All Adoptable Dogs at the Santa Barbara Animal Shelter Will Have a Home for the Holidays

Santa Barbara County dog lovers stepped up to give the Santa Barbara shelter dogs a very special holiday with short-term foster placements over Christmas. Every adoptable dog has been placed in a holiday foster home.

In an effort to provide a more comfortable place for the adoptable dogs to spend Christmas, employees at the shelter asked individuals and families to foster a dog for 2-3 days for a special “Santa’s Slumber Party.” Jeanne Saadi, Community Outreach Director for the shelter reports they had almost twice as many people apply to participate in the program as they have dogs to place. “We have been overwhelmed by the excitement and support this program has received and we are even happier that our dogs will be getting a little extra love and attention over the holiday.”

Saadi said they are expecting at least a few of these short-term foster placements to turn into adoptions. “Any time a dog can get out of the shelter and into a home, it not only makes that dog more adoptable, but it gives us more information about the dog and what kind of permanent home will be the perfect fit for him or her.”

While the Santa’s Slumber Party program was test marketed just at the Santa Barbara shelter this year, Saadi noted that because of the overwhelming success, it will be adopted at all three county shelters next year. If you would like to know more about fostering a pet for any of the three county shelters, please visit the shelter’s website at http://cosb.countyofsb.org/phd/as/ or call Jeanne Saadi at 805-681-4332 for the Santa Barbara shelter or Stacy Silva at 805-934-6981 for Lompoc or Santa Maria.

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