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Celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week at Your Local County Animal Shelter

In honor of Be Kind to Animals Week, Santa Barbara County Animal Services invites you to join in celebrating the human animal bond with the homeless animals in our County. May 3, 2010 through May 8, 2010 Santa Barbara County Animal Shelters will be hosting a week long open house and adoption celebration.

Stop by one of our three County Animal Services Shelters to visit adoptable animals, find out how you can get involved, share about how an animal has made a difference in your life, and enjoy some light refreshments. All three shelters are open Monday through Friday from 9am until 4:45pm and on Saturdays from 10am until 4pm.

Be Kind to Animals Week is celebrated nationally to commemorate the role animals play in our lives. Interaction with animals has been proven to reduce anxiety and lower the risk of heart attack. Animals have also been known to provide comic relief and unconditional love. There are many homeless animals throughout Santa Barbara County shelters that are waiting for their chance to change your life.

There are many ways you can make a difference during this national week long celebration and throughout the year. You can

- Improve the life of your pet(s) by ensuring they are spayed or neutered
- Show you care by making sure pet's are wearing license and identification tags
- Double check your home and yard to insure your pet is safe and secure.
- You can make a positive impact for the animals in your community by reporting animal abuse or neglect, driving cautiously and reporting animals in the roadway.
- Get involved with your local animal shelter by becoming a volunteer.
- As a family, make a pledge to adopt your next pet from a shelter.

The County's three animal shelters are:

Santa Barbara Shelter
5473 Overpass Rd.
Goleta, CA 93111
(805) 681-5285

Lompoc Shelter
1501 W. Central Ave.
Lompoc, CA 93436
(805) 737-7755

Santa Maria Animal Center
548 W. Foster Rd.
Santa Maria, CA 93455
(805) 934-6119

Together we can make a difference for the animals in our county.

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