



Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

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Rising Distemper Cases in Santa Cruz County SCCAS Encourages Pet Owners to Vaccinate Pets

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS) continues to see an increase in distemper cases in coyotes and racoons within Santa Cruz County. Animal Control Officers have been responding to cases predominately on the West Side of Santa Cruz, but cases are starting to move throughout the County with cases in Seabright. Distemper is a contagious viral disease that affects a wide variety of animals and has no known cure. Dogs can be infected and the only way to prevent this is to vaccinate dogs against the virus.

SCCAS offers the following services to Santa Cruz County resident pets
Monday-Friday from 1pm-3pm:

- Dog rabies vaccine is \$10 with dog license renewal purchase (\$29 for an altered pet and \$100 unaltered). First time dog licensees will receive a FREE rabies vaccine with dog license purchase
- Cat rabies vaccines are \$10
- Microchips for dogs and cats are \$15 (includes registration)
- Distemper/Parvo (DA2pp) vaccines are \$20

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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. The support of our community is crucial to sustaining and expanding these services.