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Critically Ill Dog Abandoned in a Box in Escondido

San Diego Humane Society Asks the Community for Information in Animal Cruelty Case, \$1,000 Crime Stoppers Reward Offered

SAN DIEGO — [San Diego Humane Society](http://www.sdhumane.org) is looking for information to identify the person responsible for the death of a 5-year-old miniature poodle mix who was abandoned in critical condition in a box at the front door of SDHS' Escondido Campus the morning of May 19. Due to the severity of the condition the dog was in, San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement division has begun an investigation to find the person responsible for the dog's lack of care.

The person responsible faces felony charges of animal cruelty. Authorities are looking for information and Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

"The dog was left in a box with two chicken wings at the front door of our Escondido Campus in horrific condition," says Danee Cook, captain of humane law enforcement for San Diego Humane Society. "She had a very large tumor on her abdomen that was open, infected and she was infested with maggots. It's clear that she lacked medical care for quite a while and was suffering. Our medical team did all they could to alleviate her pain, but unfortunately, we weren't able to save her."

Animal neglect to this degree is a felony offense. We're asking for help from the community for any additional information that could identify the person responsible for the unnecessary suffering she endured.

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest. If anyone has information, leads can be reported through an anonymous tip line on www.sdcrimestoppers.com or by calling 888-580-8477. Information can also be reported to San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement by calling 619-243-3466.

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. San Diego Humane Society offers San Diegans 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 San Diego's oldest nonprofit organization, 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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