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Number of Animals Received and Adopted at County Shelter Up

Sacramento, Ca. – Even with more animals coming in compared to last year, a recent report from the Sacramento County Animal Shelter shows more animals are being adopted and reunited with owners. This past November, 919 animals were taken in compared to 842 a year ago, which means staff must step up adoption promotion programs and coordination with regional partners to keep pace.

“Our success is the result of many factors. People are becoming more and more aware of our programs and our state-of-the-art shelter. We also have strong partnerships with the City of Sacramento Animal Shelter, the Sacramento SPCA, the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition, Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary, and others in shared animal care promotions,” stated Dave Dickinson, Interim Director of the shelter. “Our dedicated staff, our tremendous volunteers, and all of our supportive rescue groups work very hard to ensure the needs of the animals and the public are being met, and it shows in our increased adoptions.”

Cat adoptions are up by 60 percent compared to November 2010, and similarly, dog adoptions are up 18 percent. Animal Control Officers have been very busy with field service calls going up 13 percent and an overall total of 1,321 calls for November 2011. Complete statistics are available at www.SacCountyShelter.net.

County residents are reminded that the animal shelter is waiving the late licensing fee of \$100 until through December 31. Owners, whose pet licenses have lapsed, can bring their animals' records up to date and avoid the penalty. This effort is part of the overall goal to increase licensing. Sacramento County requires that all cats and dogs, over four months of age, be licensed.

New or renewal pet licenses start at \$15 per year and can be purchased:

- Online at www.SacCountyShelter.net/licensing
- In person or by mail, County Animal Shelter, 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827
- Through participating veterinarians
- County East Service Center- 5229-B Hazel Ave, Fair Oaks, CA 876-5622
- North Service Center-6015 Watt Avenue, Suite 4, North Highlands, CA 95660 -916-874-2424

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