

SPCA ANIMAL SHELTER TO BE DEDICATED SOON

One Of Finest In Area, Shelter Is Symbol Of Humanity Of Citizens

By Jewel E. Woods

Down through the centuries, in all the animal world, the dog has remained as man's closest friend.

From the beginning of written history comes the mention of dogs—they went with man on his hunting trips, when to hunt was to eat, they guarded his home, they licked his hand to give him solace in his hours of loneliness.

Man has shown great affection for horses, in some countries cats were regarded as near-sacred . . . but along the paths of the ages a dog has trotted, faithful in the face of abuse, affectionate at the pat of a loving hand.

In recent decades, man has begun to take an active interest in dogs, as a whole. Not just his own canine pet, but in all dogs whose tails have ever wagged in a friendly greeting, and whose trusting eyes have ever taken the place of words.

In the United States, particularly, organizations such as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the SPCA), the Humane society, and the Tail-Waggers have come into being, to take an interest in the welfare of dogs, and also of all other pets.

Through their efforts, they have helped educate the public against conscious and unconscious cruelty to animals; and they have been responsible for establishing a large number of "animal shelters" to provide temporary care

for homeless dogs, or other small pets, until new homes can be found for them.

Through the efforts of the Santa Cruz SPCA, such a shelter has just been completed here, on a sunny site at De Laveaga park.

Thirty-nine dogs of every type and of every color now look out from behind the high metal fence enclosing the 1000 square feet of spic-and-span, outdoor, concrete runways, which are on each side of the 18 x 50-foot main kennel building.

Some of the tail-waggers had been found lying by the side of a road to die, after being struck by motorists. One, a feminine-looking and now affectionate little canine, less than 18 inches high and with black, silky hair, had been brought in helpless, with both her back legs broken. Instead of disposing of her, as might otherwise have been done, the shelter hurried her to a veterinarian, her fractures were mended, and she was returned to the shelter a few days ago, very much alive. She has both the appearance and personality which will make her an excellent pet in some home.

Some of the dogs are nearly starved to death; they stand trembling with weakness and fear when they're brought to the shelter. These are fed supervised diets until they regain their strength and their hair begins to take on a healthy gloss.

Some are sick. They receive distemper shots, penicillin, or even, in special cases, wheat germ oil.

Some appear to be mean and bad-tempered. Under the skilled and loving care of the experienced "pound master," Gene Graham, every one of these "problem" dogs has become friendly and gentle.

(Graham, youthful appearing and deeply interested in animals, formerly trained dogs for Guide Dogs for the Blind.)

The shelter, while watching for stray, unlicensed dogs on its own, hears of others from residents who telephone to say that a neighbor has gone off and left his dog, without food or care, or that a strange dog has been coming around their house, or they have found a dog that has been run over, or one that has been poisoned.

One family "inherited" a pedigree bull terrier when they purchased a house from a family that was moving out of town. Not wishing for the responsibility of the dog, they brought the handsome animal, and his registration papers, to the shelter, where he still is awaiting a new owner, apparently happy with his other doggy companions.

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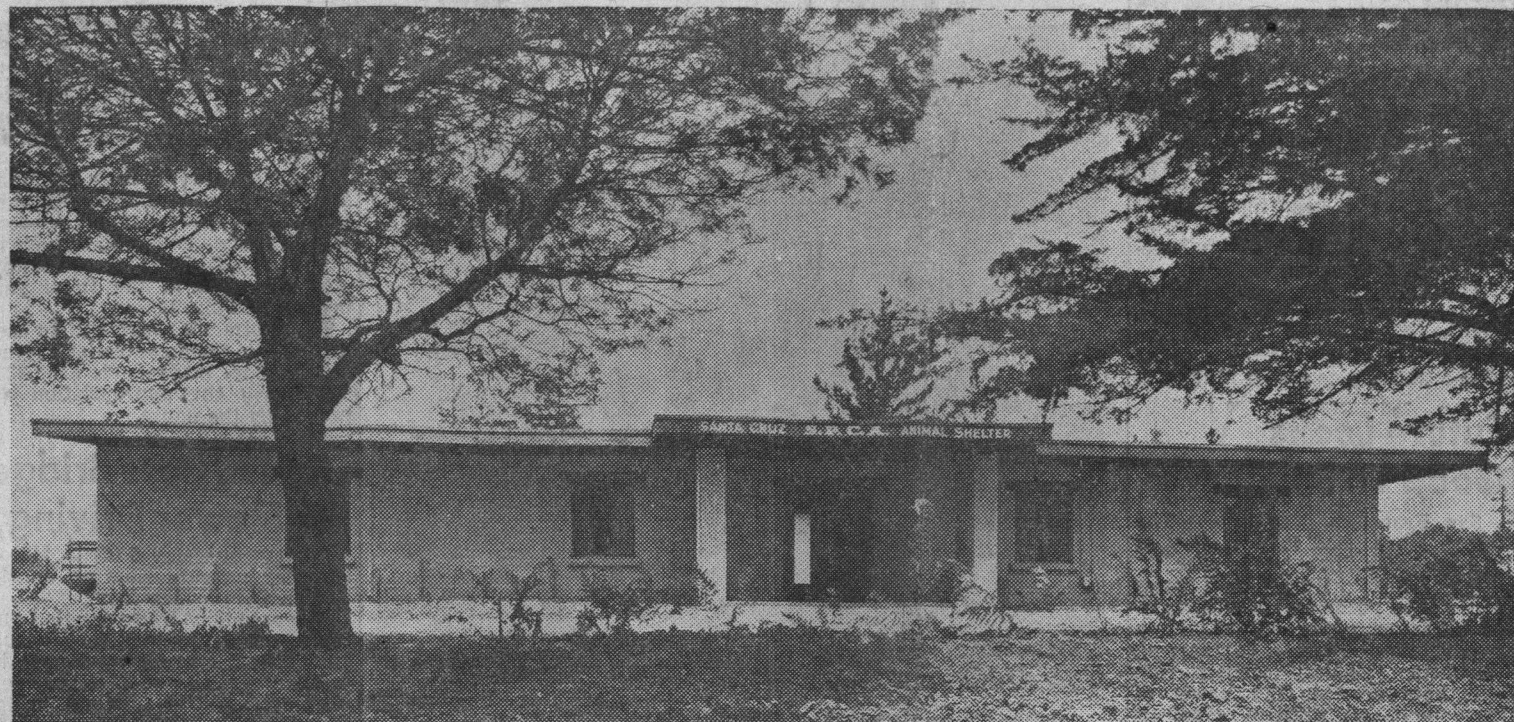
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New Animal Shelter To Be Dedicated Soon



