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Yolo County Animal Services to Take Part in First Ever California Adopt-a-Pet Day on June 1

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Animal Services (YCAS) will be participating in the first-ever California Adopt-a-Pet Day, a statewide initiative on Saturday, June 1. This event features over 170 California animal welfare organizations offering free adoptions at their shelters or within their communities. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) is providing funds to cover the cost of these adoptions.

This event was organized in response to an increase in animals entering shelters due to a severe nationwide shortage of veterinary professionals and factors such as inflation and pet-friendly housing restrictions. Many California communities lack access to affordable veterinary care, including spay and neuter services.

Despite a surge in pet adoptions during the pandemic, YCAS had its biggest adoption year to date in 2023, with over 1,520 animals adopted. YCAS intends to increase adoptions in 2024 with the support of volunteers and the local community. In addition to adoption opportunities, community members are encouraged to support YCAS by dropping off donations of pet food or by making monetary donations at www.FriendsOfYCAS.org/Donate.

California Adopt-a-Pet Day is managed by CalAnimals, an organization dedicated to the success of California animal welfare and sheltering organizations. The initiative is supported by the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SF SPCA) and the ASPCA.

“California shelters are facing enormous pressures due to overcrowding, as the number of animals entering shelters outpaces those leaving,” said Jill Tucker, CEO of CalAnimals. “By increasing adoption demand and encouraging pet-ready families to visit their local shelter first, we can make a change. This unprecedented collaborative effort can help reduce the number of animals in our shelters while providing loving homes for our most vulnerable pets. There has never been a better time or better selection of incredible animals ready for new homes, and we know the people of California will rise to this challenge.”

YCAS is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with walk-in adoption days on Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For those unable to attend but interested in adopting or supporting YCAS's mission, more information can be found at FriendsOfYCAS.org/Adoptable-Animals or by emailing INFO@YoloShelter.org.

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