## Dog lovers rejoice! Silicon Valley Pet Project opens community center for dog adoptions, educational events, and workshops

SVPP celebrates "Pup Plaza" launch with Open House on Giving Tuesday, Nov 27, 2018

*SAN JOSE, CA - November 20, 2018* - Silicon Valley Pet Project (SVPP) is celebrating the grand opening of **Pup Plaza**, Silicon Valley's first canine community center, with an **open house on Giving Tuesday, November 27, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The new facility is at Cambrian Park Plaza Shopping Center (14408 Union Avenue, San Jose). Guests are invited to visit the newly renovated space, meet and hang out with dog lovers and dogs, learn about upcoming educational programs, explore opportunities to foster or adopt, and shop at the new retail boutique which features items from local artists.

Programs like Shelter Dog Day Out are already on the curriculum at Pup Plaza. In partnership with the San Jose Animal Care Center, Silicon Valley Pet Project volunteers will bring adoptable dogs from the shelter to Pup Plaza every Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Shelter dogs will have an opportunity to catch a breath of fresh air and socialize with volunteers and the public. "Doga" – or Dog Yoga – is another program offered twice a month on Sundays starting November 25. During Community Open Hours, Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., visitors can enjoy the dog-friendly space (with or without their dogs), ask questions about how to get involved, or be directed to community resources related to pet ownership. Pup Plaza can also be reserved for dog birthday events or any dog friendly social gathering. For more information, go to Pup Plaza's website at pupplaza.org.

"We believe that spaces like Pup Plaza will provide the community with resources about adoption and pet guardianship, while celebrating our love for pets in a fun, upbeat environment." said Melissa Lisbon, SVPP President.

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## **About:**

Silicon Valley Pet Project (SVPP) is a nonprofit animal welfare organization committed to saving local at-risk shelter pets through rescue, community involvement, and education. SVPP is a proud rescue partner of the San Jose Animal Care Center, San Jose's municipal animal shelter. Since starting operations in 2015, SVPP has rescued and adopted over 975 cats and dogs.



The new Pup Plaza facility in San Jose



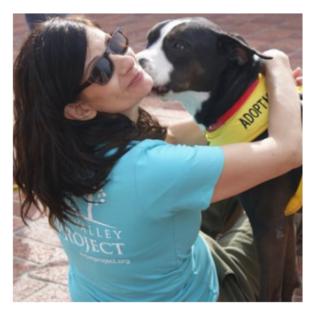
Doga at Pup Plaza

Every first and third Sunday

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

First session: Sunday, November 25

Following the success of the Doga in the Park summer series, SVPP will continue to host Doga (yoga with dogs) sessions at the newly opened Pup Plaza. Each Doga session will be led by a certified yoga instructors and is perfect for people and pups of all levels. Each session is \$25 and all proceeds go to support the organization. To reserve tickets, register *here*.



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## **Community Open Hours at Pup Plaza**

## Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Guests are invited to visit Pup Plaza to learn more about the space, upcoming programs, or ask for advice regarding pet ownership and adoption. Guests are also encouraged to simply relax and enjoy the space with their furry critters and friends!