached out to him.

He agreed to surrender all the rabbits on his property, except for six that he wanted to keep in his petting zoo. The Shelter agreed to have him keep all six, as long as they were spayed and neutered to prevent the problem getting out of hand again. Our officers worked with him on transport of the animals to the Shelter and they were altered for free by our Shelter veterinarian.

Due to the overabundance of rabbits at the Shelter, all rabbit adoption fees are \$25, which includes spay/neuter and microchip.

To see the adoptable animals at the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter, please visit www. scanimalshelter.org.

About Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS)

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.