



Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

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LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN 200 Pets to be “Fixed, Vaccinated and Chipped” During 3-day Event

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS) is excited to once again partner with Animal Balance, an international non-governmental veterinary organization, to provide Santa Cruz County dog and cat owners with affordable spay/neuter surgery, core vaccines, and a microchip November 7-9, 2025. Registration is now open at www.scanimalshelter.org.

A team of fully-licensed Vets and Technicians from Animal Balance will perform sterilization surgeries, with clinic support and assistance provided by dedicated local volunteers. The cost is \$150 for cats and \$300 for dogs. Santa Cruz County residents 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 sign up for an appointment, visit: https://bit.ly/SpayNeuterSC_Nov2025. Fees due at the time of registration. To pay in cash, or for those without a smart phone or internet access, staff at Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter can help pet owners during business hours.

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.

If you'd like to provide financial or in-kind support for subsidized spay/neuter in Santa Cruz County (or support other Shelter services), visit www.scanimalshelterfoundation.org.

“We rely on donations to the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Foundation’s Planned Pethood Fund to bring the incredible Animal Balance team to Santa Cruz County and provide this service for our community, along with hundreds of subsidized spay/neuter services we provide to pet owners in need throughout the year,” Animal Shelter General Manager Amber Rowland said. “Financial support is critical to ensure these affordable services can continue, preventing pet homelessness in the future.”

Volunteer support is also critical for these events. If you're interested in volunteering and for more information about Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter, visit www.scanimashelter.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 Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 – 5:00 (closed for the lunch hour).