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A Lifesaving Partnership:

Sonoma Humane Society & Petaluma Animal Services Foundation Awarded Healdsburg Sheltering and Animal Control Contract

(Healdsburg, CA) The Healdsburg City Council voted on Monday, November 18th to award the contract for the City's animal sheltering and control responsibilities to the Sonoma Humane Society (SHS) and Petaluma Animal Services Foundation (PASF).

SHS & PASF submitted a joint proposal, in response to a Request for Proposal, to provide animal sheltering and animal control services for the City of Healdsburg. SHS will operate a day-use facility in Healdsburg, where the following services will be provided: acceptance of stray, owner-surrendered animals, redemptions of lost animals, and cat and dog adoptions. PASF will provide the following animal control services within the City of Healdsburg: secure animals running at large and perform field redemptions, investigate bite reports and nuisance animal complaints, as well as issue animal licenses, warnings and citations.

The Sonoma Humane Society has plans to set-up a temporary structure and begin providing services in Healdsburg as soon as January 2014. "It is very exciting to expand our operations and utilize our expertise and resources, to provide high-quality care and shelter for Healdsburg's animals," says Kiska Icard, SHS Executive Director. "Together with PASF's community-based approach to animal control, we are in a strong position to serve the Healdsburg community's animal service needs."

For more information, please call (707) 542-0882, or visit the Sonoma Humane Society's website at www.sonomahumane.org.

The Sonoma Humane Society's mission is to ensure every animal receives protection, compassion, love and care. For over 82 years Sonoma Humane Society has cared for homeless, neglected and abused companion animals. The Society depends on local community support to provide quality care and receives no funding from any national organization. The Humane Society's Santa Rosa headquarters is located five miles west of Highway 101 at 5345 Highway 12 West in Santa Rosa, just past the Llano Road intersection.