

News Release



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MILPITAS, Calif., Nov. 16, 2009 - - Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is "leading the pack" once again with its first-ever Holiday "Animal Arts" Craft Faire. The family-friendly and pet-friendly event will be held Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. at HSSV's Animal Community Center at 901 Ames Ave in Milpitas.

"We're celebrating the Magic of the Human-Animal Bond with holiday offerings for pet lovers and their furry friends," says Jeanne Wu, event organizer.

The event will feature dozens of vendors offering quality animal-themed arts & craft items, such as one-of-a-kind collars and leashes, totes, purses and bags, holiday cards, jewelry, and artwork. The sweet sounds of live holiday music and smells of tempting holiday treats will fill the air as guests shop, sip mulled wine, and stroll past gifts and adoptable cats, dogs and rabbits in their home-like environments. Throughout the day, guests and their pets can get their photo taken with "Santa Paws" or in front of a holiday setting. There will also be face painting, holiday-themed crafts for kids in HSSV's Education Center, and plenty of cotton candy.

"The holiday season is a time we honor and cherish the ones we love. With all the unconditional love our pets give us every day, we think this is a perfect time to give a little something back to them," said Christine Benninger, HSSV president.

Each year, HSSV cares for thousands of homeless animals until they can find them loving homes. "Every animal that comes through our doors is given veterinary care, a warm bed, nutritious food, and lots of TLC," Benninger continued. "The public's generous donations to HSSV and their support of unique events like this animal arts craft faire help us continue our mission to save and enhance lives."

Participating vendors are also "giving back" by donating a percentage of their proceeds to the HSSV. To view a listing of the participating vendors, visit: <http://www.hssv.org/artsn Crafts>.

The Holiday "Animal Arts" Craft Faire is sponsored by **Heavenly Greens, KBAY 94.5, The Milpitas Post,** and **The Wave Magazine.** For more information about this event and how you can become a sponsor or vendor for this event, please contact: Jeannie Wu – 408.262.2133 ext. 184 or Jeanne.wu@hssv.org

About Humane Society Silicon Valley

Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is an independent, nonprofit organization offering high-quality adoptions, medical services, education programs and pet care services to enhance the human-animal bond. Established in 1929, HSSV has served Silicon Valley for 80 years and has adopted more than 500,000 animals into permanent, loving homes. HSSV's new environmentally-friendly Animal Community Center offers adoptions and foster care; a Medical Center specializing in spay/neuter surgery; Dog Training, Daycare, Boarding and Grooming services through A DOG'S LIFE; an Education Center with programs for children and teens; a Pet Store; Lost & Found Services, and a Dog Park. More information about HSSV can be found at www.hssv.org or call 408.262.2133.

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