Open Your Home over Christmas for a Shelter Dog  
Santa’s Slumber Party Seeks Short-Term Foster Homes

As the holidays approach, there are over 200 dogs in the Santa Barbara County animal shelters looking for homes. Returning stray dogs to their owners and finding new, adoptive homes are priorities. For dogs that do not have the opportunity to spend Christmas with a new family, the staff at the Santa Barbara shelter location in Goleta are seeking two to three day foster homes for all adoptable dogs for a special “Santa’s Slumber Party.”

Two to three day foster homes will be given food, toys, crates, bedding and all other necessary supplies to make their temporary houseguests comfortable. Santa’s Slumber Party foster families will be matched with a dog of appropriate size and temperament for their household. The dogs will be picked up from the shelter December 23rd or 24th and returned to the shelter on December 26.

Shelter Director Jan Glick said “This program not only allows a shelter dog some time away from an often chaotic kennel environment, but it will also give us more information on how the dog acts in a home environment, which can often times be much different than how they act in the shelter. It also gives the dogs more exposure to possible adopters that may not come to the shelter to see the dogs and will hopefully generate some long term foster homes.”

If you would like to help foster a shelter dog for two to three days over Christmas, contact Jeanne Saadi at the Santa Barbara shelter at 805-681-4332 to be matched with a Santa’s Slumber Party dog.

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