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Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA experiences a spike in huskies at their shelter

Organization offering a special adoption package for huskies and husky mixes Burlingame, CA---The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is experiencing a dramatic spike in the number of husky and husky mix dogs at their shelter. For qualified adopters, PHS/SPCA is offering a special adoption bundle for these dogs which will include a free training package, toy, leash, collar and harness.

"A common question amongst potential adopters when they visit our shelter is: 'Why do you have so many huskies?'", said PHS/SPCA Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. "The simple answer may be that these dogs are the latest in a long line of trendy animals made popular by pop culture. Game of Thrones, a very popular book and television series has animal characters that are dire wolves. The dire wolves have a wolf like and even husky appearance. It is possible that fans of the saga were looking for their own replica dire wolf and found the husky. But unfortunately, they may not have prepared for this special and energetic breed."

PHS/SPCA currently has 15 huskies and husky mixes available for adoption, which is 50 percent of their current total dogs available for adoption.







"Huskies and husky mixes are being surrendered to our shelter and found as strays in recordbreaking numbers," said Tarbox. "These dogs require a lot of activity, both physical and mental. They can be quite independent and escape artists. Because we fully understand the needs of this breed, we are very placing our adoptable huskies and husky mixes into home that experience with this type of dog."

Huskies and husky mixes are not only beautiful dogs, but they make excellent family pets. They are known for their loyalty and thrive on the company of humans. Recently, PHS/SPCA staff and volunteers organized a "husky hike" along the Bay Trail in San Mateo with many of the adoptable huskies.

Each husky and husky mix at PHS/SPCA is spayed or neutered, microchipped and vaccinated. The adoption fees for the dogs are \$160 and include a free training package, toy, leash, collar and harness.

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, 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 5,700 lives saved each year. Please visit <u>www.phs-</u>spca.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.

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