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San Diego Humane Society Joins First California Adopt-a-Pet Day and Hosts July Fourth 'Prepare Fair' on June 1, 2024

Free pet adoptions AND free dog licensing, pet tags and microchipping to protect pets from getting lost during July 4 and summer celebrations

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society is joining more than 150 shelters across the state to participate in the first California Adopt-a-Pet Day. On June 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., all pet adoptions are free, thanks to a partnership with CalAnimals, ASPCA and SFSPCA. On the same day, current pet owners are also welcome to attend the organization's second annual 'Prepare Fair," from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., to ensure their pets are safe ahead of the busy July Fourth holiday. During the 'Prepare Fair,' San Diego Humane Society is offering free microchips, ID tags, licenses and more at its locations in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego.

California Adopt-a-Pet Day: FREE adoptions for every pet! *10 a.m.-5 p.m.*

San Diego Humane Society is joining more than 150 shelters statewide in waiving fees for every adoptable animal! The ASPCA will be providing funds to cover the cost of free adoptions at participating shelters for the inaugural California Adopt-a-Pet Day. San Diego Humane Society has nearly 600 pets available for adoption, including puppies and kittens. To view pets available for adoption, visit sdhumane.org/adopt.

Prepare Fair: FREE resources to keep pets safe this summer! *10 a.m.-2 p.m.*

Shelters see the largest number of stray pets during summer, especially over the July Fourth holiday. In 2023, San Diego Humane Society took in 323 stray pets July 4-7. Only 62 of them were reclaimed by their owners. To prevent pets from getting lost, the public can get a FREE microchip, one-year license and ID tag. These identification tools are the best ways to ensure your pet can quickly return home to you if they are ever lost. The Prepare Fair will also offer free pet supplies and resources such as behavior and training advice.

- Pet families can bring dogs on leash and cats in their carriers to any San Diego Humane Society campus on Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to receive a free microchip and registration.

- Dogs can receive a new or renewed one-year license for free with proof of current Rabies vaccination.

- Pick up a free, engraved ID tags for your pets. Fill out the form here by May 30 and pick up the tag during the Prepare Fair, while supplies last.

To learn more about California Adopt-a-Pet Day and San Diego Humane Society's Prepare Fair, visit sdhumane.org/PetDay.

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What: California Adopt-a-Pet Day and San Diego Humane Society's Prepare Fair, providing free adoptions and helping pet owners take action now to prevent their pets from getting lost during the July Fourth holiday celebrations.

When: Saturday, June 1, 2024. Free pet adoptions: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Prepare Fair: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: San Diego Humane Society's San Diego Campus. 5500 Gaines St. San Diego, CA, 92110

Who: San Diego Humane Society staff and volunteers offering free microchipping, licensing (for residents in SDHS jurisdiction), pet ID tags, behavior consultations.

Why: Due to pets spooked by fireworks, the July Fourth holiday typically leads to a sharp increase in the number of stray animals entering shelter care. San Diego Humane Society is urging pet owners to take steps to protect their pets from becoming lost, as shelters are already full. The organization is currently at 150% capacity for dogs ahead of the busier summer months — and in particular, the July Fourth holiday — with less space than previous years.

B-roll and photos of pets available for adoption at SDHS for media use are available here: https://spaces.hightail.com/space/53176ZKuGD

B-roll and photos of Prepare Fair 2023 at SDHS for media use available here: https://spaces.hightail.com/space/O645Slgr5B

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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 in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside, Ramona and San Diego. For more information, please visit sdhumane.org.

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