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Press Release

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<u>Announcing</u> <u>CHIHUAHUAS de MAYO</u>

Adoption Event & Chihuahua Races Saturday, May 5, 2018 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

San Luis Obispo, CA --Woods Humane Society and



San Luis Obispo County Animal Services are teaming up to present the 5th annual Chihuahuas de Mayo on Saturday, May 5 at Woods Humane Society.

Chihuahuas de Mayo is a one-of-a-kind adoption cooperative event featuring the breed most often overlooked and always overpopulated in shelters – Chihuahuas. The event includes discounted adoption fees, Chihuahua Races (Who is SLO County's Fastest Chihuahua 2018?), Pint Sized Canine Costume Contest hosted by Tails Pet Boutique, Woods University obedience training demonstrations, Micro Chipping, Rabies Vaccination Clinic, food from G Brothers, music by Cuesta Ridge, and a day to raise awareness about K9 overpopulation and the importance of spaying and neutering our pets.

"When you look at animal shelters across California they're disproportionately filled with Pit Bulls, Pit Bull Mixes, Chihuahuas and Chihuahua Mixes. There's no question about it, these are wonderful animals, but there are simply way more of them than there are homes. The intent of this event is to build awareness about the problem, encourage folks to spay and neuter their pets and to send as many dogs home with loving families as possible." –Jill Tucker, Woods Humane Society's Executive Director.

"Pit Bulls and Chihuahuas make up the majority of our shelter dog population on any given day. We follow the same trend as other open-door animal shelters in California that tend to see more Pit Bulls and Chihuahuas come in as either stray or owner surrender compared to other breeds of dogs. It's a bit more difficult to promote the individuality of each animal when we have so many to choose from. Chihuahuas de Mayo will help us show how versatile and different each dog is so they can be truly appreciated." – Andrea Liddie, SLO County Animal Services Shelter Supervisor

Chihuahuas de Mayo will start at 11:00 am and will run until 3pm. Chihuahuas de Mayo is proudly presented in association with our good friends at Spectrum Reach, American General Media, NewTimes, and the San Luis Obispo Country Animal Services Division.

Grab your Chihuahuas and bring them to the races for a day of family fun at Woods Humane Society! Visit woodshumane.org for more event information and schedule. Woods Humane Society is located at 875 Oklahoma Avenue in San Luis Obispo.

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Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society has proudly served the homeless animals of San Luis Obispo County for 63 years. Woods Humane Society is an animal sheltering and welfare organization based in San Luis Obispo that annually places over 2,500 dogs and cats into loving homes. Visit <u>www.woodshumane.org</u> to donate or learn more.

<u>The Mission of Woods is:</u> To serve, protect, and shelter homeless companion animals; To place animals in humane environments; To promote responsible pet ownership, provide humane education, and reduce pet overpopulation; To celebrate the human/animal bond.