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## Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA Eclipses Previous Adoption Record During 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clear the Shelters

**BURLINGAME, CA** – The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) found new loving homes for eighty-two animals during the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Clear the Shelters event on August 19-20, eclipsing a previous record of 64 adoptions during the 2016 Clear the Shelters.

“We are grateful to everyone who came into our shelter this past weekend and opened up their hearts and homes to an animal,” said PHS/SPCA Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. “There was a line waiting for us to open at 10 am and we had record numbers of people coming into our shelter.”

The eighty-two adopted animals include:

- 43 cats
- 25 dogs
- 5 rabbits
- 7 birds
- 1 guinea pig
- 1 reptile

PHS/SPCA’s theme for the Clear the Shelters was a nod to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Summer of Love and included Summer of Love themed activities and a photo booth of the iconic Volkswagen van. PHS/SPCA offered a “name your own adoption fee” and honored this special through the entire weekend.

“Despite a reduction in our adoption fees, we still followed our own strict adoption procedures to ensure the match is good for both the humans and the animals,” according to Tarbox. “Several of our senior cats and dogs found their forever homes during Clear the Shelters as well. Overall it was an outstanding weekend for the animals.”

Clear the Shelters is a nationwide adoption event sponsored by NBC and Telemundo. NBC is reporting to date this year’s Clear the Shelters event resulted in more than 66,000 adoptions across the country.

Photo attached of 10 year old cat Chelsea and her new family, who live in South San Francisco. Chelsea was adopted on August 19, 2017 during the Clear the Shelters event. Photo credit: Thelma Andree.

### **About Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA is a private, open-door, not-for-profit animal welfare organization. Primary programs include animal adoptions (100% adoption rate for healthy dogs and cats!); animal rescue and sheltering, including specialty care for domestic animals with medical and/or behavioral challenges; wildlife rehabilitation; animal cruelty investigation; community outreach and education; low-cost spay/neuter; and obedience classes. This vital work is made possible by volunteers and donations. PHS/SPCA receives no funding from national animal welfare organizations. Please visit [www.phs-sPCA.org](http://www.phs-sPCA.org) to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events

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