Front view, above, of the Santa Cruz S. P. C. A.'s newly-completed animal shelter, shows the main building, which contains

the reception room, adjoining room to be equipped for a veterinarian, and three-room apartment occupied by Poundmaster and Mrs. Gene Graham. The

curved driveway and parking space at the front of the structure will be edged with a landscaped plot.

Outdoor Runways Keep Dogs Healthy



Side view, above, of the shelter shows part of the 1000 square

feet of runways on both sides of the main kennel building (right

rear).

er spaniel, another bull terrier, and a French poodle.

The runways and the interior of the kennel buildings are divided into sections, and into these divisions are placed dogs which seem to get along well with each other, regardless of their breeding or lack of it. It is interesting to note that while all the dogs, all along the line, exhibit exuberant concern over each new dog that is added to their midst, soon all quiets down, and each division "selects" one of the animals to be the "boss of the section."

Once the dogs have turned in for the night within the spotless main kennel building, and the trap doors to the runways are closed, one hears not so much as a bark out of them, until the morning.

The shelter, which receives at least one new dog or cat each day,

material was given; and some was provided at cost, or less. The shelter is regarded as one of the finest in a large area.

Since its opening, February 1, Graham and the assistant poundmaster, Bob Lincoln, have admitted at least one and generally more dogs each day. Cats also are taken in for care and protection until homes can be found, and among the 10 felines now there are some beautiful ones, including one which did a good job of keeping a grocery store free of mice.

The shelter also has received one opossum and one rabbit. One day it was called to the heart of the business section—to pick up a dead jackrabbit on Vine street!

Formal opening and dedication ceremonies are planned to be held soon.

open 24 hours a day . . . the telephone number is Santa Cruz 4410-W . . . and for any dog, cat, or other small animal left homeless, hungry, or sick, the shelter stands ready to provide protection and care until a home can be found for it. Animals which come to it for help are not "disposed of."

The shelter stands as an example of man's interest in pets—pets which long have had an interest in man.

MONTAGUE STRICKEN

Fresno, May 6 (U.P.) — John Montague, the one-time famed "mystery man" of golf, was in a Fresno hospital today, stricken with a heart attack.

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has a steady turnover in them. Last month 17 were given to individuals who promised to give them good homes.

In order to take a dog from the shelter, the prospective owner must purchase the city license tag (the shelter cares for dogs from within the city limits, only, because of its limited budget). If the new owner then wishes to leave a contribution to the shelter, to help defray the expense of caring for the pet while it was there, the shelter is very grateful to receive it.

It operates on money from the city's license tags, and from donations.

Donations from humane-minded citizens also played a major part in construction of the shelter, itself, consisting at present of two sturdy, and attractively-designed buildings of adobe, finished with extra-wide eaves, and with an outside coating of pale green. The walls are 16 inches thick, and 26 feet long, 2x12-inch solid redwood beams, weighing 800 pounds each, form the ceiling and the roof support. The main building contains a reception room, a room which is being equipped for veterinary, and a three room furnished apartment for the poundmaster and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Graham.

Much of the labor for its construction was donated; some of the

In the meantime, the shelter is

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY No. 34,550

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Santa Clara.

In the Matter of the Guardianship and Estate of PETER A. STAFFORD, A Minor.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned guardian of the Estate of Peter A. Stafford, a minor, will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, on Thursday, the 19th day of May, 1949, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., or after said day, at the law offices of Rea, Jacka & Frasse, Suite 702-10, Commercial Building, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California, all the right, title, interest, and Estate of the said Peter A. Stafford, a minor, in and to that certain parcel of land particularly described as follows:

An undivided one-half interest in and to the following real property situated in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, described as follows:

BEING lot 114, as the same is shown and designated upon that certain map entitled "Map the subdivision of Camp Fair View, near Soquel, California, Santa Cruz County Lands of D. C. Feeley, Patchin Cal.", filed for record August 12, 1887, in Volume 5 of Maps at Page 25, and a copy thereof entered in Volume 9 of Maps at Page 19, Santa Cruz County Records.

Bids or offers are invited for said property and must be in writing and will be received at the Law Offices of Rea, Jacka & Frasse, Suite 702-10, Commercial Building, San Jose, California, attorneys for said guardian, or may be filed with the Clerk of said Superior

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