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8th ANNUAL PARKS & REX POOL PARTY

The Santa Cruz County Parks Department and the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter invite individuals and their dogs to eat, drink, play and swim on Saturday, August 19th for the 8th annual Parks & Rex Pool Party Fundraiser at the Simpkins Family Swim Center.

“Join us for our ‘paws-itively’ amazing event that will make a big splash in our community! Our Parks and Rex Pool Party promises a tail-wagging good time while making a real difference by helping us raise funds for vital shelter services and empowering youth programming,” County Parks Superintendent Sarah Shea said.

The “Parks and Rex” Doggie Pool Party, held 11 a.m.-4 p.m., is a celebration of the deep bond between people and their pets, and it provides a unique opportunity for dogs to cool off and enjoy the water in a safe and controlled environment. Attendees will be treated to a day filled with joyous splashes, delicious food, drinks, swimming, stand up paddle boarding, and heartwarming moments that capture the essence of summer fun.

“Shelter staff and volunteers look forward to Parks and Rex every year. It gives us an opportunity to interact with the public in a less formal setting and to form a connection over our mutual love of animals,” Animal Shelter employee Dana Morey said.

Local donations from Sante Adairius, Alvaro Family Vineyard Winery, Trader Joes, Driscoll’s and countless others ensure a fun day and great prizes available to win. The proceeds raised benefit Santa Cruz County’s vulnerable populations through initiatives such as free veterinary care for underserved pet owners and scholarship support for youth recreation programs and services.

For more information, please visit scparks.com or contact the Parks Department at 831-454-7938. Tickets are available now at scparks.com and in person at the Simpkins Swim Center.