

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has established an employee recognition program to publicly show support to employees for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the residents of the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 our community was faced with monumental challenges including the COVID-19 global pandemic, as well as the CZU Lightning Complex fires; and

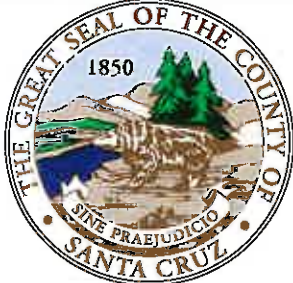
WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, Animal Services staff, volunteers, and the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office worked tirelessly providing outstanding care to animals that were left behind due to the mandatory evacuations; and

WHEREAS, Animal Services staff transferred in animals from shelters that had to close to the public due to COVID exposures and were able to get many of these animals adopted out to new homes; and

WHEREAS, as a reflection of the Animal Services Department's commitment to serving all pets in need regardless of their owners' financial circumstances, staff traveled to homeless encampments to vaccinate animals, allowed low-income community members to receive free vaccinations at the Shelter for their pets; and provided free food via a weekly Pet Food Pantry at the Shelter as well as through pet food distribution events in Watsonville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce McPherson, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize the staff of the Animal Services Department for their dedicated service on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz.



Bruce McPherson

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date