

# Dog-loving duo takes over

*Animal Shelter*  
Husband-wife team to operate Santa Cruz animal shelter

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SANTA CRUZ — A husband-wife team, and their dog, will share the "executive team" duties of the Santa Cruz animal shelter.

Brian Taylor and Jo Storsberg have been hired as executive director and director of development at the SPCA.

The two will share a combined salary of about \$90,000. Their Labrador mix, Sammy, will "work for Kibbles" as an advisor, Taylor said.

The pair hopes to launch a pair of new programs in January — a mobile animal-adoption center and a mobile spay and neuter service.

Other programs to increase animal adoptions are planned.

"We just want to move to a place

where we're adopting more animals out," Taylor said.

Ultimately, their goal is to eliminate the killing of dogs and cats, Storsberg said.

The couple is returning to Santa Cruz after four years in Portland, Ore., where Taylor was development director for the American Lung Association of Oregon. Storsberg worked serving homeless youth in Portland.

In Santa Cruz, Storsberg previously worked for the Santa Cruz Commission on Women and the Santa Cruz Planned Parenthood Clinic. Taylor had worked in San Francisco for the Red Cross on homeless prevention programs.

The two met while working together on homeless programs in San Francisco and have been "try-

ing to work together ever since," Taylor said.

Taylor said they will bring contract negotiation, fundraising and management skills to the jobs. Both are new to the field of animal welfare.

Taylor has been on the job since November, while Storsberg has been splitting her time between Oregon and Santa Cruz.

They will replace Kat Brown who had been the acting executive director.

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The Santa Cruz SPCA's new executive team is Brian Taylor, wife Jo Storsberg and Sam, their adoptee from the Portland Humane Society.

