

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Sarah Tomasetti

Woods Humane Society Fundraiser with Local Wineries

805-801-6589

[info@wine4paws.com](mailto:info@wine4paws.com)

[www.wine4paws.com](http://www.wine4paws.com)

### **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINE 4 PAWS, APRIL 7-8, 2018 –FUNDRAISER FOR WOODS HUMANE SOCIETY**

Big plans are underway for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine 4 Paws Weekend. More than 90 local tasting rooms will join together to show their love for homeless animals in our community by sharing the weekend's proceeds with Woods Humane Society on April 7 and 8, 2018

Additionally, Earth & Fire Brewers in Paso Robles (the event's first brewery), and Olivas de Oro in Creston will be donating a percent of their sales. When you head out to participating wineries during Wine 4 Paws on April 7 and 8, you can help the animals at Woods by simply tasting wine and taking home your favorite!

Wine 4 Paws will be kicking things off with off with a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on April 6 from 5 – 9pm, with a party at Lefondusac, 2929 Limestone Way, Tin City, in Paso Robles. Entertainment will be provided by Wine Country Troubadours and food will be prepared by Jeffry's Catering. Saturday and Sunday, Wine 4 Paws will be hosted by participating tasting rooms from San Luis Obispo to San Miguel, making it convenient to visit the wineries of your choice. In this county-wide event, each participating winery contributes to Wine 4 Paws in different ways - some donate 100 percent of tasting fees, others give a percentage of their sales for the weekend. Many locations feature something unique and exciting to represent their passion for this cause, including live music, food, award winning wine and cheese pairings, art, wine specials, and other treats. A map of participating wineries can be found at [www.wine4paws.com](http://www.wine4paws.com) and more details on the Wine 4 Paws Facebook page.

A big thank you to the 2018 Wine 4 Paws event sponsors – Las Tablas Animal Hospital in Templeton, Uncorked Wine Tours, and T Rhyne Law Services.

Woods Humane Society is a nonprofit organization which receives no tax funds, but is supported by donations, grants, bequests, fundraising events and fees for services. Woods is independent of San Luis Obispo County Animal Services, but works in close cooperation with them and other animal groups in the county for the welfare of all animals. Woods now finds homes for over 2,500 cats and dogs each year at facilities in San Luis Obispo and Atascadero. Woods brings in animals from other shelters where they are less likely to be adopted, and accepts surrenders from individuals who are no longer able to care for their pets. Thanks to the support of the community, Woods can provide a loving refuge to the

homeless animals in their care who await their “forever homes”. As part of our commitment to work toward ending pet overpopulation, not only is every animal at Woods spayed or neutered, we also provide low-cost spay and neuter services for San Luis Obispo County Animal Services, many other local rescue organizations, and for owned animals in our county. Our medical team has performed over 3,500 spay/neuter surgeries in the Woods-Cashin Surgery Center each year since its opening in 2007. The Humane Education Program offers a wide range of activities for tots to teens and provides insight and enrichment for the next generation of animal advocates. Our full-time Training and Behavior Coordinator provides expert care for dogs in our adoption program as well as dog obedience training classes for the public, designed to keep pets in their homes and out of shelters. Financial support from donors and the dedication of our staff and hundreds of volunteers ensures the success of our work.

Wine 4 Paws began in 2009 as a way to help raise money for homeless animals, while promoting wines of the Central Coast. The event has grown from 35 wineries to almost 100! Wine 4 Paws has raised over **\$300,000** for Woods Humane Society over the past decade. Wine 4 Paws director, Sarah Tomasetti, said, “I can’t believe we are hitting the 10 year mark! Every year the event grows as a result of the amazing wineries in this area, and because of the people who come out to support the event.” Part of the fun is a map with passport available to print from the Wine 4 Paws website, or pick up at any participating winery during the event. Get your passport stamped when you visit a winery and help generate a donation. Once your passport is full you can turn it in at any participating winery to be entered into the Wine 4 Paws Drawing.

Wine 4 Paws weekend is a great time to visit your favorite wineries and find some new ones! To see the full list of participating wineries and get a free printable map & passport, go to [www.wine4paws.com](http://www.wine4paws.com). A portion of your purchase or your full tasting fee will be donated to Woods Humane Society.

For additional information please contact Sarah Tomasetti, Director of Wine 4 Paws at [info@wine4paws.com](mailto:info@wine4paws.com).

###