

Be Kind To Animals

This is a plea to be kind to animals.

For some people this takes education, believe it or not, and there is plenty of that taking place across the United States.

There are thousands of citizens actively working in humane societies serving not only animals, but humans as well.

James Uding, poundmaster for the Santa Cruz County Animal Welfare association, with kennels at 2200 7th avenue, asks and answers the interesting question: "What is a humane society?"

All are dedicated to the prevention of cruelty.

Most are affiliated with the American Humane Association.

Uding said that the people who are members of these organizations are alike only in that they share a common interest in the welfare of both children and animals.

These groups work to provide effective animal control programs, fight serious problems such as wild dog packs, diseases, epidemics and poisonings.

The humane agency offers animals for adoption to good homes.

It returns lost animals to their owners; it may provide emergency care for sick and injured animals.

At the Santa Cruz kennels there are about 25 dogs presently on hand, seeking homes and masters.

Besides dogs there are 15 cats, a number of birds, two goats and a burro, and some hamsters. All, except the goats, are for sale!

Humane organizations inspect rodeos, circuses and traveling animal shows to minimize risk of cruelty and injury; they also supervise stockyards, sales barns and pet shops.

Education and information programs are important functions of the humane group.

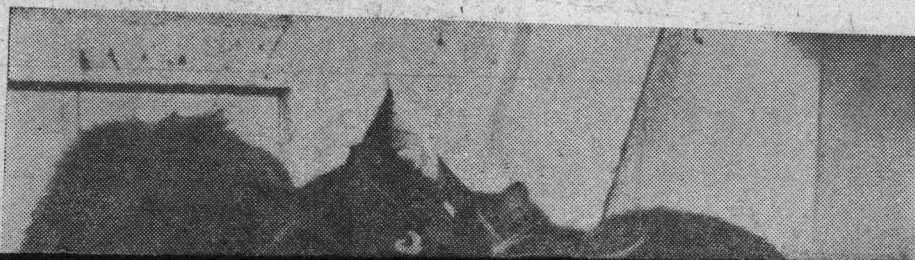
The Santa Cruz Animal Welfare association has sponsored a poster contest for elementary students in the county.

The grand prize winner will receive \$25.

Uding encourages the public to visit the Santa Cruz Association kennels on 7th avenue, to learn about its program and services. The telephone number is 475-6454.

