



Since 1977, the Adoptable Goods SPCA Thrift Store has played an integral role in furthering the Sacramento SPCA's mission to help animals and people in our community, contributing more than \$3.2 million towards shelter programs, building improvements and most importantly, the building and remodeling of the Sacramento SPCA's Spay/Neuter Clinic, which performs more than 18,000 life-changing surgeries every year.

Unfortunately, the sharp decline in the overall retail environment coupled with rising operating costs and an aging building has made it increasingly challenging to operate a profitable store. Because of this, I am letting you know of our plans to commence a wind-down of Adoptable Goods operations, including the closure of the store at 1517 E Street by year's end.

I am so grateful to the volunteers of the Sacramento SPCA Women's Guild, who many years ago recognized an opportunity to collect and sell gently-used goods donated by the community to help animals in need. Their original vision has succeeded beyond anyone's wildest dreams and the Sacramento SPCA will continue to honor that gift by using the funds from the sale of the property to fund programs and initiatives to help more animals.

I recognize that Adoptable Goods has provided a meaningful channel for you and other members of our community to support the Sacramento SPCA. We will continue to explore other opportunities for our caring supporters to donate their treasured goods to benefit the animals. In addition to our annual book sale – also started by the Women's Guild – we will look at holding other annual events such as another online auction like the recent one hosted by Witherell's, where 62 donated collectibles raised more than \$10,000 for the animals.

Adoptable Goods will remain open for the rest of the year; however, we will no longer be accepting donations of goods. We have more than enough items given by the community to keep the store stocked through the coming months.

Of course, we will continue to accept book donations and items needed at the shelter. For a complete list of ongoing shelter needs and other ways to give, visit sspca.org/giving. These items should be brought to our facility at 6201 Florin Perkins Rd., not to the thrift store.

More information about the closing of Adoptable Goods, including changes in days and hours of operations and seasonal sales events for Halloween and Christmas, can be found at sspca.org/thriftstore.

The closing of the store is an emotional event for all of us, more so for the hardworking store staff and fiercely dedicated volunteers who made it possible for the store to give so much to the animals for so many years.

It's only through their hard work and your generosity and compassion that we are able to give more than shelter to thousands of animals in our community each year - and for your continued support, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Kenn Altine
Chief Executive Officer