



## **Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter**

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### **Animal Shelter Hosts Workshop to Plan for Your Beloved Pet**

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS) will host a free workshop to help pet owners plan ahead for their pet's needs on October 17, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Shelter, 2200 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Santa Cruz.

Every year millions of animals nationwide enter animal shelters because their owners become incapacitated or die. Or, these beloved pets can become an extra burden for friends and family who might not be able to handle the responsibility. When creating your household disaster preparedness plan, please remember to cover your pet's needs. Also, consider helping other pets in need by leaving a legacy of love to support homeless animals in our community by donating to the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter. Your gift will live on in the quality of their lives!

At the workshop, Renee Snow, Ph.D., a Certified Financial Planner and Enrolled Agent for over 20 years, will speak about the amount of money needed to support your pet and ways to save. Allison Cruz, a licensed attorney of 24 years who specialized in estate planning, will give a presentation about ensuring pets are cared for in the event of an owner's death or incapacity.

Melanie Sobel, general manager of Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter, will discuss how the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter serves as the community's safety net for animals and how the organization addresses animal welfare issues in the community.

Light vegetarian snacks and refreshments will be offered, along with door prizes, and a back stage tour of the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter. Please RSVP to Jen Walker at 831-454-7235 or [jen.walker@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:jen.walker@santacruzcounty.us).

#### **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](http://www.scanimalshelter.org). The support of our community is crucial to sustaining and expanding these services.