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Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA Purchases Land To Create a New Animal Sanctuary

Burlingame, CA—The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is about to finalize the purchase of a 261-acre plot of land in La Honda, California to establish a new animal sanctuary.

“We are incredibly excited to begin this next, new chapter in our long history of life-saving work for local animals,” said PHS/SPCA’s President Ken White, “as this land is transformed into a sanctuary for those animals who can live a quality life but are not likely to find a home through traditional adoption programs.”



Contributions to PHS/SPCA from generous, caring donors has made this purchase possible. The next phases of design and construction, as well as ongoing operation, will remain fully 100% funded by charitable donations.

The PHS/SPCA animal sanctuary will provide a refuge for behaviorally challenged and medically fragile cats and dogs in a secure environment where they can live a happy and satisfying life. The animal sanctuary is poised to also provide housing and care for rabbits and farm animals that otherwise would have no place to go.

“As an open admission shelter, many animals come to us with serious health and behavior problems,” said White. “We’ve built very robust veterinary and behavior teams and, through our

Hope Program, we treat and then find homes for many of those special needs dogs, cats and other animals. The animals placed at the PHS/SCPA sanctuary will be those with challenges too extreme for us to currently address. This will include end-of-life fatally ill animals requiring hospice care, and the survivors of abuse and neglect which has left them untrusting of humans, as well as fractious/unsocialized cats. Hundreds of these animals will have a welcoming place to live out the rest of their lives.”

Animals will be matched into behaviorally- and medically-compatible animal families, and each of those families will take up residence in their own homes, each home surrounded by a specially designed fence to allow for safe and secure playtime whenever wanted. On-site staff and volunteers will provide overall supervision, supportive and medical care to all the animals living at the PHS/SPCA sanctuary.



“This has been a dream of our organization for a long time and we are thrilled to have been able to realize the first phase of the dream with the purchase of the land through the generosity of private donors,” according to White. “We are starting to enter the planning and permitting stages, and hope to begin construction in about 12-18 months.”

Because of the extreme conditions which lead to these animals becoming sanctuary residents in the first place, PHS/SPCA has decided it is in the best interest of the animals to not have the sanctuary open to the public. PHS/SPCA does plan to have live webcams available, so the public will have the opportunity to watch the PHS/SPCA sanctuary animals without disturbing them.

For more information or to donate to help fund the PHS/SPCA animal sanctuary please visit www.phs-sPCA.org/about/animal-sanctuary/ or contact Lisa Van Buskirk at LVanbuskirk@PHS-SPCA.org.



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About The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 6,300 lives saved each year. Please visit www.phs-spca.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.

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