

# Animal shelter receives crates for pet transport



Pictured, from left, are Ronnie Casey, Colleen Lewis, Nichole Bethurem and Christine McClintock. (Julie Zeeb – Daily News)

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RED BLUFF — The Tehama County Animal Care Center has received a helping hand in the form of a Shasta Regional Community Foundation grant that allowed it to purchase crates needed to transport animals.

The grant was a collaboration between Providing Essentials for the Tehama Shelter, PETS, and the care center, said PETS Vice President Ronnie Casey.

“The grant was close to \$9,000 and we used part of it to purchase crates that PETS can use in times of disaster, when there’s an overflow and we’re above capacity or for transporting animals,” Casey said.

The shelter has been full or close to full in the last few weeks. The new crates are collapsible and highly impact resistant, which means they are easier to haul and store. They also are safer for transporting animals for medical care, which volunteers sometimes do, Casey said.

A UC Davis program allows the shelter to receive services of students, including spay and neuter and rabies shots, which are donated. This helps the cost for adoption, making it easier to find homes for the animals, Casey said.

Nichole Bethurem, a volunteer at the shelter, said she is grateful to the foundation and the staff at the care center.

“I would like to thank the Shasta Regional Community Foundation for taking time to come visit the animal care center,” Bethurem said. “This provided us an opportunity to explain our needs and challenges we face as well as the successes we have as a small shelter. It was an honor to be recognized and selected for grant funding through their program.”

Volunteers are always needed to foster animals, take them to UC Davis and to walk or socialize animals, Casey said. Fosters must be 18 or older and attend an orientation.

For more information about PETS, call 527-3439.