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Peninsula Humane Society Seeking Adopters For Peacock Pairs

San Mateo, CA—The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is seeking adopters for two pairs of domesticated peacocks. Each peacock pair includes a male and a female and the adoption fee for a pair is \$40.

"We currently have two pairs of beautiful peacocks at our shelter waiting for a new home," said PHS/SPCA Communications Manager Buffy Martin-Tarbox. "Peafowl make excellent pets for people who live in rural areas and have the space the birds need to thrive."

Peacocks have been kept as pet birds for thousands of years. The stunning plumage of the males have long inspired artists since ancient times. Peacocks require at least 80 square feet per bird, and ideally a specialized habitat such as a tree house to provide shelter and protection from predators.

Peacocks should be fed mixed grains, such as turkey or chicken feed, along with nuts, green vegetables and fruit. They will also eat insects, slugs, frogs and lizards, making for excellent organic pest control.

"The four peacocks we have available for adoption were all surrendered to our shelter by their previous owner who could no longer care for them," according to Tarbox. "We are specifically seeking adopters with previous peafowl experience, and will be able to provide the birds with the amount of space they require, and are committed to providing them the appropriate food, access to clean water and shelter."

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Unlike most animal shelters, PHS/SPCA accepts animals of all kinds of domesticated animals, including but not limited to dogs, cats, rabbits, reptiles, goats, pigs and even peacocks. PHS/SPCA also has a Wildlife Care Center where they treat and rehabilitate wild animals.

To learn more about adopting a peacock pair, please call PHS/SPCA at 650-340-7022.

Photos are courtesy of PHS/SPCA.

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



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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.