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Partners for Pets Donation Makes a Great Holiday Gift for Animal Lovers

Looking for a gift for the animal loving friend or family member this holiday season? Give a Partner for Pets gift donation in their name! Making a gift donation not only shows that you understand and support their love and passion of protecting and caring for animals, but directly helps the quality of life of our local pets. With a donation of any amount, animal services will mail a personalized holiday greeting card with your message to notify them of your gift in their honor. Partners for Pets donations are tax-deductible and unlike national donation plans, 100 percent of all Partners for Pets donations will benefit animals in Santa Rosa County. Gift donations can be made securely online at www.santarosa.fl.gov/partnersforpets or by requesting a donation form by calling (850) 983-4680.

Santa Rosa County Animal Services Partners for Pets program was established in October 2009 with the goal of finding every adoptable pet a loving, forever home. In the first year \$10,573 was donated to the Santa Rosa County shelter. Donations to the program are used to enhance current animal service efforts including creating a low cost spay and neuter voucher program, increasing educational outreach on the benefits of spaying and neutering, and offering more adoption events throughout the county. When combined, these efforts have been proven to make a dramatic difference in local pet populations and in reducing the number of animals that must be humanely euthanized.

Unlike private shelters that can have limitations on the number of animals they accept, Santa Rosa County's shelter accepts each one with over 8,400 animals passing through their doors in fiscal year 2009/2010. Unfortunately, only an average of 11 percent are adopted, sent to rescue organizations or reunited with their families when found straying from home. Sterilization of pets is the best solution to the overpopulation problem in our county. In addition to the gift donation, many other types and levels of support are available including a supply donations, one time-donations, monthly supporter and memorial gifts.

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