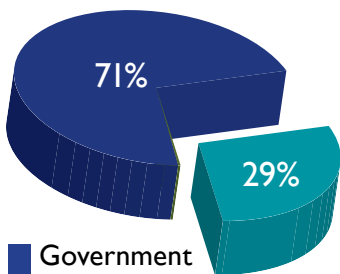




As the largest and most comprehensive animal care and rescue organization in the county, the open-admission Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter took in 5,509 pets in 2025.



Government Funding: JPA

Supplemental Community Funding

Government funding is limited, so we depend on our community to sustain our life-saving and pet homelessness prevention programs at our two locations in Santa Cruz and Watsonville.



Partnership in Action!

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Our mission is to support the Shelter through fundraising, education and advocacy.

Community Support Through Outreach



To increase awareness about the Animal Shelter and generate support for its programs, the Foundation engages in public presentations, community events like those featured below, and media outreach. Like the Shelter, we cover the **445 square miles** and **267,560 residents** in this county, especially supporting areas of high need like South County. We partner with individuals and businesses and other foundations on grants. We also work with community organizations on special programs like the monthly

Cuddle Connections for seniors and on-site tours and activities for youth groups as part of our growing humane education program. The Foundation is also focused on tackling root causes of animal overpopulation and suffering by offering prevention programs and exceptional medical care (see other side).

The generosity of our community has helped make better animal care possible. We thank you and look forward to your continued support.

—Nga Trinh-Halperin
SCCAS Foundation Executive Director



This event is one of our most popular (and long-running) community partnerships. Last year 21 local pubs and 2 other businesses sponsored this fun and educational event.



New in 2025, this event involved 900 school children and other community members as artists. We love that we got photos of many shelter "alums," now Santa Cruz residents!

**SCCAS Foundation
Distribution of Funds**

With your support, we can help the Shelter go "above and beyond" basic services.



Programs
80%

Fund Raising
12%

Administration
8%

Proactive Initiatives for Healthier, Happier Pets & People!

HEALTHY PETS for ALL

2025

9 **>900**
FREE PETS
CLINICS SERVED



At our FREE Healthy Pets for All clinics, we provide vaccines, flea/tick/heartworm medicine and some supplies like food, leashes, etc. These clinics, held in areas of particular need in the county, provide opportunities for public education about animal welfare. They also help prevent the surrender and abandonment of animals in our community due to health issues and promote the importance of preventive and proactive care.

Planned Pethood reduces animal intake numbers through no-cost and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries via community clinics with partner Animal Balance, vouchers distributed by Animal Control Officers, and in-clinic openings. In 2025, the shelter facilitated 3,067 spay/neuter surgeries. Since 2020 when the pandemic hit, many animal guardians opted to not sterilize their pets because of logistics, inaccessibility and cost. The Shelter found itself with record intake not seen in years and is now ramping back up with the Foundation's collaboration.

PLANNED PetHood



Number of dogs one female & her offspring could produce in 6 years:



67,000



Number of cats one female & her offspring could produce in 7 years:

420,000



PAWSITIVITY BUCKS



FOR DOG TRAINING

A crucial aspect of a successful dog adoption takes place after dogs leave the Shelter with their new families. This program increases the likelihood of animals staying in their homes with happier outcomes for all. It also provides more awareness about the harms of punitive, fear-based approaches. Pawsitive Training vouchers can lead to personal growth for many people and empathic relationships with others, pets and humans alike.

EXTRA MILE FUND

Because we are an open-door, open-intake Shelter, we never say no to any animal in need. That means many animals come in with illnesses and injuries and have intensive medical needs. Our small but mighty Shelter Clinic can provide basic care as well as spay/neuter, and even amputations and enucleations. However, there are instances when we do have to send out animals for even more specialized care and the Extra Mile Fund helps us with those extraordinary costs.



This initiative sponsors the adoption fee for long-time residents at the Animal Shelter. The Leave No One Behind Fund helps to draw adopter's eyes towards animals who have been in the Shelter's care a little longer than average, waiting for the right adopter to call their best friend. Some of them are black cats, senior animals, or have special medical needs. We believe ALL animals deserve to be loved and give love!

LEAVE
NO ONE
BEHIND
FUND

