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Mendocino County Animal Care Services

November was a month filled with generosity, community spirit, and joyful moments at the shelter. Our volunteers gave their time and energy in countless ways - walking dogs, socializing with cats, and supporting adoption events. On Saturday, November 22, our canine friends enjoyed a special outing to Mendocino Barkery, where two dogs found their forever homes. In addition, volunteers came together for the third year in a row to prepare and serve Thanksgiving dinner for the shelter animals.

We are deeply grateful for the dedication of our volunteers. Their compassion and commitment make all the difference, and the shelter simply would not be the same without them. From adoption events to holiday meals, November showed how deeply our community cares for animals in need.



The Animal Care Services program areas include Shelter, Clinic and Animal Protection Services. These programs provide animal education outreach, adoptions, volunteer opportunities, fostering, lost and found services, feral cat trap-neuter-release programs, dog licensing, low cost spay and neuter, animal health education, rabies vaccinations, micro-chipping, impounding of lost and stray animals, responding to injured, ill and suspected cruelty complaints, and promoting responsible pet ownership.

Operational Highlights:

- **Intakes:** In November, our shelter welcomed a total of 70 new animals into care. This included 13 cats and 57 dogs, reflecting consistent intake trends for companion animals in our region. Each intake represents an opportunity to provide safety, medical attention, and a path toward adoption or appropriate placement.
- **Shelter Services:** During the month of November, we successfully facilitated the adoption of 6 cats and 20 dogs, transferred 4 animals to other animal rescue organizations, and reunited 16 pets with their owners.
- **Clinic Services:** Our clinic performed 73 spay and neuter surgeries, administered 71 rabies vaccinations, and implanted 70 microchips in November.
- **Animal Protection Services:** Officers responded to 210 calls for service with 31 categorized as priorities which include biting animals, cruelty complaints, animals in distress, aggressive loose animals, and law enforcement assistance.
- **Dog Licensing:** 421 dog licenses were sold during the month of November generating \$15,498.00 in revenue.
- **Caravan Services:** In November the caravan performed 36 spay/neuter surgeries, administered 44 rabies vaccinations, and implanted 36 microchips.

Upcoming Caravan Dates: The Caravan is scheduled to be working out of the shelter on December 5 and at JD Redhouse in Willits on December 16.

Why Adopt?

Adopting a pet is not only a compassionate choice - it's also an incredible value. Our adoption fees include spay or neuter surgery, up-to-date vaccines, microchip, a license for dogs, heartworm testing, and flea- and tick-prevention, ensuring your new companion is healthy and protected from day one. These services would cost hundreds of dollars at a veterinary clinic, but they're all bundled into the adoption fee. Even more importantly, every adoption creates much needed space in our shelter, allowing us to welcome and care for the many stray animals in urgent need of help. By adopting, you're giving one animal a forever home while opening the door for another to receive safety and care.

Looking Ahead:

- **Volunteer Orientation:** Join us for volunteer orientation on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.
- **Empty the Shelter Pack Walk:** Join us for our monthly Empty the Shelter Pack Walk, the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Help us take every dog on a group walk, participate in training sessions, and enjoy social time with the dogs. This walk is open to all community members.

Conclusion: Our Animal Care Services program continues to have a positive impact on the community, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our team. We remain committed to our mission of promoting animal welfare and responsible pet ownership.