

ANIMAL SHELTER OPENS



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Tricia Geisreiter brings out one of the new residents at the newly opened Animal Services Authority offices on Janis Way in Scotts Valley.

Animal Shelter

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In the doghouse

SENTINEL STAFF REPORT

The county's new animal shelter welcomed its first tenants this week. About 15 dogs, 40 cats and 25 small animals such as rabbits and hamsters now call the 27 Janis Way building home.

SCOTT'S VALLEY

The county Animal Services Authority had been housing the animals in kennels and veterinary hospitals since it formed six months ago. About 40 animals, mostly dogs, still remain at boarding facilities, awaiting the arrival of additional kennels.

The ASA took over animal control and shelter services from the Santa Cruz SPCA in August. Negotiations to lease the SPCA's 7th Avenue shelter in Live Oak broke down a short time later.

Lost and adoptable animals will continue to be posted on the county Web site at www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us. Click on "rescued animals." The public also can contact the ASA by phone at 454-7303. Shelter hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday until March 1, when hours will change to 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.