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**MY FURRY VALENTINE ADOPTION SPECIAL
AT SONOMA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER**

Santa Rosa, CA – Beginning Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012 and running through Saturday, February 18, 2012, any dog five years or older from the Sonoma County Animal Shelter will be available for adoption at a reduced adoption fee of \$50.

This Valentine's Day, do something good for your heart - adopt a shelter dog. Animal shelter staff say having a pet in your life has been proven to bring happiness which in turn brings a happy heart!

Come and see the variety of wonderful adult dogs waiting to be adopted. Often adult dogs are overlooked at shelters. We are offering a reduced adoption fee to bring attention to these loving older dogs. There are several advantages to adopting an adult dog; most come already trained, are housebroken, won't chew up your furniture and settle in quickly. All dogs have been examined by a veterinarian, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, wormed, flea treated, and microchipped.

Sonoma County Animal Care and Control is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. Adoptions can be processed until 4:30 p.m. daily. Our mission is to protect the health and safety of people and animals, investigate and prosecute animal cruelty, abuse and neglect cases, educate the public about responsible domestic animal ownership, reduce pet overpopulation through spay/neuter programs, provide a safe environment for animals in need and place adoptable animals into caring homes. Sonoma County Animal Care and Control enforces local, state, and federal laws pertaining to animals, and operates a full service animal shelter serving more than 5,600 animals annually. For more information, visit www.theanimalshelter.org or call 707-565-7100.

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