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Santa Barbara County's Shelter Animals Announce "All I Want for the Holidays is a Home of My Own!"

The dogs, cats and rabbits of Santa Barbara County's animal shelters announce the launch of the 2013 "All I Want for the Holidays is a Home of My Own" campaign. This is an appeal to both the general public and directly to Santa Claus to find homes between December 14th-24th so the animals do not have to spend another lonely Christmas with no homes of their own.

In support of the animals' campaign, Santa Barbara County Animal Services is offering deep discounts on adoption fees from December 14th-24th: cats over six months of age will cost only \$25, with adoption fees of \$40 for a kitten or two kittens for \$75. Dog adoption fees will be reduced to \$50; the fee for rabbits will be only \$15. All shelter animals come spayed or neutered and vaccinated.

"We sit up and beg the animal loving people of Santa Barbara County to open their hearts and homes to us, in the spirit of the holidays," says Animal Services' spokesdog Annie from Santa Maria. "It's a lonely life, living in a kennel day after day, month after month."

Spokescat Crescent who lives at A.S.A.P. at the Santa Barbara County shelter, concurred with Annie, albeit from a safe distance across the County. "It's warm and dry at A.S.A.P., and they give us food and good care. But even a comfortable cage is still a cage."

The animals at all three Animal Services shelters – Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria – have made themselves available for the same reduced fee, and urge members of the public to visit them during business hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-4:30 and Sat. 10-4. For more information, contact their official representative, Animal Services Outreach Coordinator Stacy Silva, at 805-934-6981.

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