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200 Pet Foster Homes Needed In San Diego

San Diego Humane Society Urges Community to Temporarily Open Their Homes to Shelter Pets in Need

SAN DIEGO — <u>San Diego Humane Society</u> is offering San Diegans a unique opportunity to temporarily care for a shelter pet. With July Fourth just around the corner, foster homes are urgently needed to make space for the influx of lost animals that will come in after the holiday.

"After a big holiday like July Fourth, we often see an increase in the number of stray animals we receive," said Jennifer Brehler, chief operating officer for San Diego Humane Society. "SDHS is also taking on the



animal service contracts in six more cities as of July 1, so we're doing all we can to empty our shelters to make space for more animals that will be coming very soon."

Beginning July 1, <u>San Diego Humane Society</u> will become the animal service provider in six additional cities: Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, San Diego, Santee and Solana Beach. This will increase the number of animals it cares for from 30,000 to more than 50,000 animals each year.

Brehler continues, "Every animal that's placed into a foster home makes space for another animal who is in urgent need of our care. By opening up their homes, foster volunteers significantly expand our shelter's capacity to take in more vulnerable animals from the community and from other shelters. Plus, it gives us invaluable information about how that pet behaves in a home that we can pass along to potential adopters."

San Diego Humane Society provides foster parents with all the training and supplies needed to care for a pet. To learn more and get started as a fast-track foster volunteer, visit <u>sdhumane.org/foster</u> and fill out this fast-track foster parent form.

To schedule an interview or for more information, please contact Dariel Walker at (619) 250-6801 or dwalker@sdhumane.org.



About San Diego Humane Society

Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. We offer a wide range of programs and services that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty/neglect, provide medical care, educate the community on the humane treatment of animals and provide safety net services for all pet families needing assistance with keeping their pets.

As one of San Diego's longest-established nonprofit organizations, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego as well as adoption centers inside select Petco stores throughout San Diego County. San Diego Humane Society is supported solely through contributions, grants, bequests, municipal contracts, investments and small fees for services. For more information or to view our current animals available for adoption; please visit www.sdhumane.org.

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