Application for Unaltered Animal Certificate

First Name_____ Last Name_____ Phone #_____

Mailing Address_____

City_____ Zip_____

Dog Cat (circle one) Name of Animal_____

Breed_____ Age of animal_____ Sex: M F

Dog License #_____ (Your dog must have a current license to qualify for a UAC.)

Color/distinguishing marks_____

Address where animal is housed
(if different from above)_____

Type of
confinement_____

In order to be considered for an Unaltered Animal Certificate, you must provide documentation (a letter from your veterinarian on letterhead) that the above referenced animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian within the past year, and that you are following the preventative health care program recommended by the veterinarian. There is a one-time fee of $250 for the certificate. All new certificates may require a facility check by an Animal Control Officer to verify adequate confinement for your unaltered animal. In order to keep the Unaltered Animal Certificate current, the Certificate holder is required to submit proof that the animal is examined annually by a licensed vet, and the owner is following the preventative healthcare program recommended by their vet. There is no fee to renew the certificate. (If you move to a new address, you are required to apply for a new certificate. The fee for each new certificate is $250 and you may be required to submit to a facility check by the Animal Control Department.)

You are exempted from this law if you provide documentation of the following:

That your dog has been appropriately trained and is actually being used for law enforcement activities, services to persons with disabilities, is used as a therapy dog, for search and rescue work, herding or guarding livestock, is designated as breeding stock by an appropriate agency or organization representing any of the above, or your dog or cat is certified by a licensed veterinarian as having a health reason for not being spayed or neutered.

☐ **I am claiming an Exemption for my dog or cat and enclose documentation to support my claim.**

Please complete this application for an Unaltered Animal Certificate, enclose a payment to SCCASA of $15.
Return it to: **Santa Cruz County Animal Services, 2200 7th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.**

OR

☐ **I am applying for an Unaltered Animal Certificate. I have enclosed the following:**

A. This completed, signed **application**.
B. A **letter on letterhead from a licensed veterinarian** that my dog or cat has been examined within the past year by a licensed veterinarian and that I am following the preventative healthcare program recommended by my veterinarian.
C. The **$250** fee.

Return it to: **Santa Cruz County Animal Services, 2200 7th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.**

I agree to the conditions stated on the reverse side of this paper and identify myself as the owner of the above referenced animal. I understand that the penalty for not following the above conditions may be revocation of the Unaltered Animal Certificate or the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with the law.

Signature_____ Date_____

Santa Cruz County Animal Services
2200 7th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 * 580 Airport Blvd, Watsonville, CA 95076
Mailing address: Santa Cruz County Animal Services, 2200 7th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

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Section 8.16.030 of the Municipal Code for City of Santa Cruz, Section 6.10.030 of the County Code for County of Santa Cruz, Section 6.10.030 of the Municipal Code for City of Scotts Valley, Section 6.1.1001 of the Municipal Code for the City of Watsonville, and Section 6.12.220 of the Municipal Code for the City of Capitola states:

No person may own, harbor or keep within the City or County of Santa Cruz, the City of Watsonville, City of Capitola or City of Scotts Valley a dog or cat over the age of six months that has not been spayed or neutered unless such person holds an Unaltered Animal Certificate for that animal. Proof of annual exams and appropriate preventative healthcare program is required in order to keep the Certificate current.

In order to be in compliance with the law, you must sign and date the legally binding statement on the reverse side of this paper, agreeing to all of the following:

- ✓ That the animal referenced is and shall be provided sufficient wholesome food and water.
- ✓ That the animal referenced is and shall be provided shelter which will allow him/her to stand up, turn around and lie down without lying in his/her own feces, and that the shelter is regularly cleaned.
- ✓ That the animal, if a dog, is and shall be fully contained on the owner's property and provided adequate exercise.
- ✓ That the owner complies with all applicable State laws pertaining to animals.
- ✓ That the animal, if a female dog, will be allowed to have no more than 1 (one) litter of puppies in a 12 month period of time, unless your veterinarian recommends otherwise.
- ✓ If the animal is a cat, no more than 1 (one) litter of kittens in a 12 month period of time, unless your veterinarian recommends otherwise.
- ✓ That offspring of the unaltered animal will not be sold or adopted until they are at least 7 (seven) weeks of age.
- ✓ That the animal's Unaltered Animal Certificate Number will be prominently displayed in any advertising of puppies or kittens for sale, barter or adoption and will be provided to any new owner.
- ✓ That all records will be kept for a minimum of three years documenting how many offspring were produced and who adopted or purchased them.

Please sign and date in the space provided on the reverse of this paper. All new certificates may require a facility check by an Animal Control Officer to verify adequate confinement for your unaltered animal. If you are approved for a certificate, it will be sent to you in the mail. If you are not approved for a certificate, SCCASA will return the fee to you and you will be required to alter your animal. If you wish to appeal the decision, information regarding that process will be made available to you. Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing and mail delivery.

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