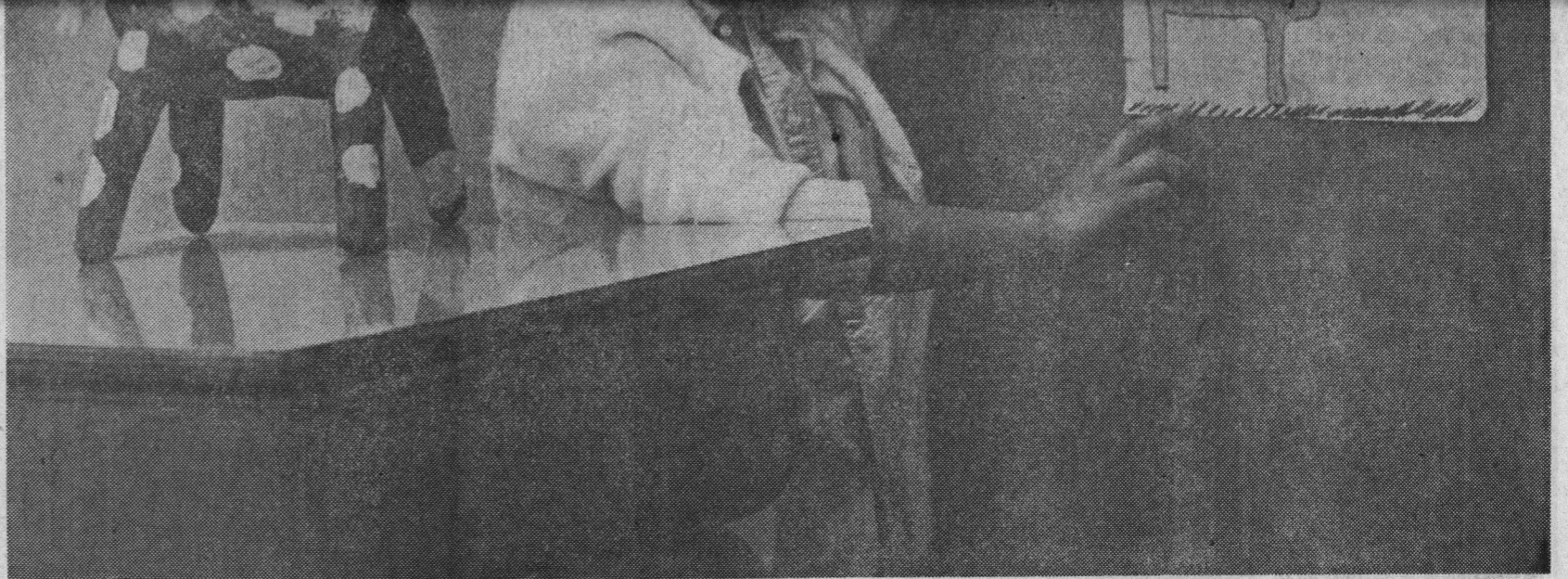


James Uding, poundmaster for the Santa Cruz County Animal Welfare Association, 2200 Seventh avenue, is swarmed by some of the dogs at the kennels now available for adoption for a small fee. There are presently some 25 dogs in the pound. Uding uses the occasion of Be Kind To Animals Weeks to explain the work of Animal Welfare Association.

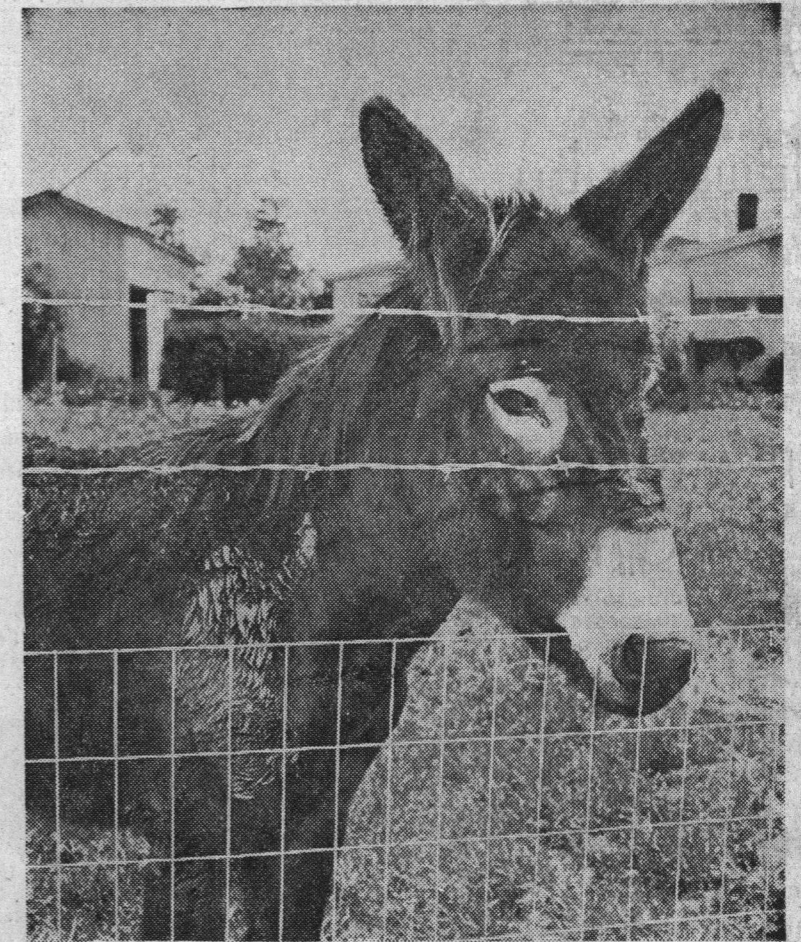




Above, some of the 15 cats waiting for homes at the Shelter, and right, Grace Rodríguez, Green acres fifth grader of 1724 Rodríguez street, composes a potent message as an entry in the county-wide poster contest sponsored by the county Animal Welfare Association. Winners will be announced soon.



Photographs by Pete Amos



Left, is a general view of the County Animal Shelter at 2200 Seventh avenue, always open to the public (phone 475-6454) and ready for information on pets. Above is a burro held at the shelter. It was sold just last week.

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