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**For Immediate Release:** Healdsburg Animal Shelter (Healdsburg, California) has achieved the distinguished status as a No Kill animal shelter for 2010 and 2011.

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No Kill Sonoma County is proud to announce that the Healdsburg Animal Shelter has achieved No Kill status for 2010 and 2011. In 2010 the Shelter had a Live Release Rate of 93% and for 2011, as of December 26, 2011, has a Live Release Rate of 95%.

The Healdsburg Animal Shelter is a small shelter nestled in the vineyards of Sonoma County, California and is an Open Admission Shelter. It has achieved No Kill status with the support of its Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers, Fosters, and the Community.

In 2011 the Healdsburg Animal Shelter has tripled its dog adoption rate to a total of 210 – an outstanding achievement. In addition, the shelter has adopted out 251 cats year-to-date in 2011. Versus year ago, cat adoptions have increased by 43 and dogs by 138.

Healdsburg Animal Shelter has also decreased the cat euthanasia rate from 33 in 2010 to only 13 in 2011. The dog euthanasia rate remained unchanged at 7 dogs – a remarkable feat given the significant increase in number of dogs through the shelter in 2011.

Healdsburg Animal Shelter is striving to make sure that every Shelter Animal has a home. This includes the feral cat population of Healdsburg. The Shelter works diligently to ensure this segment of the Shelter population is not forgotten or misunderstood.

Healdsburg Animal Shelter works closely with Sonoma County Animal Care and Control to preserve and enhance Shelter animal lives. They work in partnership with the County Shelter to transfer some of their harder to place animals for ultimate adoption into a loving home. This collaboration has benefitted both Shelters and most importantly our Sonoma County Shelter Animals.

**Additional Information:**



Founded	2010
About	We are the Sonoma County Chapter of the No Kill Movement as outlined by the No Kill Advocacy Center.
Company Overview	Our Mission in Sonoma County is to help our County Animal Shelters adopt No Kill policies and procedures for the benefit of shelter animals. No Kill shelters reject euthanasia for population control and adhere to an ethic that no cat or dog shall be euthanized that is treatable and adoptable or can become adoptable with medical or behavioral treatment. It is our right, and our responsibility, as taxpayers to ensure our homeless animals have a safe haven in Shelters until they are adopted.
Mission	One voice we're small, many voices we roar. Let us roar for the voiceless!
Website	<a href="http://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org">http://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org</a>

Please visit the Healdsburg Animal Shelter Facebook Page to congratulate them on a job well done for the Shelter Animals. They gave these animals a voice that said "Look at us, you know you want to adopt us?" And the community said, "YES".

