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Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital Presented with Top Dog Award

Santa Cruz, CA. - The Coastal Dog Owners Group announced the winner of their Top Dog Community Service Award today. In honor of their outstanding support of the dog loving community Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital was presented with the award.

Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital has been a major sponsor of the area's largest and longest running doggie fund raising event, the Spring Dog Festival. The hospital has also contributed toward C-DOG's Angel Fund and the Veterinary Science Scholarship Fund.

"We are very proud to share in support of C-DOG's objectives of responsible dog ownership, humane education and making dog's lives healthier and happier" said hospital administrator, Molly Lyons. "Helping C-DOG out is a natural fit for the hospital and our team."

To ROP Veterinary Science teacher and C-DOG board member, Grace Clark, the award was a special opportunity to recognize the efforts of SCVH in her classroom. "Through C-DOG's introduction, the veterinary staff has given tours of the hospital, First Aid and CPR demonstrations and internship opportunities to my students. They are an invaluable resource for helping my students understand and prepare for the demands of working in the real world."

For C-DOG president, Sandi Pensinger, the award is in celebration of the human-canine bond. "It takes a community to improve the lives of animals. We are delighted that we have such a strong base of support from Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital. They have been a great help in making our Spring Dog Festival and Angel Fund a reality."

About the Coastal Dog Owners' Group

C-DOG has raised thousands of dollars for animals in need and humane education for kids. The Spring Dog Festival and Responsible Dog Owner Day are hosted by C-DOG annually and provide a showcase for many local rescue organizations. One of the group's goals is to keep dogs in their homes by encouraging people to engage in activities with their dogs. Every year far too many dogs are turned into the shelter for behavioral problems, often stemming from lack of structured activities that provide mental and physical exercise. This year's Tenth Annual Spring Dog Festival will take place on Sunday May 15, 2011. For details visit C-DOG's website www.coastaldogs.com.

Photo attached. C-DOG board members present certificate to Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital. Left to right: Sandi Pensinger with Piper, Molly Lyons, Sara Mattson, Jay Stone DVM, Grace Clark, Mary Alves with Lance and Maize, Faye Stone, Penny Taylor.

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