

- **ANIMAL BITES
RABIES CONTROL**

The Hollister Animal Shelter takes rabies control by the horns by encouraging everyone to vaccinate their pets. San Benito County Health Department hosts low-cost rabies clinics throughout the summer. Bats, skunks, raccoons and foxes are some of the many animals who transmit rabies. If you are bitten or scratched call the Animal Control or Health Department immediately, and contact your physician. Get the name, address and phone number of the animal owner.

- **STRAY AND UNWANTED
ANIMALS**

The Shelter provides refuge for stray and unwanted animals. Animal Control Officers rescue wandering animals from City Streets and County Roads preventing them from injury, disease and starvation. Animal Control Officers provide assistance to owned animals, of transportation, for a small fee.



- **LOW COST SPAY / NEUTER
CERTIFICATES**

The Shelter provides discount spay and neuter certificates twice a year. These certificates are paid for through shelter fund raisers.

- **VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

Volunteers are always needed to provide assistance in carrying out the daily duties at the Shelter, developing new programs and existing programs. If you are interested in the volunteer program contact the volunteer coordinator at the shelter

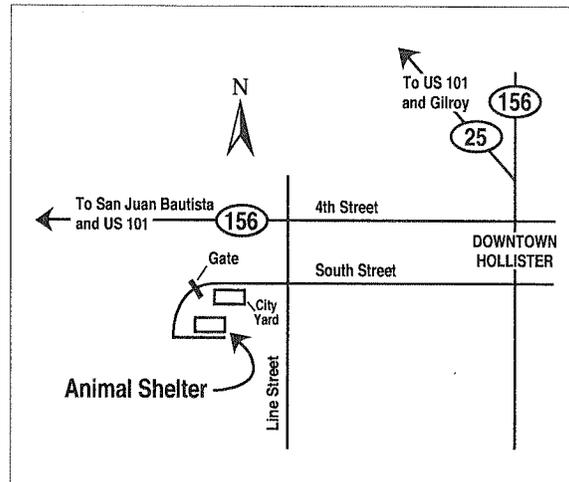
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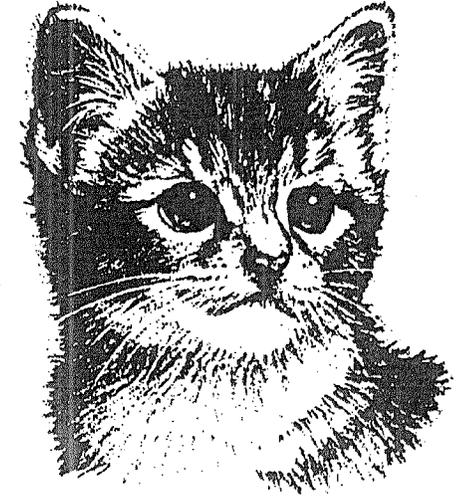
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**DOMESTIC
ANIMAL SHELTER**

The City of Hollister Animal Shelter, established in 1982, serves as a safe haven for thousands of domestic animals who are lost, abandoned, neglected or unwanted. It cares for about 3000 animals a year. The shelter maintains an "open door" policy, accepting all animals, and with that, new challenges. The Hollister Animal Shelter is reaching more people and animals than ever before through services, information, education and is dedicated to providing high quality animal services to the public and ensuring the humane treatment of all animals. We hope this pamphlet helps you understand what the Hollister Animal Shelter is all about.



**HELP US
HELP THEM!
636-4320**

SHELTER SERVICES MAY INCLUDE MANY FACETS SUCH AS:

- **ADOPTIONS**

The goal of the Shelter is to find a loving home for every adoptable animal in our care. This is accomplished through volunteers, foster homes and local mixed breed and purebred rescue organizations. Adoptions include a low cost sterilization certificate, vaccination certificate and free health exam.



- **FOSTER CARE PROGRAM AND NURSING ANIMAL NETWORK (N.A.N.)**

Foster homes offer temporary housing for an animal in need. From the adult dog or cat to kittens or puppies too young for adoption, the nursing animal network (N.A.N.) and foster care program provide a second chance at life. Contact the Shelter for information on becoming a foster parent.

- **PET LOST AND FOUND**

The Shelter maintains a directory of lost and found pets available to the public along with advice on how to find a missing pet or reunite a found pet with its owner. Remember, if you have lost a pet contact the animal shelter immediately for assistance.

- **DOG LICENSE REQUIREMENTS- IDENTIFY YOUR PET WITH A DOG LICENSE**

Everyone in the city limits of Hollister who has a dog over the age of four months must get a license. A valid rabies certificate is required to obtain a license. You can buy your dog's license at the Shelter or at City Hall, located at 375 Fifth Street, in person or by mail. The cost is \$9 for altered dogs and \$18 for unaltered dogs. Licenses must be purchased within 30 days of your arrival, your pet's arrival or the date of the rabies vaccine, in order to avoid a \$10 late fee.



- **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND TOURS**

The Shelter provides humane education of animals in many areas such as pet care, animal safety, spay/neuter, rabies control and provides shelter tours.

- **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Shelter provides 24-hour emergency services for injured, vicious or stray animals creating a traffic hazard.



- **ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS**

The Hollister Animal Shelter has trained Animal Control Officers to enforce State anti-cruelty laws such as abandonment and cruelty to animals. Animal Control Officers also enforce local ordinances such as leash laws, barking dogs, vaccination requirements and dangerous dogs.