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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SHELTER DOGS GET A RUNNING START BEFORE LOCAL ADOPTION EVENT**

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** – Are you looking for a couch potato to curl up with and watch your favorite shows? A running pal to keep you active? How about a curious cat to keep you on your toes? Santa Barbara County Animal Services and Animal Shelter Assistance Program (ASAP) are thrilled to invite community members to a local Adopt-a-thon event in the city of Goleta! Adoptable dogs, cats, and kittens will be on site to meet potential adopters. Information about volunteering with local shelter animals, including fostering, will also be available.

What: Pre-Holiday Adopt-a-thon

When: Saturday November 23, 2019 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: PetSmart located at 7090 Hollister Ave, Goleta, CA, 93117

"We have so many deserving animals who we would love to see get into homes for the holidays," shared Tara Diller, Director of Santa Barbara County Animal Services. "This is a great opportunity for families to come meet our animals and see how they interact outside of the shelter environment and talk to our amazing adoption counselors who know them well."

All adoptable pets are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped (free, lifetime registration included), and ready to complete your family. Licensing fees may apply. Standard adoption screening applies.

In addition to potentially finding their forever homes, the dogs of the Santa Barbara Animal Shelter will enjoy a pre Adopt-a-thon run with the UCSB Triathlon Team! Over 20 athletes will be taking all of our adoptable dogs out for a group run to help them decompress. "What a wonderful way for our dogs to get the much needed exercise and stimulation they need while also actively engaging and involving our University students in our cause." said Tara Diller. A special thank you to the team as they help us get our pups ready to meet potential adopters.

To learn more about pet adoption or volunteering with us, visit [www.sbcanimalservices.org](http://www.sbcanimalservices.org).