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## **Nine Puppies Abandoned in Sealed Plastic Bag in Escondido**

*SDHS Asks the Community for Information in Animal Cruelty Case*

**SAN DIEGO** — [San Diego Humane Society](http://sdhumane.org) is looking for information to identify the person responsible for abandoning nine puppies in an emptied dog food bag, sealed with duct tape, in Escondido. A good Samaritan discovered the puppies at Kit Carson Park early on Jan. 31, 2019 and immediately brought them to San Diego Humane Society's Escondido Campus.

The puppies appear to be Shar Pei mixes, about 10-14 days old. San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement division has begun a felony cruelty investigation to find the person responsible for abandoning the dogs.

"This is a heartbreaking case, because we would have taken those puppies at San Diego Humane Society, no questions asked," said Laurel Monreal, sergeant of humane law enforcement for San Diego Humane Society.

"Anyone who needs help with their animals can bring them to us. We are an open admission shelter."

The puppies were cold, dehydrated and covered in feces and urine inside the bag. At San Diego Humane Society, the puppies were treated by medical staff, given fluids, fed multiple times and bathed before being moved into foster homes for around-the-clock-care.

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case. If anyone has information, leads can be reported through an anonymous tip line at 888-580-8477 or visit the Crime Stoppers website at [sdcrimestoppers.org](http://sdcrimestoppers.org) for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips. Information can also be reported to San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement by calling 619-299-7012.

**B-roll and sound are available here: <https://bit.ly/2G0Z6AI>. For more information, please contact Dariel Walker at (619) 250-6801 or [dwalker@sdhumane.org](mailto:dwalker@sdhumane.org).**

**Suggested Tweet:** @sdhumane is looking for information to identify the person responsible for abandoning nine puppies in a plastic bag, sealed with duct tape, at Kit Carson Park in Escondido. Call 619-299-7012 if you have any information.

**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](http://sdhumane.org).

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