Your Dog Can Really Shine at the Pup Crawl December 2nd

Your dog can shine like a Christmas tree with a lighted leash, available Friday evening, December 2nd at the Pup Crawl dog walking event in Old Town Salinas. The Pup Crawl is sponsored by Friends of County Animal Services (FoCAS), and invites folks to bring their dogs for a walk in conjunction with First Fridays Art Walk.

Dogs and owners will meet in the parking lot across from the Maya Cinema, 153 Main Street in Salinas, at 6:30 p.m. for a stroll through Old Town. Lighted leashes are for sale at the Pup Crawl event for $20, proceeds benefit FoCAS and county shelter programs. These lighted leashes are safe and fun to use, and make great holiday gifts.

Don't have a dog? Come walk with us in support of the county shelter and the thousands of animals it takes in each year.

Friends of County Animal Services is a non-profit foundation whose sole mission is to raise money to support the protection and care of lost and abandoned animals at the Monterey County Animals Services Center. FoCAS supported
programs include special senior pet adoptions, remote spay neuter clinics, subsidized adoption, feline testing, microchip and pet training.

For more information about FoCAS, visit www.focas4animals.com

Sheriff’s Teddy Bear Drive Underway

The Sheriff’s Department is looking to ‘recruit’ some cuddly teddy bears for children in need.

The Sheriff’s Teddy Bear Drive was established more than twenty years ago to provide bears to patrol deputies to give to children they encountered when responding to calls. Sadly, children are often present in homes when deputies respond to domestic violence or other traumatic incidents or crimes. Deputies found that the teddy bears give the children something warm and cuddly to hang on to during a painful or emotional time.

Through the years, in addition to the patrol deputies, the Sheriff’s Detective Division has also utilized teddy bears when they are interviewing young victims of sexual/physical assault and domestic violence. Bears are also provided to the Coroner’s Office for those instances when officials are making a death notification where a child may be present.

If you would like to donate bears, they can be dropped off at the following locations between 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Coastal Station
831-647-7909
1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, CA  93940

Central Station
831-759-6675
1414 Natividad Road
Salinas, CA  93908

Castroville Field Office
831-759-6675
10680 Merritt Street
Castroville, CA  95012

Some of the donations the Sheriff’s Department has received so far – all ready to roll!
South County Station 250 Franciscan Way
831-385-8312 King City, CA 93930

Cash donations are also accepted and funds received will be used to purchase more teddy bears throughout the year. Contact Donna Galletti for more information, 647-7909.