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Fifth Annual Pet-A-Palooza!

[VENTURA COUNTY, CA] The 5th Annual PET-A-PALOOZA Pet Adoption Event will take place this coming weekend at Theresa's Country Feed & Pet, 1836 Erringer Road, in Simi Valley. All pet adoption fees are 100% sponsored! The event runs from 11:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, February 17th, 2018.

There will be fun activities for the entire family! Pet vendors, great raffle prizes, face painting, henna tattoos, a bounce house, music and much more! "This is a great family-friendly event that showcases our tremendous partnership with Theresa's Feed," said Tara Diller, Ventura County Animal Services Director. "We are extremely fortunate to have so many supporters thanks to the outreach and commitment of Theresa's Feed, helping to support Ventura County Animal Services' lifesaving efforts."

Learn More: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1881634562148635>

A Fallen Hero:

Organizer Theresa's Country Feed and Pet will also be donating proceeds to help the family of fallen Animal Control Officer, Kelli Hipple. Hipple, 30, lost her life last December to an invasive form of brain cancer. She is survived by her husband, Seth Hipple, a Ventura County Animal Services Animal Control Officer, their 23-month-old daughter Ariel, and her loving family and friends.

Kelli began her career at Ventura County Animal Services in the licensing division where she met and married her sweetheart, Seth. Kelli's innate ability with animals soon led her to care for the pets in our shelters. Kelli wore her compassion on her sleeve, always caring for the underdog, fighting for the misunderstood and becoming a strong voice for the voiceless. Later in her career, Kelli became a Field Officer and continued her mission to educate, save lives and make a difference to every path she crossed.

VCAS mourns the loss of Officer Kelli Hipple, an advocate and activist for animal care and understanding in Ventura County.

About Ventura County Animal Services

Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) operates two shelters within the county. The large main shelter in Camarillo houses over 400 pets and the administrative offices. Our smaller facility in Simi Valley houses nearly 40 pets at a time.

Each year, Ventura County Animal Services cares for more than 10,000 animals. Our goal is to reunite lost pets with their owners and find life-long homes for as many animals as possible, while providing proper care during their stay.

Ventura County Animal Services provides contract services for eight cities within our community: Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Simi Valley and Ventura. VCAS enforces local ordinances and state laws within our service areas, including animal cruelty/neglect investigations, leash law compliance, rabies suppression efforts and providing medical care for sick and injured animals.