

MAZDA FOUNDATION SUPPORTS THE SPCA FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

IRVINE, Calif. (September 8, 2016) – The Mazda Foundation (USA), Inc. believes strongly in helping furry friends who find themselves neglected or homeless. Mazda Foundation recently presented the local, independent SPCA for Monterey County with a generous \$30,000 donation to help injured, orphaned, or neglected animals in need and to support SPCA response during the Soberanes Fire.

“Mazda, our racers, and the Mazda Foundation are proud supporters of the SPCA for Monterey County,” said Masahiro Moro, president of Mazda North American Operations. “We are hoping that this latest gift will help the SPCA for Monterey County to care for the more than 200 animals it has taken in since the Soberanes Fire started.”

With the SPCA for Monterey County and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca located just across Highway 68 from each other, Mazda and its employees have been longtime supporters of the SPCA. Since 2007, Mazda Motorsports has worked hand-in-paw with the SPCA to promote shelter adoptions at select race weekends.

“This generous donation will go a long way to help animals rescued by the SPCA,” says Beth Brookhouser, SPCA Director of Community Outreach. “With Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca located just across the street from the SPCA shelter, Mazda Foundation’s support has helped so many animals, from dogs and cats to horses and parrots, find new, loving homes. We are deeply thankful.”

Today at 2:00, racers from the Mazda Road to Indy will visit the shelter to meet pets named for them. Media and the public are welcome at the event.

About the Mazda Foundation

Through the Mazda Foundation, Mazda and its employees are working together to proactively help our neighbors – and the communities where we live and work – to build a better, brighter future. With contributions exceeding \$11.2 million since its founding in 1992, the Mazda Foundation is playing a meaningful role in helping thousands of Americans realize their aspirations and dreams. The Mazda Foundation supports programs ranging from children’s organizations and educational scholarships to food banks, environmental programs and crucial disaster relief efforts. To learn more, visit Mazdafoundation.org.

About The SPCA for Monterey County

The SPCA for Monterey County is your nonprofit, independent, donor-supported humane society that has been serving the animals and people of Monterey County since 1905. The SPCA is not a chapter of any other agency and does not have a parent organization. They shelter homeless, neglected and abused pets and livestock, and provide humane education and countless other services to the community. They are the local agency you call to investigate animal cruelty, rescue and rehabilitate injured wildlife, and aid domestic animals in distress.

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