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Woods Humane Society's Veterans Day Pets for Vets Adoption Event

(SLO, CA, 11-01-17) Woods Humane Society, Mission Animal Hospital, and Tractor Supply Co. partner to honor our local veterans this Veterans Day. To show our appreciation for their service and to assist with placing loving animals into the care of those who will highly benefit from animal companionship all of the dogs and cats at the shelter will have **sponsored** adoption fees November 10th – 11th thanks to the generous support of **Mission Animal Hospital**.

Woods' Pets for Vets adoption program provides fee waived dog and cat adoptions to our local veterans and their families. **Tractor Supply Co. will sponsor all Pets for Vets adoptions in November!**

Veterans returning from combat deployment often find it challenging to transition back to civilian life. They need stability and companionship as they make the difficult adjustment after deployment. The effects of combat on those who selflessly sacrifice for our country are staggering and heartbreaking. Many return home with emotional trauma, anxiety, or depression in addition to physical scars or pain. Of veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts treated at the Veterans Administration, 55% face post-deployment challenges. The VA estimates that a veteran commits suicide every 65 seconds, amounting to thousands of lives lost each year.

Studies show interaction with companion animals lowers blood pressure, reduces anxiety, and improves mental and physical health. The quiet,

unconditional love of a pet can help veterans cope with loneliness and isolation and provide them with stability, companionship, and a reason to get out of the house. Woods is committed to supporting veterans while providing a second chance for shelter pets. Through the Pets for Vets program, Woods Humane Society aims to place a loving shelter animal into the care of those who will benefit the most!

However, Woods is not limiting this program to only veterans. Woods is pleased to have the ability to offer this program to any active military personnel and their families.

“There are many benefits of animal companionship as pets offer a special connection and unconditional love,” explains Jill Tucker, Executive Director. “As an organization that truly values the contribution our servicemen and women make for our country, providing fee-waived adoptions is a small token of appreciation that benefits both people and animals.”

All adoptable animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped prior to being placed up for adoption. Visit www.woodshumane.org to view available animals or visit either Woods Adoption Centers at 875 Oklahoma Avenue in San Luis Obispo or 2300 Ramona Road in Atascadero any day between noon – 6:00 p.m.

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About Woods Humane Society

Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society has proudly served the homeless animals of San Luis Obispo County for 62 years. Woods Humane Society is a privately funded, non-profit, animal sheltering and welfare organization, based in San Luis Obispo that annually places over 1,900 dogs and cats into loving homes. Visit woodshumane.org to donate or learn more.