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San Diego Humane Society to Open Center for Shelter Medicine – the First of its Kind in California

The Pilar & Chuck Bahde Center for Shelter Medicine will train the shelter veterinarians of tomorrow

What: Grand Opening of the Pilar & Chuck Bahde Center for Shelter Medicine

The Pilar & Chuck Bahde Center for Shelter Medicine is the first of its kind in California and represents the future of shelter medicine. It will serve as a teaching hospital for advancing this emerging practice and molding shelter veterinarians of tomorrow. Expansion of the veterinary hospital at San Diego Humane Society's San Diego Campus is vital to accommodate 40,000 companion animals the organization now cares for each year.

The grand opening event will include the presentation of a proclamation by the City of San Diego declaring Nov. 27, 2018 as Pet Wellness Day.

When: Tuesday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.

Where: San Diego Humane Society
5500 Gaines St., San Diego, 92110

Visuals:

- Ribbon cutting ceremony in front of the new Center for Shelter Medicine.
- Press conference and interview opportunities with Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society; Dr. Audra Hanthorn, hospital director; and Dr. Kati Loeffler, director of veterinary education; and Assemblymember Todd Gloria.
- Tours of the new facility.
- Animal patients under medical care.

Please contact Dariel Walker at 619-250-6801 or dwalker@sdhumane.org to schedule an interview or for more information. B-roll for previews of the Center for Shelter Medicine opening is available here: <http://bit.ly/ShelterMedBRoll>. Additional b-roll and photos will be available after the event.

Suggested Tweet: @sdhumane is opening a Center for Shelter Medicine, the first of its kind in California on Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. The hospital is vital to accommodate the increase of animals coming into SDHS's care and will serve as a teaching hospital for advancing the practice of shelter medicine.

About San Diego Humane Society

San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. We offer programs that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty and neglect, provide medical care, educate the community and serve as a safety net for all pet families. Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego. For more information; please visit sdhumane.org.

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