

YOLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Re:	Yolo County Sheriff's Animal Services Looks for Homes for the Holidays
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The Yolo County Sheriff's Office, Animal Services Section would like to thank our community for their on-going support for shelter animals throughout the year. Nearly 3,600 at risk animals (lost, homeless or unwanted) entered our doors in Yolo County last calendar year. Your generosity created life-saving outcomes for more than 90 percent of them! During this season of giving and sharing we hope you will continue to help us provide for homeless shelter animals now and in the future.

Part of this effort is Homes for the Holidays! Old policies in the industry state pets should not be adopted as gifts. This belief, however, is counter to research by the ASPCA which indicates dogs and cats obtained as gifts are actually more likely to stay within those homes, whether the pet is a surprise or not! Help us support that theory!

If you or someone you know are considering providing a home for a shelter pet there are 11 medium to small dogs and 11 adult cats and 6 kittens which would love to be in a new home for the holidays! Recommendations for success when adopting pets as gifts are to consider the recipient's interest in adopting, their lifestyle, make sure parents of young children are ready to be caregivers and their schedule will help assure an easy transition into the new home. Kittens are 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25 and cats over 6 months are \$5.00. Puppies are \$50 and dogs over 6 months are \$25. Through the holidays!

If you or your friends are not ready for the commitment of adopting you are encouraged to volunteer; help with fostering, shelter care, laundry, and socialization and office tasks. Last year 429 cats and dogs were helped by our foster program; some underage and many that needed a temporary home prior to finding their forever fit. Check out our Facebook page and if you love it, like it!

Animal Services, located at 140-C Tony Diaz Drive, Woodland is accepting donations of liquid laundry detergent; used to wash animal bedding, dry or canned pet food, especially cat food for Mouse's Pantry, new or gently used towels or wash cloths and lap size acrylic blankets. Toys are also welcome; for cats they must be washable and toys for dogs should be hard nylabone or Kong type; nothing with fabric stuffing as they are not safe for shelter dogs. Tax-deductible monetary donations are always welcome; it can be a general donation or designated for such things as helping with spay and neuter or surgical needs for injured homeless strays.

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