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Woods Humane Society Fundraiser with Local Wineries

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8^H ANNUAL WINE 4 PAWS, APRIL 9-10, 2016 – WINE INDUSTRY FUNDRAISER FOR WOODS HUMANE SOCIETY

It's time once again for Wine 4 Paws, the Central Coast's original passport weekend when over 75 of our local wineries join together to celebrate our love for animals and share proceeds with Woods Humane Society in San Luis Obispo. This year's event will be held April 9 & 10 when wine and animal lovers from all over the state will come to enjoy our wineries while supporting animals in need.

Each winery contributes to the cause in different ways and many do something unique and exciting to represent their passion for this cause. Some donate 100% of tasting fees, others a percentage of sales for the weekend. You can find anything from doggie shaped chocolates paired with award winning wines to professional photo opps with your four legged best friend.

Wine 4 Paws is held at participating wineries from San Luis Obispo to San Miguel, allowing all of SLO County to take part. We have **over 75 wineries** to choose from! Visit www.wine4paws.com for a complete list of participating wineries as well as a map. This community event enables Woods to continue to provide a high level of care to their guests and assist other local shelters. When you head out to enjoy our wineries during Wine 4 Paws on April 9 & 10, you can help SLO county animals who await their "forever homes" by simply tasting wine and taking home your favorites!

Wine 4 Paws began in 2009 as a way to help raise money for Woods Humane Society while promoting the Central Coast Wine Region. It has grown from our initial 35 wineries to almost 80! Overall, Wine 4 Paws has raised over **\$200,000** for Woods.

Woods Humane Society has provided services for homeless companion animals throughout SLO County since 1955.

The shelter, located off of Hwy 1 and Kansas in San Luis Obispo opened its doors in August of 2005 and has been growing ever since. Aside from the hundreds of animals Woods cares for each year, the organization maintains partnerships with other local private and county operated animal shelters in an effort to provide the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of animals. Woods Humane Society is also the only animal shelter on the central coast with a fully operational spay & neuter suite. **Solely funded through charitable gifts from the community, Woods can rise to meet the needs of our local homeless animal population, but cannot do this without ongoing financial support.**

Director Sarah Tomasetti said, "It's hard to believe we are going on 8 years and that we continue to grow. The wineries in this area are simply amazing. They not only produce some of the finest wine, they also exude compassion for this cause. EVERYBODY wins in this fundraiser! It doesn't get much easier – or more fun – to help all those animals who don't have a forever family yet." Part of the fun is our free map with passport available to print from the Wine 4 Paws website, or at any participating winery during the event. When you visit a winery and help generate a donation, get your passport stamped. Once it's full you can turn it in to any participating winery for entry in the Wine 4 Paws Raffle.

Wine 4 Paws is a great weekend to visit your favorite wineries and find some new ones! To see the full list of participating wineries and a get a free printable map & passport, go to www.wine4paws.com. Then head out to the wineries during the weekend of April 9-10. A portion of your sale or your full tasting fee will be donated to Woods Humane Society on behalf of the wineries!

For additional information please contact Sarah Tomasetti, Director of Wine 4 Paws at info@wine4paws.com.

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