



## Reduce Your Carbon Pawprint!

PLANNED PetHood provides access to affordable spay/neuter services for ALL residents of Santa Cruz County. The goals of this program are to help reduce our homeless animal population and also help residents comply with current animal ownership laws. By assisting county residents with population control costs, we hope to dramatically reduce the number of animals in need.



We welcome your help in improving the lives of the animals in our county!

## Participating is Easy!

Sign-up for surgeries and services is on a first-come, first-served basis and must be done in person at one of our two Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter locations. Sign-up must occur BEFORE the surgery date. All fees must be paid, and the check-in and surgery consent forms must be completed at the time of sign-up. Please bring proof of Santa Cruz County residence.

## Our Mission

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS) provides animal regulation and humane care that protects the health, public safety and welfare of people and animals in Santa Cruz County.

Each year SCCAS rescues and assures safe and temporary shelter, as well as veterinary and humane care, for approximately 7,000 stray, unwanted, abandoned, mistreated and injured animals. SCCAS also provides 24-hour animal rescue service and is Santa Cruz County's only full service, open-admission animal shelter.

## Animal Shelter Locations

There are two locations for owners to find and recover their lost pets and adopt new animal companions. Sign-up for PLANNED PetHood spay/neuter surgeries can occur at either location.

### Live Oak

2200 7th Ave. • Santa Cruz 95062

### Watsonville

580 Airport Blvd. • Watsonville 95076

Phone: 831.454.7200

Fax: 831.454.7210

[www.scanimalshelter.org](http://www.scanimalshelter.org)

*For more information and current hours of operation, please call or visit our website.*

# PLANNED PetHood



**The Low-Cost  
Spay/Neuter Program  
for Santa Cruz County  
Resident Pets**

**IT'S THE LAW!** Santa Cruz County has a law requiring that dogs and cats over the age of six months that reside in Santa Cruz County must be spayed or neutered.



## Why Spay or Neuter?

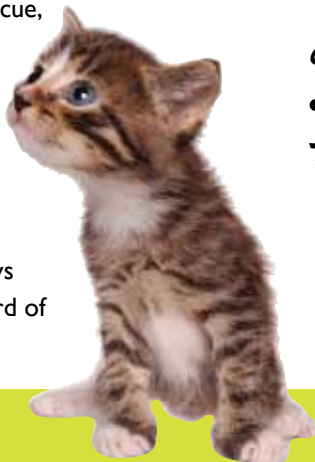
Puppies and kittens are clearly adorable, but unplanned litters result in millions of cats, dogs and rabbits being euthanized or living miserable lives as strays. You can help end the animal overpopulation tragedy with one small, but significant action — have your companion animals sterilized with a routine and affordable surgery.

### Benefits for Animals

- Eliminate messy heat cycles and resulting male attraction
- Reduce risk of spraying and marking
- Decrease desire to roam (with resulting likelihood of being in fights or auto accidents)
- Reduce risk of mammary tumors, ovarian and/or uterine cancer (females)
- Eliminate risk of testicular cancer and decrease incidence of prostate disease (males)
- Decrease aggressive behavior, including dog bites
- Help dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives

### Benefits for People

- Reduce tax dollars needed to rescue, shelter and care for stray, abandoned and unwanted pets
- Reduce danger of transmittable diseases (including rabies), animal bites and attacks
- Reduce property and livestock damage caused by roaming strays
- Reduce the environmental hazard of animal waste



## Low-Cost Spay/Neuter for Santa Cruz County Residents



The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter's PLANNED PetHood program provides high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for pet dogs, cats and rabbits that reside in Santa Cruz County. All surgeries are performed at our Live Oak location by a licensed veterinarian with a professional focus on spay/neuter procedures. Surgeries include a pre-operative exam by a veterinarian, pain medication and dissolvable sutures.

Along with our spay/neuter services, we provide AND REQUIRE a rabies vaccination (if not current), a dog license (if not current), and a microchip. When any or all of these required services are needed, their fees as listed below are added to the base price for spaying or neutering.

### Base Price: Spay or Neuter\*

Dog	\$100
Cat	\$50
Rabbit	\$75

*\*Animal over 100 pounds, in heat, pregnant or cryptorchid - add \$20. Animals over 7 years of age are required to receive a blood panel for an additional \$55.*

### Fees for Additional Required Services

Microchip ID including registration	\$25
License for altered dog	\$28
Rabies vaccination (dogs and cats)	\$10



## “Fix-a-Pit” Program

### \$50 Fee for ALL Pit Bull Spay/Neuter Surgeries

Approximately 17% of dogs that enter the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter are Pit Bulls. Our “special” price for spay/neuter for our community’s Pit Bulls reflects our commitment to their welfare and the welfare of our community.



Pit Bull & cover dog courtesy of David Reese Photography

*The Open-Door Shelter Serving Our Community's Neediest Animals*