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NEWS RELEASE

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Join Rescue Ranch On May 21 for a fun Community Adoption Event

YREKA, California May 17, 2022 — Rescue Ranch will be hosting "Dog Days For Summer," on May 21, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Adoption Center in Yreka, CA. It will be Siskiyou County's first collaborative pet adoption event involving multiple rescues. Organizers are planning a fun day for the community with activities the whole family can enjoy.

Rescues need cat and dog adopters more than ever.

The region is experiencing an explosion of unwanted pets. Shelters are full. Rescues are full. As of May 10, 2022, Siskiyou County Animal Control reported that dog and cat intakes were already at 281, compared to 105 for the entirety of 2021. More than half were puppies and kittens! The demand for space is so high that Rescue Ranch and other no-kill rescues are struggling to find room for all of the animals that need help.

"Our mission is to save dogs and find great homes for them, but we need more adopters to step forward. The other organizations are in the same boat. Intake numbers are just staggering this year," says Rescue Ranch board member Laura Finley.

Adopters should bring their other dogs to the event

- Meet-and-greets are part of the adoption process: Owners who are thinking about adding to their
 canine family, should bring household dogs to the event for a meet-and-greet with prospective
 housemates. It will save time, as this step is typically required by rescues before finalizing adoptions.
- Low cost microchips and vaccines for visiting dogs: Owners who bring their dogs to the event, will be able to get low-cost Bordetella and parvo distemper vaccines as well as low-cost microchips.

More fun for dog-lovers with live demos

- Jefferson Working Dogs will demonstrate the amazing police K9 detection skills of their dogs, who are trained to find human remains, articles and other materials using their keen sense of smell.
- Intermountain Mannered Mutts will show visitors fun activities that keep dogs mentally and physically engaged. Demos include: how to get a dog into carting, getting started with scent work, fun easy tricks people can teach their dogs, and simulated herding with a ball.

Emergency preparedness and fire safety

With fire season already underway, there will be emergency and pet evacuation preparedness information available. Marjorie King will be in attendance on behalf of the Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County.

Spay/neuter information

Visitors will also have the opportunity to learn about the Rescue Ranch Alter Assistance Program (RRAAP), which was created to help community dog owners overcome barriers to spay/neuter.

Food – Lunch available for purchase on-site!

Tacos Tao has kindly agreed to set up their food truck at the adoption center. Hungry attendees will be able to purchase delicious Mexican food and soft drinks between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

"Dog Days For Summer" Details:

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2022

Time: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: Attendance is Free (does not include any food, other purchases or adoption donation amounts)

Location: Rescue Ranch Adoption Center, 2216 Oberlin Rd, Yreka, CA

Food Vendor: Tacos Tao, Food Truck, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., https://www.facebook.com/tacostaotruck

Participating Organizations

Goliath Mountain Rescue

Jefferson Working Dogs https://www.jeffersonworkingdogs.org/

Intermountain Mannered Mutts: https://www.facebook.com/intermountainmanneredmutts

Siskiyou Humane Society: https://siskiyouhumane.org/

Saving Shasta Cats: https://savingshastacats.org/

Siskiyou County Animal Control: https://www.facebook.com/siskiyouac

About Rescue Ranch: https://rrdog.org/

Rescue Ranch was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 2001. Its purpose is to rescue dogs of all breeds and create opportunities for adoption. The ranch currently positively impacts the lives of more than 2000 dogs every year by taking in over 700 and rehoming over 500, while providing others with medical, transport, food, training, evacuation and other assistance.

Rescue Ranch is a no-kill shelter that relies on donations from the community and local businesses, as well as grants from foundations and organizations. It does not receive funding from any State, County or City agencies. Proceeds from the Rescue Ranch Thrift Store also help cover some of the general operational costs.

All dogs are spayed or neutered and receive the best care while at Rescue Ranch. The organization also offers donation-funded community assistance programs, such as the Rescue Ranch Alter Assistance Program (RRAAP), which helps community members secure affordable spay/neuter appointments; Kitu's Fund, a nointerest loan for high-cost emergency veterinary expenses; a dog and cat food bank, low-cost parvo-distemper vaccination and microchipping, free and low-cost dog training, as well as transportation for veterinary appointments booked through the facility.

In 2020 and 2021 Rescue Ranch was the designated dog evacuation center for Siskiyou County. During the 2021 Lava Fire, the adoption center took in 214 dogs over and above its regular contingent of about 40 residents at the time. Most had been evacuated with their owners, but there were also displaced, unclaimed and severely injured dogs who were treated and eventually put up for adoption.