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"October is Adopt A Shelter Dog Month!"

San Bernardino, CA – This month the San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program and the three shelters that they operate, which include the Big Bear, Devore, and Rancho Cucamonga facilities, are partnering with the American Society for the Prevention to Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to declare October "Adopt a Shelter Dog Month".

Nothing says "welcome home" like a wagging tail and a pair of warm, loving eyes. Animal shelters always have a wide variety of pets to choose from including mixed and purebred dogs in a range of colors, sizes, ages, and oh the personalities!

will people know where to click once they get to the county website?

So, if you are looking to add a new four-legged, friend to your family we would like to encourage you to visit your local animal shelter and adopt one of the many homeless dogs who are just waiting to shower you with affection. You can even visit our website at www.sbcounty.gov and actually see all of the wonderful animals ~~that we have~~ available for adoption!

Remember, the love of a pet is unconditional and it will last for years and years to come. Studies have shown that the mere presence of a pet can help lower heart rate and blood pressure, relieve stress, and actually add years to our lives. So why not celebrate Adopt A Shelter Dog Month by saving the life of a homeless dog while you extend your own? For more information, please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program toll free at 1-800-472-5609. Thank you.

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